

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

FALL 2020 ADULT FAITH COURSE CATALOG

**Adult Faith Classes
are back, but they
will look a little
different!**

Please bring a mask and bring your own food/drink if you would like any.

**We are hopeful to start
with the dates listed,
but we realize there
may be changes.**

To receive the latest information regarding a class, be sure to register with your current email address. Your confirmation email will include the most up-to-date guidelines that we will be following.

PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 31, 2020

Online registration & payment available at kcascension.org

OR

Turn in the Registration Form (located inside)
to the box in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office

Late registrations are welcome, but there is no guarantee that materials will be available your first day of class.

There could be a \$10 late fee if registering after the deadline, call for details.

Thank you!

If you have questions about a particular class,
please feel free to call or email the Adult Faith Office:

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Join us for classes this fall to see if this is right for you! We will meet on Monday nights for 8 weeks to present basic topics of the faith. At that point, you will decide if you would like to continue coming to class each Monday evening to learn more about Catholicism. Adults are welcomed into the Church at Easter in the spring. We also would love to have parishioners volunteer to serve as a sponsor for someone going through RCIA.

Information Night/Registration date and time:

August 31, 2020 from 7:00PM-8:00PM in St. Mark Room

Regular day and time: Mondays 6:00 PM - 8:00PM

First regular session: September 21, 2020

Location: St. Matthew/St. Mark Room

Cost: none

SAVE THE DATE!



Due to the overwhelming positive response from our ENFLAME event in January, we are offering it once again. For those who were unable to attend last time, please consider attending this November.

ENFLAME ASCENSION

Saturday, November 7, 2020

9:15am—4:00pm

Gather with fellow parishioners to ignite your love for your Catholic faith. Check the bulletin and email blast for registration information as we get closer!

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS/RETREATS

Christ Renews His Parish Retreat

Parish sponsored retreat program offering a Sat./Sun. retreat at the parish in the Fall and in the Spring. There are separate weekends for Men and Women. It is a program designed to bring parish members together in Christ, and emphasizes your continued growth in Catholic Christian life. It initiates this through small group participation. If interested, check out the parish website or Adult Faith Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space where you will find a registration form.



**The next Men's and Women's retreats will be held in Spring 2021.
Please check the bulletin and website for the most up-to-date
information on retreat weekend dates.**

Disciples Dwelling: A Young Adult Bible Study

Are you currently transitioning from college into adulthood? Are you looking for an opportunity where you can dig deeper into your Catholic faith while bonding with other young adults on fire for Christ? Then consider joining Disciples Dwelling (DD) - Ascension's young adult group. We discuss upcoming Sunday Mass readings followed by a fellowship activity - with occasional DD functions on weekends.



Ongoing Bible Study for a Passionate group of Catholic Young Adults, ages 21-35

Thursdays: 7:00PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Youth Room

Facilitator: Amy Reinhardt and Jennifer Mathews

Cost of Materials: none

If you feel called to learn more about joining Disciples Dwelling, look us up on Facebook or contact Amy Reinhardt (amelizabeth93@yahoo.com) for more information.

MEN'S / WOMEN'S FAITH

Men of Ascension

Are you looking for a way to get more meaning out of Mass? If so, join with other men of the parish to meet each week and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. This group discusses the Sunday readings followed by discussion on their applicability to the lives of men. New members are invited to join at any time.

Fridays : 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM

Date: Ongoing

Location: St. Luke Room

Facilitator: Ken Jennison

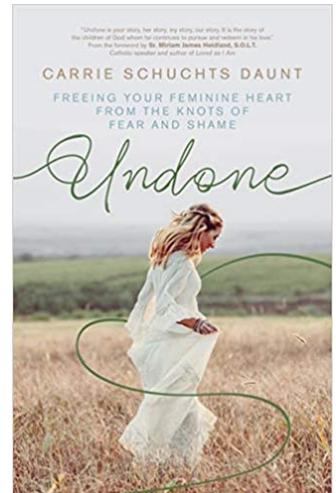
Cost of Materials: none



Undone: Freeing Your Feminine Heart from the Knots of Fear and Shame

Do you desire deeper freedom? Do you feel restricted by the knots of sin and shame that conceal the true beauty of your feminine heart? Through this collection of raw and redemptive testimonies from real Catholic women, punctuated with guided reflection and contemplative prayer, Carrie Schuchts Daunt of the John Paul II Healing Center offers you an encounter with truth and healing tailored to your specific identities as daughter, sister, bride, and mother. Undone ushers you through a vulnerable search for truth through essential spiritual exercises, prayer guides, and reflection material.

