



SPIRITUALITY AND OUR EVERYDAY LIVES

By Fr. David Gosnell, Senior Priest and Spiritual Director

Our gatherings for Lent 2018 will reflect on some of those moments in our everyday lives where God's presence and our presence unite in surprising and challenging ways in good times and rough times...such is the wonder of all our spiritual journeys! God truly surrounds us 24/7!

TUESDAY, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, & 20
12 noon – 2:30 p.m., St. Paul Social Hall

(Soup, Sandwich & Drinks Provided. Bring your Bible.)

THE BIBLE AND THE QUR'AN:

A Comparative Study

By Gabriel S. Reynolds, Ph.D., Professor of Islamic Studies and Theology, Department of Theology, Notre Dame

What would you like to know about the Qur'an? How is the Qur'an different from, and similar to, the Bible? Learning about the Qur'an is essential to understanding the relationship between Islam and Christianity in our own age and throughout history.

WEDNESDAY, February 21
6:30 – 9:00 p.m., St. Paul Social Hall

(Pot Luck Supper – Bring a Dish to Share as well as your Bible)

OPEN OUR EYES LORD:

To See God's Presence in Scripture & The World

By Fr. Ed Shea OFM, St. Peter, Archdiocese of Chicago, Pastor, Preacher, Retreat Leader

This Franciscan priest who loves to sing & tell stories & thrives on celebrating the sacraments of the Church strives to enable others to rejoice with him in the goodness of God's presence in our world.

WEDNESDAY, February 28
6:30 – 9:00 p.m., St. Paul Social Hall

(Pot Luck Supper – Bring a Dish to Share as well as your Bible)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

The Foundation of Our Ministries of Charity & Justice

By Fr. Mark Pranaitis, CM., PhD, Vincentian priest and Executive Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Gary

Catholic Social Teaching establishes a scriptural and theological foundation and guide for response to the needs of real people in our world and how we help meet immediate needs (charity) and bring about change in unjust systems (justice).

WEDNESDAY, March 7
6:30 – 9:00 p.m., St. Paul Social Hall

(Pot Luck Supper – Bring a Dish to Share as well as your Bible)

THE JOY OF LOVE IS THE JOY OF THE CHURCH

By Deacon James Caristi, Ph.D., Computing & Information Sciences, Valparaiso University

One of the top priorities that emerged as a result of the recent diocesan synod was the consideration of how marriage and family life can be better supported within our parishes and in the Diocese of Gary. In March, 2016, Pope Francis released his papal exhortation on love in the family, "Amoris Laetitia." In this session we will discuss what scripture and "Amoris Laetitia" say about marriage and family life. We will also reflect on how these insights might help us enhance the marriages and family lives we encounter.

WEDNESDAY, March 14
6:30 – 9:00 p.m., St. Paul Social Hall

(Pot Luck Supper – Bring a Dish to Share as well as your Bible)

SOLA SCRIPTURA

By Fr. Jerry Schweitzer, Senior Priest and Retreat Director

Who was this John the Baptist? A Biblical and Traditional view of this Prophetic Voice. A message for us today!

WEDNESDAY, March 21
6:30 – 9:00 p.m., St. Paul Social Hall

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IT'S ALL GOOD: OR IS IT?

By James D. McQuillan, J.D., Catechist

A current *NBC TV series*, a best-selling book, and Scripture provide vehicles for our creative and humorous look at traditional and contemporary ideas of morality and the afterlife. We will reference Henri J.M. Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* and the current *NBC-TV series The Good Place*, about our struggle to define what it means to be good. Join us for a fun and fresh Lenten program!

THURSDAYS, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., St. Paul Social Hall

(Pizza and Drinks Provided)

