

## **Small Groups Offered for Sharing Our Journey: Fall, 2021**

### **Rosary for St. Mary's Springs Academy** \*Co-ed

**Monday afternoons during the school year at 2:30pm** in Holy Family Church through 9-6-21 and then will meet in the SMSA chapel starting on 9-13-21

**Leader:** Dawn Meyer

This group meets to pray the Rosary, asking for our Mother's intercession for the students, staff, and families of St. Mary's Springs Academy. This year the rosary will take place at Holy Family Church by the tabernacle. Please enter the office doors. All are welcome.

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### **Self Study: Formed.org**

Go to [hffd1.formed.org](http://hffd1.formed.org), click 'Register Now,' enter information and create an account. Through video series, podcasts, movies, and more, there are many different resources that make it easy to dive deeper into our faith, go ahead and check it out! Some of our favorite studies include: Brother Francis series (for the Elementary school aged children), The Search, and various Bible studies (Acts of the Apostles, Mark, Peter, etc.)

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### **Exploring the Sunday Readings** \*Co-ed

**Every Tuesday Morning 9:30am** in the Sacred Heart School Hall

**Leader:** Helen Hiemerl ([poetlassie@yahoo.com](mailto:poetlassie@yahoo.com))

**Suggested Donation:** TBD

This is a Bible Study for looking at the upcoming Sunday Readings. Each week will use the investigations and comments of bible scholars to learn the significant insights in each set of Sunday readings. We will further discuss and share how these readings apply to us and add enrichment to our lives. A great way to prepare for Sunday Mass!

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**Hints of Heaven** (Parables Study) \*Co-ed AND Women only

**Co-Ed – Every Monday Evening from 7-8:30 pm** starting 9-27 through 11-22 (will not meet 11-1) at 950 Birch Tree Ln. Fond du Lac

**Women Only – Every Tuesday from Noon to 1pm** starting 9-28 through 11-23 (will not meet 11-2) at 950 Birch Tree Ln. Fond du Lac

**Leaders:** Matt and Katie Endres for Co-ed, Katie for Women only

**Cost:** \$14.95 but look for a sale through Sophia Institute Press

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Think you know the parables?

**THINK AGAIN**

Come to a deeper understanding of the 24 parables. Christ knew that the splendor of heaven is too great for us to bear just now, and so he used parables as clues to the mystery of paradise. In them are hints of heaven, and they offer profound spiritual advice meant to guide us on the road to eternal glory.

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**CONSIDER...**

**HINTS OF HEAVEN**

THE PARABLES *of* CHRIST  
& WHAT THEY MEAN *for* YOU

REV. GEORGE WILLIAM RUTLER

HOSTED BY MATT & KATIE ENDRES  
AT 950 BIRCHTREE LN, FDL 54935  
MONDAYS 7-8:30PM (CO-ED)  
TUESDAYS 12:00-1:00PM  
WOMEN ONLY (CHILDREN WELCOME)  
KATIE CELL: 920-960-1550

**Laudato Si' Study** \* Co-Ed

**Wednesday evenings 6-7pm** September 8-October 13 Holy Family Fireside Room

**Leader:** Kelsey Carter

**Cost:** None, copies of the document will be available

Join us for a study on Pope Francis' document on caring for creation!

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**1% Challenge** \* Women Only

**Wednesday afternoon 1-3pm** Sept. 22 through Oct. 13 in the Holy Family Fireside Room

**Leader:** Dawn Meyer

**Cost:** None

The 1% Challenge is designed to help you get to *know* Jesus by taking 1% of your day (15 minutes) to pray with Scripture for 30 days.

If you desire to experience Jesus' love and presence + establish a daily prayer practice, this group is for you! You will only need a Catholic bible and an open heart for this group!

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**The Creed By Bishop Barron** \* Co-ed

**Monday evenings 7-8:30 pm** Oct 4 through November 22 in the South Hall (no class 11-1-21)

**Leader:** Rob Kratoska [kratoska@hotmail.com](mailto:kratoska@hotmail.com) 920-204-0033

**Cost:** Study Guide will be electronic and emailed to participants at no cost. Participants are encouraged to either print out the study guide to take notes in, or bring tablet/laptops to use for reference and note taking during class.

In recent decades, antipathy toward religious belief in general, and Christianity in particular, has been on the rise, with over a quarter of Americans now identifying as religiously unaffiliated. But the truth of what thoughtful Christians actually believe is not being told.

In *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed*, Bishop Barron invites skeptics and seekers to discover the intellectual richness of the Catholic faith, and in *The Creed*, a new six-part film series blending documentary conversations and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality, theology, and liturgy in both the East and West.

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**Searching for and Maintaining Peace by Fr. Jacques Philippe \* Women Only**

**Friday mornings 9-10:30 am** September 24 through November 12 (no class 10-8-21) in the Fireside room at Holy Family (exception is 9-24 which will be held in the Holy Family Board Room)

**Leader:** Anne Brunette

**Cost:** Book can be purchased at [scepterpublishers.org](http://scepterpublishers.org) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for about \$8

We live in a time of extraordinary stress and lack of peace. This small but powerful book helps us overcome the moments of fear and distress which can keep us from the peace we are meant to have in Christ. Since peace of heart is a pure gift of God, it is something we should seek, pursue and ask him for without cease. This book, along with the women from the Abiding Together Podcast, will help us in our pursuit of peace.

