

Catholicism 101 and Other One-Evening Presentations

Presenter: Matt Pozen

Sept. 7 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "What Makes Us Catholic?"
Sept. 14 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Human Condition and Our Thirst for God"
Sept. 21 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "God Reaches Out to Us: Salvation"
Sept. 26 – 29 (Sun.-Wed.)	Parish Mission --- 7:00 - 8:30pm in the church (Presented by Dr. Mary Amore) "Eucharist: Invitation to Transformation, Healing, & Discipleship"
Oct. 5 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Tradition & Scripture"
Oct. 12 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Jesus of Nazareth"
Oct. 19 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "God as Father, Son, and Spirit"
Oct. 26 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Last Things: Judgment, Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory"
Nov. 2	No session due to All Souls Day
Nov. 9 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Faith, Theology, and Doctrine"
Nov. 16 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Prayer, Spirituality, and Holiness"
Nov. 23 (Tue.)	The New Church Year & the Gospel of Matthew
Nov. 30 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Seasons of Advent & Christmas"
Dec. 7 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Mary, the Mother of God"
Dec. 13 (Mon.)	Year of the Eucharist, Presentation 1: "Eucharist in the Early Church"
Dec. 14 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Mystery & History of the Church"
Dec. 21 & 28	No sessions due to Christmas Break
Jan. 4 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation"
Jan. 11 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Sacrament of the Eucharist & the Mass"
Jan. 18 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing"
Jan. 25 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Ministry & Leadership in the Church (Holy Orders)"
Feb. 1 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Sacrament of Marriage"
Feb. 7 (Mon.)	Year of the Eucharist, Presentation 2: "Eucharist in the Medieval Church"
Feb. 8 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Catholic Moral Tradition"
Feb. 15 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Catholic Social Justice Tradition"
Feb. 22 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Catholicism and World Religions"
March 1 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Catholicism and Other Christian Churches"
March 8 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Introduction to the Season of Lent"
March 14 (Mon.)	Year of the Eucharist, Presentation 3: "Eucharist in the Modern Church"
March 15 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The History of the Papacy"
March 22 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Theodicy: The Problem of Evil in God's World"
March 29	No session due to Spring break
April 5 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Catholic Church in America"
April 12 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Introduction to Holy Week: The Passion of Christ"
April 19	No session due to Holy Week
April 26 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "The Easter Mystery & Season"
May 3 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Vatican II and Its Interpretation"
May 10 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Great Catholic Books and Authors"
May 17 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "Global Catholicism: Statistics and Trends"
May 24 (Tue.)	Catholicism 101: "What Makes Us Catholic?" (Revisited)
June 26 (Sun.)	Feast of Corpus Christi: End of Joliet Diocesan Year of the Eucharist Mass & Eucharistic Congress at Lewis University in Romeoville



St. Michael Church, Wheaton, IL **Adult Faith Formation Programs** **Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2011**

Dear St. Michael Parishioner,

Below is a listing of Adult Faith Formation Programs for 2010-'11, which are offered here at St. Michael to help you as an adult Catholic to continue to grow in your faith. Such programs as RCIA, Scripture Study, Branches, Parish Mission, Exploring Christian Spirituality, Catholicism 101, and more, are opportunities for you to deepen your understanding and love of our wonderful faith tradition, and to grow in your relationship with God. Recently our bishops have reminded us that faith is a life-long journey, and that the life of faith must be constantly tended and nurtured if it is to produce fruit in our world. So I urge you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to deepen your Catholic faith this year. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns please feel free to contact me in the Adult Faith Formation office (630-462-5045 or mrozen@stmichaelcommunity.org).

Sincerely in Christ,

Matt Pozen (Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCIA)

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA experience involves a journey of conversion toward full membership in the Catholic Church for adults. Those invited to RCIA are:

- + the unbaptized
- + those baptized in another Christian denomination
- + baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of eucharist and/or confirmation
- + Catholics who have been away from the Church for a considerable time

The entire process takes about 7 months, beginning on September 19 and ending a few weeks after Easter.

The sessions are on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:15 am. We are always in need of sponsors.

(Facilitated by Matt Pozen)

Adult Vacation Bible School

Why should kids have all the fun learning about the Bible? Come to any or all of these four Sunday morning sessions, which meet 10:15 – 11:45am (so you can go to 9:00 am mass before the session, or noon mass afterwards). You'll gain a broad overview of the whole Bible, in a fun and interactive way. (Facilitated by Matt Pozen)

Sunday mornings, 10:15 – 11:45 am, **August 8, 15, 22, and 29.**
(No registration is needed).

