

**ST. PATRICK—ST. ANTHONY OFFERS THESE PROGRAMS— DETAILS INSIDE!**

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- **Study and Pray the Psalms: October 1**
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- **Ultimate Conversation with God: November 3**
- **Marriage Boost 2013: November 7**
- **The Didache: November 18**
- **Advent by Candlelight: December 3**

Tear along perforated lines and mail in!

**We welcome your feedback!!!**

Here is a suggestion for future Adult Faith Formation offerings?

I would be willing to help in formation in the following way.

I would like to receive some information regarding the following:

Name, email address or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ST. MARY'S PROGRAMS CONTINUED...**

**Vatican II Basics**

A continuation of the Year of Faith Series studying the documents from the Council. We move now from the Constitutions to the decrees and declarations. We will have three sessions: Sept. 10, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5, 7:00-8:30 PM.

**Parables of the Kingdom**

A six week study of some of Jesus' parables using Little Rock Scripture Study materials. Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 beginning Sept. 10.

**Young Adult Ministry**

This is a group to reach out to people in their 20's and 30's—and perhaps even older, for the “20 or 30 at heart.” Single or married, with children or without, this is a chance for young adults to get together and grow in fellowship and faith. The group will meet for learning opportunities, service outreach, and social activities. (Every third meeting will be one of the three.) The kick-off is a potluck on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 5:00 PM.

**Speaker Series:** St. Mary's will be hosting a series of speakers this coming year, including Dr. Robert Marko, Dr. Patrick Lee, Sr. Sue Tracy and Dave Sipka. Dates and topics to be announced.

**RCIA:** Monday evenings 7:00-8:30 PM beginning Sept. 9.

**BEGINS JANUARY**— Catching Fire, Becoming Flame series with Fr. Albert Haase, DVD format. It is a six week series.

**Special Events:**

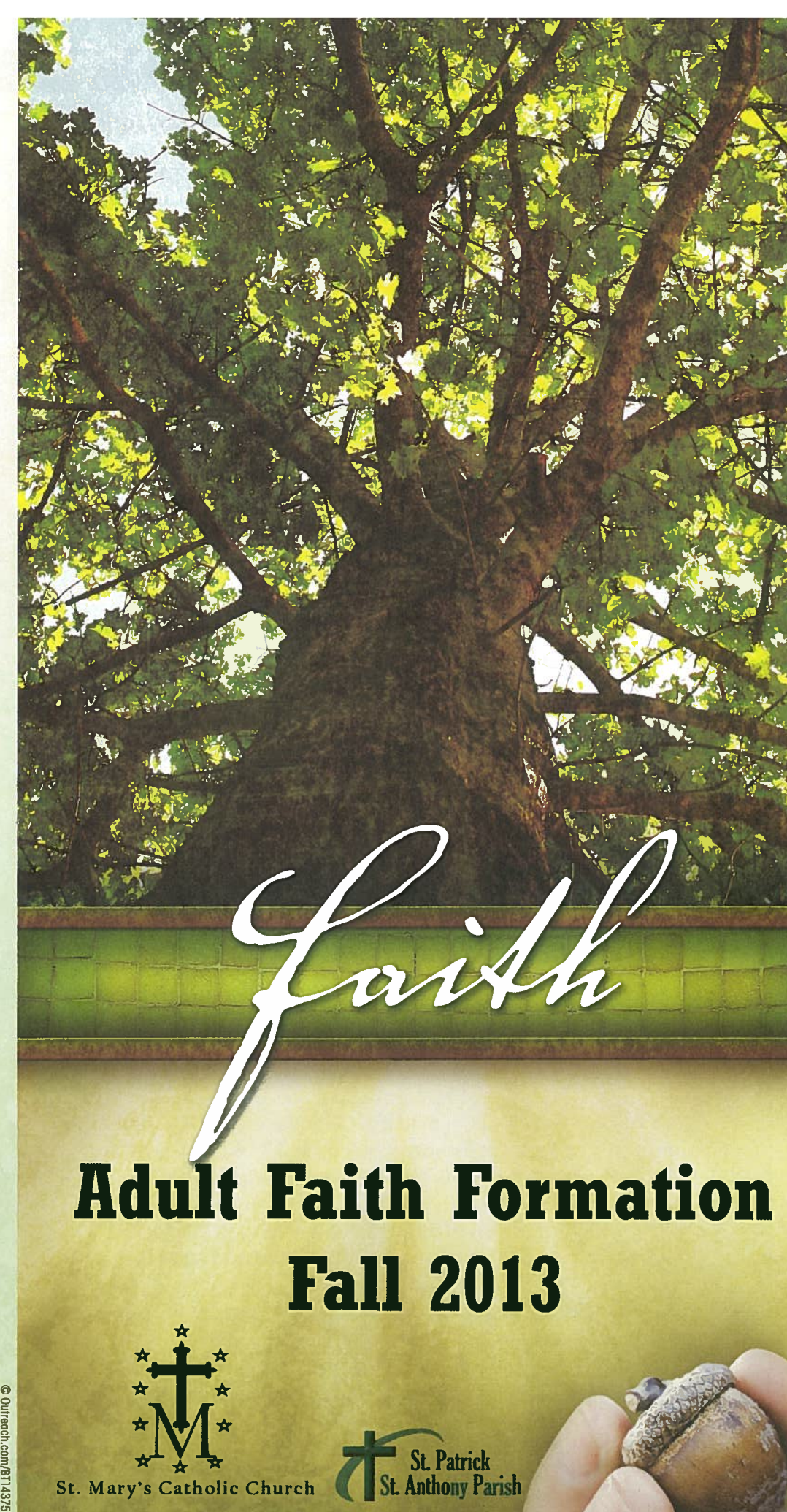
**Diocesan Training Day-** All catechists and ministry leaders and volunteers are invited to a fabulous day of inspiration and learning sponsored by the Diocese. Please contact Jeff or Jim for the registration brochure. We will pay your way, but you need to register with us this week. The event is Saturday, September 28, 9-4:30 p.m.