In Undone, readers find an essential guide to distinctly feminine healing that will leave them willingly and eagerly stripping away the bondage of sin and shame allowing them to become the women God calls them to be.



6 Week Course

Thursdays: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Start Date: September 17, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Karen Davis

Cost of Materials: \$14

Thursdays: 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Start Date: September 17, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Mary Connor

Cost of Materials: \$14

WOMEN'S FAITH

Women's Retreat: "Stay With Me, Jesus"

Living in this complex and busy world we often search for hope and strength in different places, forgetting that our God simply waits to give us what we most need in life: His very Self, in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.



We invite you to accompany us for a day of quiet prayer and reflection, food and fellowship. In our time together, presenters will delve into the power and nourishment Jesus promises to each of us for life, in our Holy Communion with Him.

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2021

Time: 9:15 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: St. Matthew/St. Mark Room

Retreat Presenters: Marge Sosna and Kim Sutton

Cost: \$25.00

(Fee includes retreat materials, continental breakfast and lunch)

**SAVE THE DATES FOR BOTH OF THESE EVENTS -
REGISTRATION COMING LATER THIS YEAR**

Women Gathered in Prayer

Interested in leading other women in our parish to share in this journey called life? Have you experienced the joy that comes from knowing real faith support from other women? Or have you not experienced this but always wanted to?



Come to this 3 week session where we will share best practices on leading small faith groups for women, help you to form your own spiritual sisterhood of faith, and provide you with the materials to lead your group. On-going support will be provided.

3 Week Course

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Dates: January 26, February 2, and February 9, 2021

Location: St. John Room

Facilitators: Marge Sosna and Kim Sutton

Cost of Materials: none

CLASSES

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love A Pastoral Letter Against Racism

A two evening presentation/discussion with Father Tom regarding the reality of racism in our world. The discussion will take place in the context of our current social condition and of the 2018 U.S. Bishops' Statement "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism".

Copies of "Open Wide Our Hearts" will be available to all participants.



open wide our hearts

2 Week Course

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Start Date: September 15 and September 22, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Fr. Tom Tank

Cost of Materials: none

Jesus—The Way, The Truth and The Life

"It is my conviction that what we all need to do at this moment in history is to turn our attention back to the man who dared to call himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Marcellino D'Ambrosio

This brand-new study by Ascension Press presents the story of Jesus in a fresh way. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Dr. Edward Sri present the 10-week video study program. Come explore the entirety of Jesus' life. Whether you have taken no classes or many classes about our faith, you will be drawn to Our Lord and Savior through the videos, workbook, and small group discussions.



10 Week Course

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Start Date: September 16, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Kim Sutton

Cost of Materials: \$30

OR

Wednesdays: 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Start Date: September 16, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Kim Sutton

Cost of Materials: \$30

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM—8:30 PM

Start Date: September 16, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

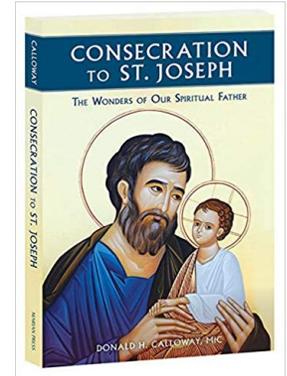
Facilitator: Katie Kuckelman

Cost of Materials: \$30

CLASSES

33 Day Preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph

St. Joseph is our spiritual father and the source for what is needed in our world today, as we transform our lives, searching for God's truth, peace and hope. Father Donald H. Calloway's newest book on "The Wonders of our Spiritual Father" will teach us, with the help of St. Joseph, to place God above all things, strive for purity of heart and maintain a profound interior life with boundless confidence in God's unchanging Love and Truths. Consecration to St. Joseph will help us to become like him and serve our families, our community and our entire world.



6 Week Course

Thursdays: 9:30 AM -11:00 AM

Start Date: September 17, 2020 **OR**

Location: St. John Room

Facilitator: Dick Kane

Cost of Materials: \$15

Thursdays: 7:00 PM—8:30 PM

Start Date: September 17, 2020

Location: St. John Room

Facilitator: Dick Kane

Cost of Materials: \$15

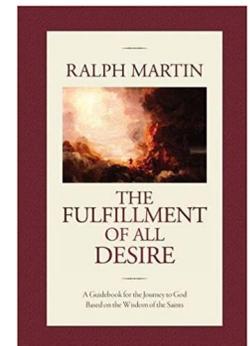
The Fulfillment of All Desire

“Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Matthew 5:48

Pope St. John Paul II said that it will be difficult to respond to this universal call to holiness that Jesus makes of us without availing ourselves of the wisdom of the mystical tradition of the Church. Ralph Martin (author, lecturer, EWTN host and founder of Renewal Ministries) spent 10 years collecting and connecting the wisdom of St. Augustine, St. John of the Cross, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Francis de Sales, St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Bernard of Clairvaux into this book.