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**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass \* Women Only**

**Every other Wednesday Afternoon 3:30-4:30 pm** starting September 22, with the last class held on Nov 17 - at SMSA Campus Ministry Room (2090) 255 County Rd. K

**Leader:** Sheila Skiff

**Cost:** Book \$14.99; Study Set (book, study guide and online access) \$26.99; Online Access only \$24.95 (Materials are optional...Participants should order on their own.)

5 - 30 minute videos

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

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**Acts of the Apostles with Mark Hart on FORMED \*COED**

**Leader:** Marian Freund ([meafreund@gmail.com](mailto:meafreund@gmail.com) or 948-9744)

**Time:** 8:30 to 10:00am – Thursdays

**Dates:** Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct 7

**Location:** Fireside Room at Holy Family

**Cost:** Free

**In Acts of the Apostles Section 1**, Mark Hart breaks open the history of this powerful book of Scripture.

Through his overview of the first five chapters, we are given context and insight to the early Church. Acts of the Apostles Section 1 will inspire and motivate the modern Christian to study St. Luke's writings and become more devout disciples of Christ.

**In Acts of the Apostles Section 2**,

Mark Hart continues on in his teaching of the Acts of the Apostles with chapters 6-11. In this breakdown, we are shown the power of a witness —

as seen specifically in the stories of St. Stephen and St. Paul —and the newfound baptismal union that Christ calls His missionary

disciples into. Mark implores, through this Section, that are called in the same way as Paul and Stephen to share divine truth through the love of Christ.

**In Acts of the Apostles Section 3,**

Mark Hart continues on in his teaching of the Acts of the Apostles with chapters 12-17. In this video, Mark emphasizes the humanity of the Church and the importance of prayer through the example of the apostles — that the Church is at her best when she parks her humanity and gives way to God’s divinity. Through this Section, we are empowered to enact the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit in all that we say and do.

**In Acts of the Apostles Section 4,**

Mark Hart concludes his teaching of the Acts of the Apostles with chapters 17-28. In this final part of this video series, Mark sheds light on the “why” of Paul’s conversion, work, and sacrifice as rooted in love of Christ and neighbor, and encourages us — as the apostles exemplified throughout all of Acts — to remain steadfast in the work of evangelization. This last Section implores us with a final wish: that we may be patient, thoughtful, and courageous in our work to draw souls closer to Christ.

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**The Catholic Table Video Series \* Coed**

**Leader:** Marian Freund (meafreund@gmail.com or 948-9744)

**Time:** 8:30 to 10:00am – Thursdays

**Dates:** Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18

**Location:** TBD at Holy Family

**Cost:** 9.95 for streaming of the series. Free for our presentation

It’s unavoidable. We all must eat. But as Catholics, we know that how we eat matters as much as what we eat. (In her book The Catholic Table, award-winning author Emily Stimpson Chapman explains how food is a sign of God’s love and a foretaste of the Eucharist.) Now, in The Catholic Table video series, you’ll discover what the Church teaches about creation, the body, feasting, fasting, the Eucharist—and so much more.

This study features six twenty-minute videos, discussion questions, easy recipes and other practical tips for hospitality.

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**Rediscovering Christmas \*COED**

**Leader:** Marian Freund (meafreund@gmail.com or 948-9744)

**Time:** 8:30 to 10:00am – Thursdays

**Dates:** Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

**Location:** TBD at Holy Family

**Cost:** Free

Saint Joseph Communications

Dr. Edmund Mazza -- (4 Talk Set)

**What Do You Do When the Most Joyous Season of the Year has Become More “Ho-hum” than “Ho, Ho, Ho?”** Each Christmas Catholics face the challenge of navigating a yearly routine of commercialism, cards, presents, and parties entirely divorced from the real “reason for the season.” Yet, separated from authentic history, the stable in the little town of Bethlehem is nothing more than a cardboard cutout among the rest of the decorations. While no sensible person would form an opinion on a great book having only read the last chapter, many today light candles and sing Christmas carols in blissful ignorance of the incredible events that led up to the appearance of the Babe in the Manger. But where do you turn to learn the “rest of the story?”

### **Divine Truth in Earthly History**

Edmund Mazza, PhD is the rare university professor who is both humble and courageous enough to challenge the smug assumptions of secular scholarship so as to uncover the true meaning of Christmas precisely in the context of earthly history. In an engaging and entertaining way, Dr. Mazza makes sense of Scripture, Tradition, and history to reveal startling insights from an astounding array of serious sources. Through Old Testament prophecies to ancient oracles to modern discoveries of astronomy and archaeology you will boldly overcome modern ignorance and indifference to enjoy your most profound experience of Christmas ever.

Mark your calendars for our next Women's Ministry Event on  
January 15, 2022!

