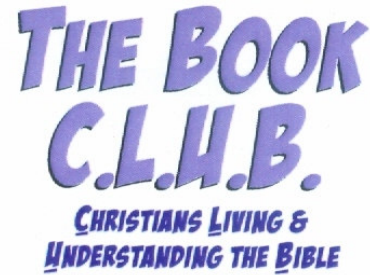


St. Patrick & St. Anthony Catholic Community offers the programs and events in the inside of this brochure. All are Welcome to attend.



"The only book club that will change your life"
~ Fr. Bill Langlois

- Meets once a month Oct thru April
- Small group format
- All adults welcome
- Explores third Sundays readings
- Creates FUN, FRIENDSHIP & FAITH



Register Today at www.stpatsgh.org or contact the Family Center Office at 842-8230.

OTHER FALL OPPORTUNITES:

- CREW Children's Ministry Kick-off: Sept. 28 & 30
- MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL Kick-off: Parent/Teen Session on Sunday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
- MOM's Group: Thursday, 9:30-11:30, childcare is available.
- CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, Oct. 4, 1 p.m. St. Pat's is hosting the 35th annual walk. Help end hunger!
- Financial Counseling: Financial Counseling for couples or individuals, led by Rex Thelen, a Dave Ramsey Financial Counselor.
- Walker's Club: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10 a.m.

THE BOOK C.L.U.B.! – We know you are busy and a weekly commitment is often too difficult. So, here's our solution... **THE BOOK C.L.U.B.** will focus on the best selling book of all time, over 100 million copies sold each year... you guessed it, **THE BOOK**, the BIBLE!

Each **BOOK C.L.U.B.** will gather monthly in someone's home or in the Family Center in a small group setting to discuss the readings of the third Sunday of the month. Each night will include prayer, scripture, a short DVD presentation, and discussion. Like a normal book club, it can rotate homes or stay at one location.

The **BOOK C.L.U.B.** is open to all adults. Individuals and couples are invited to attend. Register today and we will form groups in the coming weeks. If you would like to host/facilitate a group, contact Jeff. Otherwise, just register and be a participant. We will have at least 12 groups!

The **BOOK C.L.U.B.** is a chance to explore faith, build community and grow in your relationship with God and others. Take a chance! Invest 2 hours per month and see the amazing rewards!!! (3.5 hrs. Catechist/Content**)

G.I.F.T. WEEKENDS (Growing In Faith Together Retreats)

A GIFT weekend is a truly unique retreat that will allow you to experience God's presence in your life. Through hospitality, community, prayer, personal stories, the sacraments and reflection, you will find yourself renewed and reignited in your faith. The weekend begins at 9 am Saturday morning and runs through 2 p.m. on Sunday, which include the 11:45 Mass and a meal with the participants and their families. The retreat is held at the beautiful Maranatha Conference Grounds, the housing is comfortable and the food is amazing. Each weekend is led by a team of 10-12 parish members who have worked hard to make this a great experience. The cost is \$75 each and scholarships are available.

- **Women's Weekend, November 7-8**
- **Men's Weekend, February 20-21**
- **Women's Weekend, March 20-21**

Register on-line www.stpatsgh.org or call the Family Center today, 842-8230. We lost the waiting list from the women's weekend last fall, so it will be first come, first serve. Sorry for that inconvenience! (3 hrs. Content, 3 hrs. Catechist, 3 hrs. Methods**)

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT EVERYTHING

This four week series is on Tuesday evenings beginning September 29 from 7-8:30 p.m. and is taught by Father Mark-David Janus from the Catholic Information Center. Dogmas are great Catholic ideas about God, God's relationship to us, and to the Church. Four of these great ideas are: Creation, Incarnation, Sin and Redemption/Resurrection Destiny. Together they form the foundation for Catholic thought. JOIN US! A free-will offering will be taken. (3 hrs. Content, 3 hrs. Catechist**)

SUNDAY MORNING FORMATION

There is a one hour formation class open to all adults, following the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's. There are also children and youth opportunities. The first session this fall will begin on October 4 and the topic is "The Healing Power of Confession." Jose Astua will facilitate these sessions. Come each week or stop by when you are able. Other topics will be offered as the year unfolds. (3 hrs. Content, 3 hrs. Catechist**)

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

An evening of joy and refreshment for women... Tuesday, December 1 is the date and Sr. Karen Zielinski is our wonderful guest presenter. Plan ahead and book your table of eight today or we will add you to a table. Don't miss out, register today. Call St. Pat's. (.5 hrs. Catechist, .5 Content**)