We will be using his book and study guide as well as group discussion to “map a blueprint” and take a deeper dive into the spiritual journey as laid out for us by these seven Doctors of the church. We will meet for 9 sessions prior to Thanksgiving, and then resume for 9 sessions in January through March.



18 Week Course (9 Weeks in Fall and 9 Weeks in Winter)

Thursdays: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Start Date: September 17, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff

Cost of Materials: Participants will purchase this book and study guide themselves to capture the price and shipping method they prefer.

“The Fulfillment of All Desire” by Ralph Martin

“The Fulfillment of All Desire Study Guide” by Ralph Martin and Emily Stimpson

CLASSES

Why the Catholic Church?

“I see how it makes sense for there to be a God and I even understand Jesus but I don’t get why anyone would want to belong to the Catholic Church?”

“I’m spiritual but not into organized religion.”

“I’m a follower of Jesus but why do I need to do all that extra stuff? I’m a pretty good person.”

WHY?

If you would like to beef up your answers to these questions, think about joining us for the third installment of our Apologetics series with Sebastian D’Amico.

3 Week Course

Saturdays: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Start date: October 17, October 24, and October 31, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

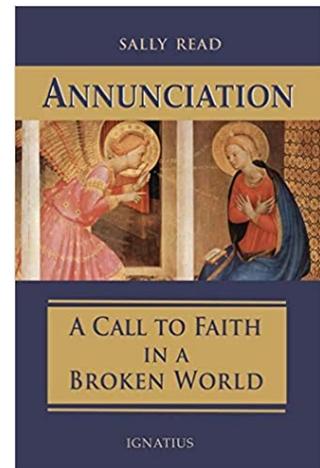
Facilitator: Sebastian D’Amico

Cost of Materials: none

Holy Conversation Book Club

Men and women... join us for book club at Ascension! We will meet twice a month to discuss various Catholic authors, theologians and philosophers.

Our first book will be Annunciation by Sally Read. It will be distributed at the first class and reading will begin after that. Approximately 2 to 3 chapters will be covered at each meeting so as to allow plenty of time for sharing.



Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Starts: Tuesdays, September 15, 2020 through April 20, 2021

Location: St. John Room

Facilitator: Tamara James

Cost of Materials: \$13

CLASSES

An Evening on Forgiveness

*We have all been hurt by someone, maybe even a family member, and we are in need of reflection, prayer and an open forum. Spend an evening on **Tuesday, October 6th, at 7:00 pm, in the St. Mark room.** An introduction to the Forgiveness journey, followed by a prayer service of scripture, slides, and music. Followed by a sharing and discussion of the Journey of Forgiveness. Closing will be a reflection on Divine Mercy. Bring a friend. Open to all.*

This optional evening of prayer and discussion on Forgiveness will precede the class offering below.

1 Night Talk

Tuesday 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

October 6, 2020

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Chuck Jansen

Cost of Materials: none

Forgiveness Class



FORGIVENESS is such a natural, spiritual, necessary and complicated process. Come explore the dynamics of the process of Forgiving. Personal stories and scripture will be used in studying this beautiful process. Is someone in your family holding a grudge against someone? Have you been upset with someone for a long time? Is there possibly a failing or sin in your past that you've ignored and has put a wedge between you and the One Who loves you most?

3 Week Course

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Start Date: October 14, 2020

Location: St. John Room **OR**

Facilitator: Chuck Jansen

Cost of Materials: none

Wednesdays: 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Start Date: October 14, 2020

Location: St. John Room

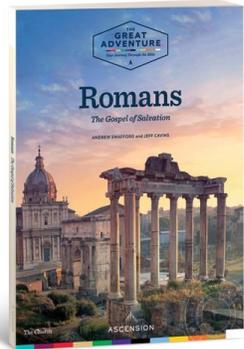
Facilitator: Chuck Jansen

Cost of Materials: none

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Scripture Study: Romans by Jeff Cavins

Eight week Bible study that will help you understand this challenging epistle and make sense of these passages regarding faith, works and justification in an authentically Catholic way utilizing an engaging video presentation each week by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, followed by lively group discussion and fellowship.