**Weekend to Remember-** We have a group of married couples from our parish that are attending the February 21-23 Weekend to Remember at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids. Sign up immediately and get 50% off registration. Contact Jeff Andrini for registration details.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Adult Faith Formation  
Fall 2013**



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**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE EXCITING PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE TRI-CITIES. GROW IN FAITH THIS FALL!**

In this Year of Faith, we are all invited to take another step in our relationship with God. We are being asked to Know, Live and Share our Catholic faith in a manner that impacts our world. How will you grow this fall?

**St. Patrick-St. Anthony programs explained...**

**RCIA-** Why are you not a fully initiated member of the Catholic faith? Now's the time to begin the process. It is called the RCIA. As we continue September 9, join us and grow in faith. We meet every Monday in the Family Center Small Lounge from 7-9 p.m.

**Senior's Study-** Our study begins on Tuesday, September 10 and goes from 10-11 a.m. in the Family Center Small Lounge. ALL people 55 and up are invited to join us for this dynamic study and faith sharing experience. Our first study is titled Catching Fire, Becoming Flame.

**Women's Study-** Mark your calendar for September 11. Our Wednesday morning, 9:30-11 Bible study on the gospel of Luke begins! No experience is needed and Childcare is available! Make plans to grow in your faith and share the journey with other women.

**Men's Study-** Men of the parish gather every Wednesday morning in the Family Center Lounge from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Join us as we begin a new study on September 11.

**Mom's Group-** All young moms are invited to attend this social and informational weekly gathering. Begins September 12 with pot-luck and meets 9:30-11 a.m.

**Book C.L.U.B. Sign-up-** We will have Brian and Mary Thelen with us this weekend as they give testimony to how important a small faith community has been in their lives. Our effort at this is called Book C.L.U.B. So respond this weekend and get connected!

**Youth Ministry Kick-off-** All Middle School and High School Parents grab your kid and bring them to a great gathering in the Family Center from 7-8 pm on Sunday, September 15. We will send the teens to the Youth Center to check it out half way through the event.

**Family Night-** Calling all Families, especially ones with younger children, you are invited to join other families and Father Bill for a Cook-out at North Shore Beach on Friday, September 20 from 5:30-7:30. Bring a dish to pass. The meat for the grill, table service and juice will be provided.

