

St. Mary of Lourdes' Faith Formation NEWSLETTER

Summer 2021



Back to CCD Family Night

We're kicking off the new Children's Faith Formation year with a bang on Saturday, August 28 at 6pm.

This Back to CCD Family Night is taking the place of the Back to CCD parent meeting that we've had in the past.

Children Faith Formation families, please save the evening of Saturday, August 28!

Watch your mail for specific details regarding August 28 and the start of the new Children's Faith Formation year!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD



Taking a Deeper Look into the Sunday Readings

Monday's at 1pm beginning August 2, 2021

Join us each Monday afternoon in the St. Joachim/St. Anne meeting rooms as we read the upcoming Sunday readings, reflect on and share how God is speaking to us.

To register, contact Ileen at 309-383-4460 or igrebner@stmarylourdes.org

Participant materials: \$5



St. Mary of Lourdes' Email Prayer Chain

To receive email notifications for the St. Mary of Lourdes' Prayer Chain or to submit a prayer request, please email praywithlourdes@gmail.com.



Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Do you or someone you know want to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the Church and want to return?

Join us and/or invite your friend(s) to one of our Inquiry Gatherings for RCIA at 6:30pm on August 10 or August 31.

It's a relaxed evening of conversation and a chance to ask questions.

For more information or if you cannot join us for either of these gatherings, please contact Ileen at igrebner@stmarylourdes.org.

Have you downloaded the St. Mary of Lourdes' Parish App?

No??!! Well, what are you waiting for?!!

Use the QR Code to the right to download it to your smart phone. Select "St. Mary of Lourdes" as your parish and you're good to go! You can also go to your app store and download "myParishApp". Be sure to select St. Mary of Lourdes, Germantown Hills as your parish.



UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

Power & Grace: A Guide to the Catholic Sacraments

Experience the full *Power & Grace* program where Ascension's all-star presenters explain the sacraments with clarity & drama! Pulling together segments from some of the best of Ascension's resources, this 4-session program is fun and powerful for adults.

The video segments combine with the *Power & Grace* Guidebook to explain how the sacraments work and why they matter.

Study Information...

When: Choose either to attend the Wednesday morning (9am—10:15am) or Wednesday evening (6:30pm-7:45pm) group.

Beginning date: Both the Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening sessions begin on Wednesday, September 8.

Ending date: Both sessions end on the same date (Wednesday, September 29).

Participant Fees: (per person)
Lourdes' Parishioner: \$ 10.95

To register, please complete and return the form below to the parish office, ATTN: Ileen Grebner.



THE
GOOD BOOK
CLUB

10am Thursday's beginning September 2

Join us as we delve into a new book each month.

September's book is ***Tuned In: The Power of Pressing Pause & Listening.***

The book is available for purchase & pick-up through St. Mary of Lourdes' Faith Formation Office.

Please pick up the book & reading schedule
by August 29.

To register, please complete the form below:

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB September Registration

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Parish of Belonging: _____

Email: _____

Book Fee: \$ 14.95/book

Total Book Fee: _____

Power & Grace Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Parish of Belonging: _____

Email: _____

Choice of Session:

____ Wednesday morning (9am—10:15am)

____ Wednesday evening (6:30pm—7:45pm)

Participating: _____

Total Participant Fee: _____
(cost per person X # participating)

Adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL

3rd Sunday of each Month **St. Joachim/St. Ann Meeting Rooms**

In fall 2019 until COVID hit, we offered to our Children's Faith Formation (CCD) families something we called Adult CCD.

Yes, it was just that... a 'CCD class' once a month for adults/parents about our Catholic faith.

Because it was a great success amongst our parents, we are expanding it to the entire parish.

Be sure to save **Sunday, September 19** and help kick off the new year for St. Mary of Lourdes' Adult Sunday School program.

Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more info.

Forming Ministers of God's Love



Parenting in today's culture is complicated and unprecedented with the growing technology gap between parents and their children, the ever-present use of social media, and the increase of anxiety and depression in children.

More than ever, parents need to be empowered as leaders of their own Domestic Church to be able to guide their children toward a life of discipleship and healthy spirituality.

This is why we are excited to announce the launch of
Forming Ministers of God's Love,
a program designed especially for parents!

Forming Ministers of God's Love gives parents a context in which to discuss real life daily struggles with a community of other parents centered on teachings and inspiration from Scripture to support their own and their children's spiritual development.

Each session follows a three-step methodology.

Step 1, parents **SEE** their own reality. Parents reflect upon and are invited to share their present family situation in order to accept where they are at with an openness to change through an encounter with Jesus.

Step 2 guides parents to **ENLIGHTEN** their lives by providing a framework for discussing the issues talked about in Step 1 based on Scripture and church teaching.

Step 3, parents discuss how they can apply the session concepts in their families as they **LIVE** according to the Word.

PROGRAM DETAILS...

Informational Meeting: 9am, Sunday, August 15 in the St. Anne/ St. Joachim meeting room

Please RSVP for the Informational Meeting by Thursday, August 12 to Ileen.

Program Fee: \$12.95 (covers year 1 materials)

Questions? Contact Ileen at 309-383-4460 or igrebner@stmarylourdes.org