Please bring your Bible to class (any translation)

8 Week Course

Sundays: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Start Date: September 13, 2020

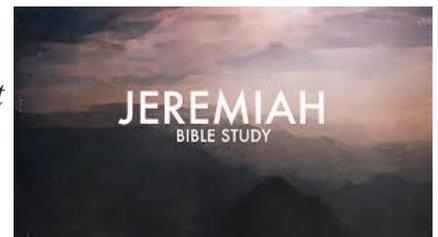
Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff

Cost of Materials: \$27

The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Nine one-hour sessions on this important prophet. More than just "doom and gloom," Jeremiah is God's voice during the last years of Jerusalem, before and during the Babylonian conquests. As background, read 2 Kings 22:1-25:30 before the first session.



Please bring your Bible to class (any translation)

9 Week Course

Tuesdays: 7:00PM - 8:00 PM

Start Date: September 15, 2020

Location: St. John Room

Facilitator: Bill Thomas

Cost of Materials: none

OR

Fridays: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Start Date: September 18, 2020

Location: St. John Room

Facilitator: Bill Thomas

Cost of Materials: none

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Together: A Date Night Ministry For Married Couples

*Church of the Ascension and St. Michael the Archangel Parish have teamed up to co-host **Together**, a ministry devoted to married couples. Join us for dynamic speaker presentations, fellowship, prayer, drinks, and food. Then, continue the conversation with your spouse, out on a date or back in your home — at a time and place that works for both of you! We will provide simple reflection questions to take with you, as entry points for deeper discussion and personal application.*



The topics for each evening will be “served a la carte,” meaning, you do not need to prepare with reading or homework ahead of time, nor do you need to attend every available evening (although you are certainly encouraged to do so)! All married couples are invited to come — so bring another couple from your neighborhood or from a neighboring parish. You can expect a comfortable, inviting, and pressure-free atmosphere.

Dates: Saturday evenings throughout the year, roughly every month.

Time: Our typical start time is 6:30 PM

Location: Either Church of the Ascension or St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Speakers: Speakers and topics vary each session

Cost of Event: \$0-20 per couple, depending on the food and drink that is provided

For more information about upcoming events, or to sign-up for our email distribution list, visit us at kcascension.org/together

Becoming One

Becoming one is a marriage enrichment ministry created by and for newly (and newly-ish!) married couples. Join us! We are on a journey, moving toward knowing and loving our spouses, our faith, and our community more fully and more passionately. We are actively creating a group — a family of sorts — that is vibrant, authentic, and open to new people and ideas. If you are married or engaged and interested in joining or learning more, then we would love to have you!



Dates: The 4th Thursday of each month

Time: 7-8:30 PM

Location: Varies

Topics and Speakers: Vary

Cost of Events: Free

For more information about upcoming events, or to sign-up for our email distribution list, visit us at kcascension.org/becoming-one

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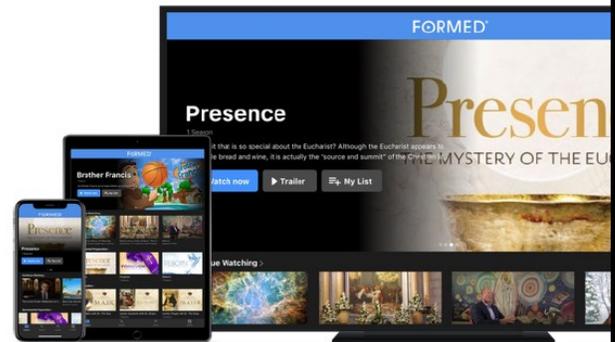
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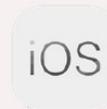
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Turn in this Registration Form to the box in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office.

Please make check payable to: Church of the Ascension. ONE check may be used for all courses.
Return to box in gathering space or parish office.

Name: _____

If couple attending class, Spouse: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All are welcome to attend, but for our records, please indicate your parish:

Ascension

Other Parish

Course Title	Please Circle Which Class	Cost
33 Days Preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph	AM or PM	\$15
An Evening on Forgiveness	PM	none
Forgiveness Class	AM or PM	none
The Fulfillment of All Desire	PM	Order own books
Holy Conversation Book Club	Afternoon	\$13
Jeremiah	AM or PM	none
Jesus—The Way, The Truth and The Life	AM or 5:30PM or 7:00PM	\$30
Men of Ascension	AM	none
Open Wide Our Hearts...Against Racism	PM	none
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	Inquirer / Sponsor	none
Sunday Scripture Study: Romans	AM	\$27
Undone: Freeing Your Feminine Heart	AM or PM	\$14
Why the Catholic Church?	AM	none
	Total	\$ _____

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