WILD GAME EVENT

Calling all Men!!! Save the date (Feb. 27) and some of your wild game from this fall! Cook your favorite wild game recipe and enter the contest or just come and enjoy a feast. Fr. Joe Classen, author of Hunting for God, Fishing for the Lord will be our guest speaker, plus we will have great raffle prizes and a cash bar. Held at St. Pat's. Email Jeff for more information. (.5 hrs. Catechist, .5 Content**)

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Senior's Tuesday morning**- We meet from 10-11 a.m. beginning Sept. 15. "Live without Fear" is the title of our first fall study.
- **Men's Wednesday morning**- Every week, year round, 6:30-7:30 am in the Family Center. New study titled Playbook on the Virtues will begin on September 23.
- **Women's Wednesday morning***- The study is titled "A Woman of Love: Ruth" by Dee Brestin and begins Sept. 16 from 9:30-11 am. It is facilitated by CeCe DeGenova. (4 hrs. Content, 4hrs Catechist**)
- **Women's Wednesday Night**- Meets 2nd Wednesday of the Month either in a parishioners home or in the Parish Office. Call for Margarete Fotchman for details, 842-1387.
- **Women's Sunday night**- We would like to offer this as we always have 12-15 involved, but we need a facilitator or two. Contact Jeff.

*Childcare is provided

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MEN'S BREAKFASTS--

Saturdays, 7:30-9 a.m. Held at the St. Patrick Family Center Lounge
 October 3– Cliff Bajema– The Mind of Christ
 November 7– No breakfast due to Women's G.I.F.T. Weekend
 December 5- Michael Fonseca– The Spiritual Journey of Men.
 January: St. Lazare's Men's Retreat January 29-31, 2010. This staple retreat is a great way to begin the New Year. Held in Spring Lake.
 February 6– TBA
 March 6– TBA

RCIA- The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for all adults seeking to receive the Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. St. Pat's and St. Mary's offer Monday evening sessions. Is the Lord calling you this year?

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 Attention: Jeff Andrini
 901 Columbus Street
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St. Mary Catholic Church offers the following programs and events. All are welcome to attend.

JOURNEY TOWARD GOD PRAYER GROUPS: Small groups will meet once a month in homes to learn more about prayer, to share faith journeys, and to pray together. Excerpts from "The Journey Toward God" by Fr. Benedict Groeschel will be used.

AWAKENING FAITH: A six-week program for people looking to reconnect with the Catholic Church will be offered on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM (in the basement level of St. Mary's Church), October 11-November 15.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY: A seven-week course on Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 in the meeting room off the sacristy, beginning September 23. \$13 covers the costs of all materials.

RUNNING CLUB: This new group is forming and participants will meet once, twice or three times a week as their schedules allow to run together and then have social time afterwards.

WALKING TO BETHLEHEM: An individual program of walking with reflective meditations in preparation for Advent and Christmas. Participants try to collectively walk the land distance from the Tri-Cities area to Bethlehem.

Contact Jim Penrice (see lower back panel)

Catechist Training & More

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY IN-SERVICE

Monday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. Share a meal and enjoy a presentation titled "The Ministry of Presence." The remaining time will be spent in specific ministry areas. (.5 hrs. Learner, .5 Methods**)

FACILITATOR/SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Choose one of these two training sessions. Open to Bible Study, Small Group, FOCUS and BOOK C.L.U.B. Leaders. 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, September 21 OR Thursday, September 24 (.5 hrs. Methods, .5 Learner**)

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN- TBA. This 3 hour training is for all Catechists and will be offered in a daytime and evening format. All new Catechists need to attend. (1.5 hrs. Learner, 1.5 Methods**)

DIOCESAN FALL CATECHIST CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 19 8-4 p.m. This annual event is a great opportunity to gather with other Catechists from the diocese, hear an excellent keynote speaker and attend three workshops of your choosing. The deadline is Monday, September 14. Contact us and fill out the form on our website! The parish pays for you to attend.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY- September 19-20 will be a special youth ministry dramatic presentation at all Liturgies and a Commissioning of All Catechists. There will also be a blessing for all Parents as the primary educators of our faith! The theme is Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word

ADORATION CHAPEL- The 24/7 chapel is a wonderful place of prayer and adoration of the blessed sacrament. Come for a few minutes or sign up for one hour weekly. Held at St. Pat's.

We welcome your feedback!!!

Here is a suggestion for future Adult Faith Formation offerings?

I would be willing to help in formation in the following way.

I would like to receive some information regarding the following:

Name, email address or phone number: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Jose Astua, Pastoral Associate, St. Patrick and St. Anthony Catholic Community, 846-3548 or joserastua@yahoo.com

Jim Penrice, Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation, St. Mary Catholic Church, 842-1702, or jpenrice@catholicweb.com

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