



January 2017

Dear Parish Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

As we begin this New Year, we invite you to consider some special adult learning opportunities.

Our experience of Christian living constantly calls us to evolve and to find new ways to explore our faith. We know how busy you are! Choose programs 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.

God bless you in the days and months ahead.
Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Aaron Esch

Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz



WED Jan. 18 & Jan. 25, 9:30-11 a.m.
"The Story of the Jewish Christ: Reading the Gospels through the Eyes of A Jew"
With Sr. Bea Dorsey, SSSF, Ph.D.

Christian ideas are the offspring of ancient Jewish ideas. The idea of Jesus as divine-human Messiah goes back to the very beginning of the Jesus movement, maybe even to Jesus himself, and even before that. Come to consider what the descriptions of Jesus in the Gospels as "Son of God" and "Son of Man" have to tell us.

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: Call 421-2442 x 221.



TU January 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Book Discussion—"Dear James"
With Ed Block, Ph. D.

Ed Block will facilitate another book discussion—Jon Hassler's *Dear James*, a sequel to *A Green Journey*. Retired from teaching, and trying to overcome depression, Agatha McGee joins her friend Lillian Kite, for a trip to Italy. In Rome she meets her Irish pen pal, James O'Hannon. Meanwhile, Lillian's daughter discovers and divulges Agatha's letters from O'Hannon to the entire town. Agatha faces repercussions that send her to Ireland. Copies of the book are 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: January 17. Call 421-2442 x 221

Due to space limitations, group is limited to 15 persons.



WED February 15, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
"A Visit with Martin Luther"
Portrayed by
Historian David Wiedenkeller

One of the most influential reformers of the Catholic Church was Martin Luther. Come and listen as he tells about his life from Catholic friar to the father of the Lutheran Church. Learn how he questioned the role of the Church and the purpose of God in the lives of Christians. Experience the life of this fascinating man and see why his contributions are still remembered!

David Wiedenkeller 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.



WED February 22, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
"Contemporary Christians:
Everyday Saints"
With
Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz, D. Min.

We'll reflect briefly on the lives of contemporary Christians. Our focus will be Blessed John Henry Newman, a key influencer of Vatican Council II, and G.K. Chesterton, known for his clarity and good humor. We'll use Bishop Robert Barron's *Pivotal Players*, as a video resource. We'll share insights and everyday applications for Christian living. Join us for an interesting morning!

Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz is Director of Adult Formation and Development. 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.



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Weeks of Feb.26th thru April 2nd
Small Faith Communities

We'll offer six weeks of daytime and evening options, with 90 minutes of faith-sharing. Groups will use a booklet, "Live Lent!" to aid discussion. Use the enclosed sign-up card or our website, www.st-alphonsus.org.

TH March 2-April 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Little Rock Scripture Study-"Eucharist in Scripture"
With Mary Jo Duquaine, Facilitator

Learn to understand the importance of Eucharistic meals.
Place: St. Alphonsus Parish Ministry Center-5960 Bldg.
To register: Call Mary Jo, 727-0485. **Fee:** \$18.00.

SU March 5 through SU March 19
Busy Person's Retreat

This at-home retreat enables each person to schedule his or her own daily prayer time and to meet individually with a trained spiritual director, which we provide. (Names of directors made available upon request.)
Place: March 5 & March 19—The Chapel
Registration Fee: \$25. Freewill offering at close of retreat
Call Sr. Eileen, 421-2442 x 224, with questions.

WED March 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
**"Is It Eve's Fault? Biblical Scholarship and
The Genesis Accounts of Creation"**
With
Donald J. Rappé, Ph.D.



Take a closer look at one of the most misunderstood parts of the Bible: its description(s) of Creation. Warning: This session is guaranteed to expand your understanding, and will address the age-old perception that, with the temptation of Eve, everything went downhill.

Dr. Rappé is Professor of Theology-Mount Mary U., and Lecturer in Scripture-Sacred Seminary/School of Theology.
Place: The Chapel. No Registration. Freewill offering.



WED March 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Christianity in India: Past & Present"
With
Rev. Britto Suresh, MBA

Christians are a significant minority in India, present in all its states. Christianity in India goes back to the time of the Apostle Thomas' arrival in AD 52. The Church in India has contributed significantly to the development of the nation socially, educationally, and politically, and still continues the mission of Jesus. Come to broaden your understanding of the worldwide Church!

Associate Pastor, Fr. Britto Suresh, was ordained for the Archdiocese of Madurai, South India in 2003. He holds a B.A. in Theology and a Master's Degree in Business Administration.
Place: The Chapel. No registration. No Fee.

SA March 25, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Morning for Men
With Rev. William Kohler, M.A.



After a tasty, full breakfast catered by *Carl's*, the men will enjoy an engaging Lenten presentation, "Prepare to be Forgiven: God has a Big Eraser", by Father Bill Kohler. We're pleased to welcome Fr. Kohler to St. Al's. Men of all ages and stages of life are welcome to join us for a time of faith and fellowship!

Rev. William Kohler is a Senior Archdiocesan Priest.
Place: St. Alphonsus Community Rm., 6060 W. Loomis Rd.
Fee: \$14. Register by March 15; call 421-2442 x 221.

WED April 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Theology of the Body"
With Vicki Thorn, Founder-Project Rachel
A science-based talk on Family Planning for Catholics
Co-Sponsor: St. Al's Respect Life Committee
Place: Community Room. No registration needed.

REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT IN 2017



Saint Alphonsus Parish Greendale, Wisconsin