



Adult Faith Formation *Fill my heart with Hope!*

*How can I doubt, Lord when each
morning Your sun rises gloriously
To fill my heart
with Your Light and Love
To fill my heart with Hope.*

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities for 2018 **Mark your calendar!**

HEARTS AFIRE Small Group Retreats: Participants reflect on spiritual reading assignments, gather weekly for 6 weeks to view a talk by Father Michael Gaitley and then discuss their experience. Register online at www.sjnstcharles.org or call the parish office at 630-377-2797. Fee: cost of materials.

- **33 Days to Merciful Love** This Divine Mercy retreat is based on St. Therese of Lisieux's Little Way. Meetings on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. beginning March 1, 2018. Celebration of consecration is April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday.

- **33 Days to Morning Glory** Gain new insights into Marian consecration, learn how key saints lived it out and how you can live it out as well. Meet Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. beginning April 26, 2018. Celebration of Consecration is May 31, the Visitation.

-**Financial Peace University:** Learn God's ways of handling money with Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University!* This series of nine video presentations will be offered on Sunday afternoons, January 14 – March 11, 2018, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann. Couples or individuals will learn practical skills and be empowered to beat debt and build wealth. (You do not share your financial situation with others in the group.) For information and one-year access to Financial Peace University, see sjnstcharles.org. For \$109 (free shipping), you will receive *The Legacy Journey DVD Home Study*, one year access to online video lessons, one-year subscription to EveryDollar Plus, our premium budgeting tool, plus member workbook for all nine lessons. *Sign up today and change your life!*

- **BEYOND That Man is You!** Men of the parish are welcome to *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* Saturday mornings, January 13, 2018 through April 14 at 6:45 – 8:15 a.m. in the Hermes Media Center. Exactly who is the Blessed Virgin Mary? Can you explain her role in God's plan for the world? Do you fully understand the vital role she plays in your life? Join author, speaker, and St. Paul Center Executive Director, Matthew Leonard in this beautiful, awe-inspiring series in which the Mary of doctrine and devotion comes alive in a powerful new way. Contact Ron Garrison, ron@netsron.com or 630-965-6760.

- **Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come** In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. This video series will be shown on Mondays beginning January 22, 2018

at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in room 218. Contact: Ann Edwards, annmedwards2003@yahoo.com or A. Breen, rainbow0494@yahoo.com.

- **James, Peter and Jude: The Catholic Letters** is the topic of two Bible Study groups this winter. These writings, along with 1, 2 and 3 John are called "catholic" because they are addressed not to any specific church but to Christian communities in general. The authors are second- and third-generation leaders who identify themselves as first-generation Christians to give their words more authority.

- **The Fox Valley Catholic Bible study for Women**, whose members come from area parishes, will meet here at SJN on Thursday mornings January 25, 2018 through March 15 at 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. to study *James, Peter and Jude: The Catholic Letters*. Child care with age appropriate activities is available. Infants remain with their mother in a special small group. To register, call Kathy at (630) 377-4629. Fee: \$30; walk-ins \$35. Partial and full scholarships available on request.
- **Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Study** meets here on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning January 23, 2018 in room 213/215. Fee is cost of materials. Contact: Sister Judy 630-377-2797 x112 or jnickels@sjnstcharles.org.

-**Other Sisters of Martha**, Tuesday morning women's study group will resume January 9, 2018 at 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. in room 213/215. They are continuing to discuss *Twelve Little Ways to Transform Your Heart* by Susan Muto. Women of all ages welcome. Fee is cost of materials. For information, contact the parish office (630) 377-2797 or Terry Apple, terryapple12@att.net.

-**SJN Men's Discussion Group** will resume Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in room 122. On January 24th they hope to begin a new book: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. All men are welcome. Fee is cost of materials. For information contact Ron Fuchs 630-587-9097 or rfuchee@comcast.net.

-**Small Faith Groups** will meet during Lent to discuss a book of their choice. Samples of small group materials are on the Small Faith Group Resource Center in the Book Nook. Most groups will meet for 6 weeks beginning the week of February 11, 2018. For information about small groups, contact Sister Judy at 630-377-2797 x112, jnickels@sjnstcharles.org.

-**Silver Foxes** promotes fellowship and spiritual growth for parishioners 55+. The large group breakfast meeting is after 8:30 a.m. Mass on the second Saturday in the Hermes Center. Nominal annual membership fee requested. Contact: Betty and Bob Kastory at 630-876-0806.

-**Silver Foxes Book Club** meets on the first Monday of each month, (beginning January 8, 2018) at 9:30 a.m. in room 218. For information, contact Mary Ann Dina 630-876-0485.

-**Knights of Columbus Council 12497** Men from SJN and Saint Patrick parishes meet monthly for prayer, service & fellowship. Contact: Paul Braddock (630) 901-3164; trombone_55@yahoo.com.

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Ladies from SJN and St. Patrick parishes gather monthly. You do not need to be the spouse of a Knight to belong. Contact: Charity Davis 630-618-8114, davisflight2@sbcglobal.net.

Marriage encounter – Worldwide Marriage Encounter us designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares by providing a time for focused communication. Contact Greg & Jill Sengstock (630) 587-6487 or see alifetimeoflove.org.

Retrouvaille – a weekend for hurting couples to re-establish communication and rebuild a loving relationship. Contact: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or <http://retrouvaillenoil.org> (northern Illinois site).

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS:

- **Access to Justice and Beyond** will be the topic of a free seminar Saturday February 3, 2018, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Hoffman Center. Representatives of Prairie State Legal Services and Administer Justice will address the issue of legal representation for those who can't afford it, as well as avenues toward fulfilling other needs. Sponsored by Ministry to Victims of Domestic Abuse. All welcome; no fee. Contact: Jim Kintz, kintzjames@aol.com.

- **A Journaling Prayer Workshop for Women** will be held Saturday, February 24, 2018, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Hermes Media Center. This interactive workshop, led by Julianna Rudnick, creator and author of *Sacred Intercession Prayer Journal*, is designed to encourage, inspire and experience journaling prayer. Using simple canvas and paints, participants will also create a WORD placard that represents their faith journey. Fee: \$40 (includes *Sacred Intercession Prayer Journal*, supplies for placard and light lunch). Please pre-register by February 18. Sponsored by *lift (Women with Wisdom Living in Faith Together)*. Contact: Sister Judy jnickels@sjnstcharles.org, 630-377-2797 x112 or Carol McAdams, Carol.mcadams@sbcglobal.net.

- **God Is! Day of Renewal for Women & Men** – Saturday, April 21, 2018, 8:00 a.m. includes talks, witnesses, discussion and prayer time suitable for Catholics coming home as well as anyone who wants to be closer to God. Family members are invited to join us in church for the 4:30 p.m. closing Mass. Donation: \$20. Contact: Debbie Simpson, 219-928-6788, debbiesimpson31@gmail.com or Ann Hyler, annhyler@gmail.com.

- **How to Plan a Funeral**, an informative presentation sponsored by HOPE Bereavement group, will be offered Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 9:15 a.m. in room 122. Questions? JoAnn Heller 630-513-2709.