**Elementary Kick-off-** Register your elementary children today for a great year of CREW, which takes place on either Monday or Wednesday afternoons from 4:15-5:30! The kick off goes until 6 and includes dinner! Begins Sept. 30 & Oct. 2

**St. Patrick-St. Anthony programs continued...**

**Book C.L.U.B.-** Parish Book C.L.U.B.'s are a great way to meet other parishioners and grow in faith with a once a month commitment, Oct. through April. The book is the Bible and we reflect on the readings for the third Sunday of the month. Pick your night and sign up soon!



**Men's Breakfasts-** These are opportunities for an incredible breakfast and a chance to be strengthened in faith through a powerful presentation. They run from 7:30-9 a.m.

**Psalm Study-** Join Cliff Bajema for a study and prayer experience based on selected Psalms. This 17 week series will introduce you to the book of Psalms and highlight discipleship. Two additional books will be discussed and copies will be available. 1) Reflections on the Psalms by C.S. Lewis and 2) A Long Obedience in the Same Direction. Begins Tuesday, Oct. 8 and the cost is \$25 for the books.

**Catechism Study-** Join Cliff Bajema for 14 Sunday evenings beginning October 6 from 5-6 pm for the continuation of the study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. You do not need to have gone through the first study and Catechism is available for \$15. A study guide will be provided.

**Keys of the Kingdom-** Join Father Jim Chelich at the Knights of Columbus building for this powerful presentation, October 6, 7-8:30. Sponsored by the Secular Franciscans and Friends.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Session-** Parents of all second graders must attend a 2 hour parent session on either Sunday, November 3 or Monday, November 4. Watch for the invitation in the mail.

**Ultimate Conversation with God-** Join Bill Dunn for the final Year of Faith presentation offered by the Secular Franciscans and Friends at the Knights of Columbus on November 3, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Marriage Boost-** Invest in an evening out for your marriage! Laugh, reflect and grow with your presenter, Jeff Andrini. The evening runs from 7-8:30 p.m. and will provide you with great resources to strengthen your marriage, Thursday, November 7.

**The Didache-** Explore this early Christian writing discovered in 1873! It is a short, powerful and challenging document that will strengthen your FAITH! Presented by Jeff Andrini. November 18, 7-8:30pm

**Advent By Candlelight-** Diane Hamel is our special guest. She is a mom, grandmother, icon painter and wonderfully funny, spiritual women. Reserve your table for this incredible event today. Dec. 3, 7-9:00pm.

**Coming in Winter 2014-**

**Men's Retreat Day-** Saturday, January 4, 9-4 p.m.

**Wild Game Dinner-** Saturday, January 18, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

**GIFT Retreats-** Women's Weekend, February 15-16, Men's Weekend, March 22-23. Register on-line [www.stpatsgh.org](http://www.stpatsgh.org) or call the Family Center today, 842-8230.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFERS THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS— More on Back Panel**

**Exploring Catholic Prayer Traditions**

A five-week "prayer workshop" Sunday evenings, Sept. 22-Oct.20, 6:30 -7:30 PM, exploring some of the most popular and effective prayer techniques from our Catholic heritage:

**Sept. 22 Praying with Scripture:** An introduction to Lectio Divina and the Ignatian method of contemplation, two powerful ways to pray—not just read—sacred Scripture.

**Sept. 29 Consciousness Examen:** Developed by St. Ignatius Loyola five hundred years ago, this is a daily method of examining not our conscience, but how God was present to us in our day.

**Oct. 6 The Lord's Prayer:** We will study the prayer Jesus taught his disciples through the perspective of three saints: St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

**Oct. 13 The Liturgy of the Hours:** An ancient universal prayer of the Church that sanctifies the hours of the day. We will cover The Office of Readings, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer.

**Oct. 20 The Mass:** Our ultimate prayer—the source and summit of our life—the Second Vatican Council called it "a sacred action surpassing all others."

**Catholicism: The New Evangelization**

This is a new six-part series from Fr. Robert Barron—a follow-up to his "Catholicism" series. It focuses on evangelizing both those who are Catholic and may not be sure why, as well as everyone looking for truth. We will show the film, followed by discussion. Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM, starting Sept. 18.

**St. Mary's Programs continue on back panel →→→→→**

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