

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE EXCITING PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE TRI-CITES.**

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ST. MARY'S PARISH***

**RCIA INQUIRY**– If you or someone you know is interested in possibly joining the Church, invite them, Mondays beginning September 12. \*

**Theology With Everything**– A monthly gathering of young adults at a local restaurant for food and adult catechesis. The first session is Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 PM at Old Boys Brew House in Spring Lake. Contact Jim to attend. See back panel for contact info. \*\*\*

**Pillars Catechism Study**– Will meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM, September 12 through November 28 in the Abbey. Registration is required. Cost is \$28 for manual. \*

**TUESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP**

Our ever-growing group always welcomes new members! We meet Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM in Meeting Room B/C. We watch a video from a noted Catholic speaker, then have discussion with supplemental material led by Jim Penrice. Tuesday morning options:

- **Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players,"** September 20-October 25. In a follow-up to his highly acclaimed "Catholicism" series, Bishop Barron introduces us to six key figures in the history of the Catholic Church, with each episode filmed in their homeland: St. Thomas Aquinas, G. K. Chesterton, St. Francis of Assisi, Michelangelo, Blessed John Henry Newman, and St. Catherine of Siena. \*
- **Bishop Robert Barron's "Mystery of God,"** November 8-Dec. 13. In this series Bishop Barron responds to modern-day atheism and agnosticism. \*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES**

Jim Penrice will offer the following series on Wednesday evenings; all sessions are 7:00 PM in the Abbey.

- **Faithful Citizenship on Election Day and Beyond**- September 14-28. This series will explore our call to live our American citizenship according to a well-informed and well-formed Catholic conscience. We will cover not only how to inform and form our conscience for voting, but also for living every day as faithful Catholic Americans.\*
- **A Place in the Church for Divorced, Remarried, Homosexual and Transgender Persons**- October 12-26. We will explore Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia", issued after the Synod on the Family, for a deeper understanding of the place in the Catholic Church for persons in these situations. \*

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**OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS OR COUPLES:**

**Senior's Bible Study**- Open to all older parishioners and begins weekly on September 13, from 10- 11 AM. We will start with Fr. Albert Haase's study titled "Saying Yes: Responding to God's Will in your life." \*\*

**YEAR OF MERCY Series**– Third Thursday of the month September through November. Join us next week for Father Phil Shangraw's presentation on Thursday, September 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. \*\*

**Book C.L.U.B.**- Here's a great way to meet others and grow in faith, once a month, October through April. The book is the Bible. Pick your night and sign up this month! [www.stpatsgh.org](http://www.stpatsgh.org) or call the Office. \*\*\*

**BIBLE 101**– New to the Bible or a Veteran, this four-week series will inspire your faith. Tuesday nights in Oct., 7-8:30 p.m. Led by Jeff Andrini  
**The Treasures of our Catholic Faith**– Dr. Jack Mulder, Hope College Professor and author of "What Does It Mean To Be Catholic?" Thursday, October 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. Book signing to follow. \*\*

**The Francis Effect**– Join others for a movie night that puts Pope Francis's Papacy in perspective and offers an exciting vision of the Church for today. Thursday, October 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. \*\*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** - Open to all wanting to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. Resumes weekly on Monday, September 12, 7-8:30 PM \*\*

**Lenten Mission with FR. ALBERT HAASE**– Save the date March 19-21.

**FOR WOMEN ONLY:**

**Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**– begins Sept. 14, 9:30-11 a.m. The study is titled "Three In One." Childcare available.\*\*

**Mom's Group** – Begins weekly on September 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Childcare is available. Great for young moms. \*\*

**Women's Breakfasts**- These are great opportunities to gather with other women for a faith-filled presentation. Join them in the Parish Lounge from 8:30-10 AM on these Saturdays: September 24, October 22, Nov. 19\*\*

**The Blessing Cup Study by Sr. Joyce Rupp**– Led by Patti Edwards. It runs seven Wednesday evenings beginning October 5, 7-8:30 p.m.. \*\*

**Advent By Candlelight**- "Lights...Tinsel...Gift Wrap...And a Newborn King," will be presented by Sheri Wolfert! The date is Tuesday, November 29, 7 - 9 p.m. Sign up for your table soon. \*\*

**Women's Gift Weekend** - The date is February 25-26. Save the Date! \*\*\*

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**FOR MEN ONLY:**

**Men's Morning Bible Study**– Join other men on Wednesday mornings from 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the Family Center Lounge for prayer, study and accountability. Meets year round, all are welcome. \*\*

**Man Cave Meetings**- Men are invited to meet in a parishioner's home on the Third Monday evening of the month at 7 p.m. Location will change each month, but the content is enrichment for Men. Next session is September 19 at Mike Burdick's home, 1330 Columbus Street, GH. \*\*\*

**Men's Breakfasts**- Join us on the First Saturday of the Month from 7:30-9 a.m. in the Family Center Lounge. Brook Bisonet is our first speaker, October 1. Other fall dates are November 5 & December 3. \*\*

**Men's Retreat Day**– Save the Date: Saturday January 7 with Father Phil Shangraw at Maranatha Conference Grounds. \*\*\*

\* Held at St. Mary's Church

\*\* Held in St. Patrick– St. Anthony's Family Center

\*\*\* Held off-site

***St. Mary's / St. Patrick - St. Anthony  
COMBINED EVENT:***

**Whole Community Nights**- St Mary's and St. Patrick/St. Anthony Parishes are hosting "Whole Community Nights" on Sunday, November 6 at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish and Wednesday, November 9 at St. Mary's, 6 -8 p.m.. The same event will be presented each night, so choose one. There will be music, prayer, dinner, break-out sessions by age groups (nursery, elementary, middle school, high school and adults) with faith formation presentations, and a fun for all. RSVP to the parish hosting the session you plan to attend.

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HAS A PLACE  
FOR YOU...**

What season are you in life?

No matter if you are dealing with messy diapers, running your own taxi service or finding yourself with time to focus on things you did not always have time to do, we invite you to make time for your spiritual growth and well being.

Whether it is a one-evening speaker, a weekly Bible study, breakfast or a retreat, we have something for you. Choose one or more of these exciting events and see how a small investment of your time will open new opportunities to see God in your life... In every season! Join us and let us know if there are other opportunities you would like to see in the Tri-cities in the future.

Tear along perforated lines and mail in.

**We welcome your input!!!**

Here is a suggestion for future Adult Faith Formation offerings?  
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I would be willing to help in formation in the following way.  
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I would like to receive some information regarding the following:  
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Name, email address or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Fall Catechetical Conference*** - All leaders in parish ministries or those who would like to grow in their faith are invited to the Fall Conference hosted by the Diocese at West Catholic High School on Saturday, Sept. 24. Contact Jeff or Jim for a complete brochure including descriptions to the 90+ workshops. Hope you can join our parish teams for this exciting event.

***The Mystics*** - Join Fr. Joachim Lally at the Catholic Information Center for Wednesday September 7 and October 5, 7-8:45 p.m. Call to register, 616-459-7267. St. John of the Cross, a Spanish mystic, was, with St. Teresa of Avila, a reformer of the Carmelite Order and was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation. He is also known for his mystical writings on poetry and growth of the soul. These writings show how deep spiritual darkness and the very bright light of God's love are closely inter-related. (\$10.00 donation per session requested.) This program will be live streamed at [www.catholicinformationcenter.org](http://www.catholicinformationcenter.org). Check out their other programs as well.



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