The Word Made Flesh: Catholic Bible Study

This is an in-depth study of the books of the Bible, covering all 46 works of the Old Testament and all 27 works of the New Testament over the course of a four-year program. We begin in early September and end by the middle of May. Facilitated by Matt Pozen, each weekly session is two hours long, involving prayer, small group discussions, large group Q & A, and a 40-minute lecture introducing students to the readings they will do for the following week. Emphasis is on both understanding the historical & literary context of the biblical writings, and applying the texts to our contemporary lives of faith. Participants may enter the course at any point during its four year duration and are free to pick up what they missed at a later point. (Facilitated by Matt Pozen)

Year IV: Old & New Testament Concluded (OT Wisdom Books, Matthew, Catholic Epistles)
Thursdays, 12-2 pm or 7-9 pm, beginning **September 9.**

Branches: Small Faith Communities

Like the early Christian communities that rooted our faith, we are gatherings of 8-12 adults who meet in our homes to reflect on Scripture & our Catholic tradition, dialogue about our faith, and seek to practice this faith in concrete ways. There are existing groups with space available, or new groups can be formed at any time, as long as someone is willing to be trained as a facilitator. Most groups meet once or twice a month, but some meet weekly, and sessions generally run about two hours. For more information, please contact Matt Pozen at 630-462-5045 or mipozen@stmichaelcommunity.org

Exploring Christian Spirituality

Prayer, readings from Christian spiritual classics, reflection, and discussion will guide us on our spiritual journey. We meet on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month, from 9-11am in the Adult Education Center on the first floor of the Faith Center. Come join us anytime. For more information, please contact Bob Calamia at 630-690-7488 or robmandmar5@sbcglobal.net. (Facilitated by Bob Calamia)

Catholicism 101: A New Look at Our Ancient Faith

Each session will be on a different aspect of our faith. There are no fees, books, or homework, and no need to sign up. Just come to the Faith Center any Tuesday evening and have your faith nourished. Upcoming topics will be published in the bulletin each Sunday. **See attached program for schedule of topics.** (Facilitated by Matt Pozen)

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, beginning **September 7, through May 24.**

The Catholic Moral Tradition (11-Week Mini-Course)

Some of the most hotly debated issues in our contemporary Church and world have to do with moral questions: what is right and wrong. As Catholics we believe that the risen Jesus bestowed the Holy Spirit upon the Church to guide it into all truth, and that he established his apostles as authoritative voices in that search for truth. In this course we will explore some key contemporary issues in ethics and morality and the ways that our Church has spoken to these. (Facilitated by Matt Pozen)

Wednesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 am, beginning **September 8, through November 17.**

The Catholic Social Justice Tradition (11-Week Mini-Course)

Catholic teachings on social justice and charity have often been called “our best kept secret”. While from the beginning of the Church believers have been living lives of charity and applying their faith to social issues, it really wasn't until the 19th century that the Church developed a systematic teaching in this wide area of life. Come learn and soak up the Church's prophetic vision for social justice, that you might apply this teaching to your own private, family, work, and public life. (Facilitated by Matt Pozen)

Wednesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 am, beginning **December 1, through February 23.**

Christian Spirituality and Prayer (11-Week Mini-Course)

Because of God's revelation and history of salvation, which began through the people of Israel and culminated in Jesus Christ, Christians approach God in spirituality and prayer in unique ways. Come learn the history of Christian spirituality and the many styles of prayer that have developed in the Church over the centuries. In doing so, you will gain wisdom and insight into your own relationship with God. (Facilitated by Matt Pozen)

Wednesday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 am, beginning **March 2, through May 18.**

The Parish Mission

Every year we take time to reflect and renew our faith with a parish retreat. This year our annual parish mission will be September 26 – 29. Since this is our Joliet Diocesan “Year of the Eucharist”, Dr. Mary Amore from Mayslake Ministries will present our mission entitled: “Eucharist: Invitation to Transformation, Healing, & Discipleship.” The mission will conclude on the Feast of St. Michael and the Archangels, September 29, with an evening mass celebrated by our bishop. Look for details in the bulletin, especially pertaining to children's programs and childcare.

JustFaith (A 30-Week Exploration of the Catholic Social Justice Vision)

Do you ever wonder how your Catholic faith applies to today's complex issues of global poverty, hunger, war, and other issues of social justice? This program will empower you to develop a passion and thirst for justice, and will prepare you for the work of social ministry. (For more information go to www.justfaith.org)

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:30 pm, beginning **September 8, through May 11.**

Young Adult Ministry