

January 2024

Dear Parish Friends,

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace..."
---Romans 15:13

In this New Year, we invite you to consider winter opportunities for your growth in dynamic Christian living. We know how busy you are! Choose programs that will fit your needs, and will refresh your spirit.

Our presenters are outstanding. We're happy to have some favorites returning, as well as some new ones. We're also enclosing an additional brochure which will describe a unique Lenten Retreat based on the spiritual wisdom of St. Ignatius Loyola. We're also offering our Morning for Men off campus---at the Conservancy for Healing Chapel in Franklin. We hope you'll join us for these specially designed offerings.

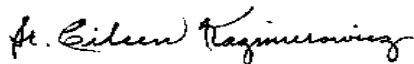
There are three ways to register: online - Parish website,
www.st-alphonsus.org/adultprogrampresentations

Or mail, or by calling the Parish Office. See the registration form for more details.

May the peace of Christ be with you!



Fr. Kevin McManaman



Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz

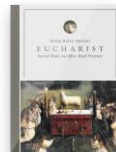


TU January 23, 7:00- 8:30 p.m.
**"The Gospel of Mark
and the Eucharist"**
With Daniel J. Scholz, Ph.D.

We'll examine the upcoming Liturgical Year "B" Gospel readings (Mark) with a special emphasis on the Eucharist from Mark's point of view. Plan to be engaged!

Dr. Scholz, former President of Cardinal Stritch University, is the recipient of the Archbishop's Award for Leadership in Scholarship and Academia.

Place: St. Alphonsus Community Room, 6060 W. Loomis Rd.
Freewill offering. Register: 414-421-2442 x 225.



TU February 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
**"Reflecting with Bishop Barron
On The Eucharist" (DVD)**
With Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz, D. Min.

We'll reflect on Bishop Barron's inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives. This fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light its reality as sacred meal, sacrifice, and the real presence of Christ. Join us!

Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz is St. Alphonsus' Pastoral Associate and the recipient of the Archbishop's Leadership Award in Education.

Place: Parish Ministry Center, 5960 W. Loomis Rd., Upper lot
No Fee. Registration is needed. 414-421-2442 x 225.



LENTEN OFFERINGS

Midweek- February 14 thru March 21
Small Faith Communities

This Lent we'll offer opportunities for six weeks of faith-sharing, based on the Sunday Lenten Scriptures. Groups meet for 90 minutes, with special faith-sharing materials, and are led by experienced parish leaders. New groups are formed each season. Newcomers welcome! Sign up on the parish website, or by phone: 414-421-2442 x 225.



February 15-February 19
"The Eucharistic Miracles"
Traveling Exhibit

Join us for a self-guided tour of 158 Eucharistic miracles collected from 22 countries, prayerfully gathered by Blessed Carlos Acutis before his death on October 12, 2006! All verified and approved by the Catholic Church, this is an amazing opportunity to delve deeper into your faith and witness the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Place: Community Room. **No Fee.** Walk-Ins Welcome!



SA February 24, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
**"Spiritual Wisdom from
St. Ignatius Loyola"**
With Rev. Rob Kroll, SJ, MA

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius have shaped the lives of his spiritual sons, Jesuit priests and brothers, for almost five centuries. Fr. Rob Kroll, SJ, will explore several key meditations from the Spiritual Exercises and highlight their relevance for our lives today. **Place:** Community Room/Chapel

Find out more about this Lenten retreat! Check out our separate Retreat Brochure for registration information.



TU February 27, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
**"An Armchair Pilgrimage to
Iona and Lindisfarne"**
With Jim Gill, M.A.

For many centuries the islands of Iona in Scotland, and Lindisfarne, in England, have been places of pilgrimage in the spirit of Celtic Spirituality. In this session we will "visit them", exploring the ancient practice of pilgrimage through their natural beauty, history, and the lives of some of the saints associated with them.

Jim Gill is a professional Adult Formation Presenter/Spiritual Guide

Place: Parish Ministry Center, 5960 W. Loomis Rd. Upper Lot.

Freewill Offering. Registration needed: 414-421-2442 x 225



TU March 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
**"The Prodigal Son and Dinner at
 Emmaus in Art and Literature"**
 With Ed Block, Ph.D.

This presentation will enhance participants' appreciation of two familiar Gospel stories. We'll begin with reflecting on Rembrandt's painting, *The Prodigal Son*, found in Henri Nouwen's *Return of the Prodigal Son: The Story of a Homecoming*. Then we'll focus on showing "The Dinner at Emmaus", represented in art, culminating with Denise Levertov's poem, "Servant-Girl at Emmaus", inspired by Diego Velazquez's painting. Discussion materials provided.

Dr. Block is Professor Emeritus, English Dept. Marquette U.
Place: St. Alphonsus Community Room, 6060 W. Loomis Rd.
Freewill Offering. Registration welcomed: 414-421-2442 x 225.



TH March 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
**"The Church in the U.S. and the
 Wider World: A Traveler's View"**
 With Rev. Alan F. Jurkus, M.Div.

While the Catholic Church is universal in professing the Truths expressed in the great Creeds, HOW that faith is expressed in practice varies widely from country to country, diocese to diocese, and even from parish to parish. In the last century, it was common to assert that the Church is always the SAME and never CHANGES. We know now that this was never true. I hope to highlight some of those differences in liturgy, devotions, governance, and outreach. Hopefully, we'll see how this diversity does not threaten our unity, but rather strengthens it. Thanks for considering joining me.

Fr. Alan Jurkus is St. Al's former Pastor and world traveler.
Place: St. Alphonsus Community Room, 6060 W. Loomis Rd.
Freewill Offering. Registration welcomed: 414-421-2442 x225.



SA March 23, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
**"Daily Spirituality and Faith Practices:
 Bringing Everyday Faith into Our Routine"**
 With Deacon Michael Hoffman, MBA

Men! Join us at **The Conservancy for Healing and Heritage Chapel**, located in Franklin. This morning is for men of all ages and stages of life. We'll begin with a boxed continental breakfast from *Sugar & Flour Bakery Cafe*. Then, Deacon Mike will highlight ways we can incorporate spirituality in our lives.

Deacon Mike Hoffman serves at St. Thomas in Waterford & St. Clare in Wind Lake, with sacramental & preaching responsibilities. His day job is VP for Human Resources - Greater Milwaukee Foundation.
Place: Conservancy Chapel, 7410 W. Rawson Ave., Franklin.
Limit: 30 persons. Fee: \$25. **Register** with payment by **Mar. 15**.



TU April 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
**Church History V: Enlightenment,
 Revolutions, Response**
 With Rev. Kevin McManaman, M.Div.

We'll explore the Church during the enlightenment and the age of revolutions that rocked the world. We'll also explore responses to the events of the modern, contemporary world by the Church, and look at key personalities and trends.

Fr. Kevin McManaman is Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish.
Place: St. Alphonsus Community Room, 6060 W. Loomis Rd.
Registration helpful; 414-421-2442 x 225. No Fee.



TU May 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Monsignor Quixote"
 With Ed Block, Ph. D.

Join us for a discussion of Graham Greene's humorous satire. Father Quixote, a parish priest in Spain's La Mancha region, takes a holiday, and has many funny and moving-"quixotic" adventures on his way through post-Franco Spain.

Books available: Public Library/Amazon/ discount bookstores.
Dr. Block is Professor Emeritus, English Dept. Marquette U.
Place: St. Alphonsus Church - Gathering Space.
Register by Apr. 26 - a Must- 414-421-2442 x 225 No Fee.

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