



January 2018

Dear Parish Friends,

Greetings in this New Year 2018!

As this year begins, we invite you to consider some special adult learning opportunities.

As we journey through life, we are constantly called to grow in living our Faith. We know how busy you are! We have planned both daytime and evening programs. Choose one or more that will fit your needs and your schedule, and will refresh your spirit.

Our presenters are outstanding; we're delighted they're able to share their wisdom with our faith community.

We hope you'll be able to join us, along with other parish members and friends. We look forward to growing together in Faith.

May you find hope and peace in the year ahead.
Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Aaron Esch

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Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz

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WED Jan. 24 & Jan. 31, 9:30-11 a.m.
"Peacemaking"
With Sr. Bea Dorsey, SSSF, Ph.D.

Peace...What is it like? How does it come? Has it ever been? Will it ever be? This two-part series considers what Scripture, Daniel Berrigan, and Mahatma Gandhi tells us about peacemaking.

Sr. Bea Dorsey is a Lecturer in Scripture Studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI

Place: St. Alphonsus Parish Ministry Ctr., 5960 W. Loomis Rd. Use the Upper Parking Lot.

Fee: \$25. Need 12 participants. **To register:** 421-2442 x 221.



TU February 13, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
"The Real Life of the Man Called Saint Patrick"
Portrayed by
Living Historian David Wiedenkiller

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day every year on March 17th gives people in America, Ireland, and many other countries an excuse to wear green and wave shamrocks at parades. Leprechauns, pots of gold, and green beer have become the traditional icons of this national holiday. Have you ever wondered if there really was a man named St. Patrick, and if so, what is the real reason behind the holiday? Come and hear the true story of the man behind the legend. Listen to his inspirational journey as he spread the Word of God to the people of Ireland during the 5th Century.

David Wiedenkiller is a living historian. His primary focus is to present history from a first person perspective.

Please register to assist us with seating--421-2442 x 221.

Place: St. Alphonsus Community Rm., 6060 W. Loomis Rd.

Fee: Freewill offering at the door.



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Weeks of Feb.11th thru Mar. 21st
Small Faith Communities

We'll offer six weeks of daytime and evening options, with 90 minutes of faith-sharing, focused on the Lenten Sunday Scriptures. Use the enclosed sign-up card or our website, www.st-alphonsus.org.

WED February 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Think Like an Israelite: Life as Fragile Yet Connected"
With Donald J. Rappé, Ph.D.

We'll focus on the vulnerability of living in Ancient Israel, the manner in which the Israelites perceived themselves, their environment, and their history as a community of faith. Come for insights that will challenge you to read the Bible in fresh perspective.

Dr. Rappé is Professor of Theology-Mount Mary U; Lecturer in Scripture-Sacred Ht. Seminary/School of Theology.

Place: Community Room. No Registration. **Freewill offering.**



WED February 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Christian Contribution to India"
With Rev Britto Suresh, MBA

Although the Christian population is numerically small in India, its contribution to the socio-economic progress of the nation has been very high. Join us, and discover that in every field of India's development, especially in the realm of the development of the poor, the Church has been and is playing a pivotal role.

Associate Pastor, Fr. Britto Suresh was ordained for the Archdiocese of Madurai, South India in 2003. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy, B.Th. in Theology, and a Master's degree in Business Administration.

Place: The Community Room. No registration. **No Fee.**

SA March 3, 8:40-10:30 a.m.
Morning for Men
With Rev. Bill Burkert, M.A.



After a tasty, full breakfast catered by *Carl's*, the men will enjoy an engaging presentation by Fr. Bill Burkert, "*Are Men Up to the Journey from Disciple to Apostle?*" We're pleased to welcome Father Bill to St. Al's. Men of all ages and stages of life are welcome to join us for a time of faith and fellowship!

Please note: On SA March 3, there will be an 8 a.m. Mass in the Chapel. Men are welcome to participate if they wish. We will not serve breakfast until after Mass!

Rev. Bill Burkert is the retired Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and currently serves as their Assisting Priest.

Place: St. Alphonsus Community Rm., 6060 W. Loomis Rd.
Fee: \$15. Register February 26; call 421-2442 x 221.



WED March 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"From Peter to Francis"
With Rev. Alan F. Jurkus, M.Div.



Sometimes it's easy to project the present back into the past. It's a temptation to do that with the Papacy. Father Alan will take one or two Popes, chosen at random, and demonstrate how very differently each of them exercised the Petrine ministry. It's very surprising! Join Fr. Alan on this amazing journey!

Rev. Alan Jurkus is a retired Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish. He has 47 years of pastoral experience; Master of Divinity Degree; Post-Graduate work in Rome.

Place: St. Al's Community Rm. **No registration; no fee.**



TU March 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Book Discussion-"The Ninth Hour"
With Ed Block, Ph. D.

Ed Block will again lead a book discussion—*The Ninth Hour*—by award-winning author, Alice McDermott. Pregnant with her first child, Annie is suddenly a widow in early 20th Century Brooklyn. She and daughter Sally are taken in by an order of nuns, and the story unfolds. Rich in detail and moral probing, *The Ninth Hour* offers rich opportunities for discussion. The book is available through the Public Library and Amazon. Join us!

Dr. Block is Professor Emeritus, English Dept., Marquette U.

Place: St. Alphonsus Parish Library, Church building
Register by: March 6. Call 421-2442 x 221 Group size limited.



TH April 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
"Michelangelo and Catherine of Siena:
Pivotal Players in Church Life"
With
Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz, D. Min.



We'll use Bishop Robert Barron's *Pivotal Players* DVD series to reflect on the lives of Michelangelo and Saint Catherine of Siena. Michelangelo will be a continuation from the Fall Program. Michelangelo's artistry proves that the beautiful can be a route of access to God. Saint Catherine of Siena was a mystic and the only lay woman ever proclaimed a Doctor of the Church. We'll share insights and everyday applications for Christian living. Join us for an interesting morning!

Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz is St. Alphonsus' Pastoral Associate. She holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree.

Place: Parish Ministry Center, 5960 W. Loomis Rd. Upper Lot.
Registration Required. Call 421-2442 x 221. No fee.

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Greendale, Wisconsin