



**FAITH  
FORMATION /  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We invite you to join us in:

Walking with Jesus;

Learning from Jesus;

Participating in Jesus' mission;

And help us do it as members of a community of  
disciples.

## **FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES - ADULT FORMATION**

### **ALPHA EXPERIENCE**

**ANITA DAROCZY, 248-685-2702 , FR. JOHN BUDDE, 248-685-1482**

The **ALPHA EXPERIENCE** is a practical introduction to the Christian faith where people can enjoy food, laughter and learning about the teachings of Jesus. Alpha is for people from all backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. This will be a place to investigate questions about the existence of God, the purpose of life, what happens after death, the teaching of Jesus and more.

- Adult facilitators needed
- Child care provided
- Support people for food service and prep needed
- One training session for facilitators is required.
- All adults are welcome to participate

### **EPYC (ENRICHING PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN)**

**DANIELLE HETZEL** [stmaryyoungfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryyoungfamilies@gmail.com)

is a new group formed at St Mary for parents of children from birth through fifth grade.

- Faith based group to meet and support other families with young children
- Meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday mornings of the month
- childcare available on the 1st Mondays

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**MEL BOOMER, 248-685-2702**

The **Morning Fellowship** are men in the parish who gather every Thursday morning to share reflections and thoughts on a variety of issues challenging Christianity, Catholicism and society today.

The **Evening Fellowship** brings together the men of the parish and community to share a home-cooked meal and to listen to thought-provoking presentations and discussions.

- Steering Committee members meet once a month
- Gathers once a month
- Meal included

### **RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)**

**ANITA DAROCZY 248-685-2702 ext. 204**

For those adults and teens who would like to explore the prospect of becoming fully initiated Catholics. This is for non-baptized persons, persons baptized in other Christian denominations and/or Catholics who have been baptized but never catechized.

- Sessions usually meet on Sunday mornings
- **Adult Sponsors invited** to be Companions, guides, models of faith and witness for the community for all those involved.

### **SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS**

**Mary Krebs, 248-685-8223**

- A faith program focusing on the spirituality of women in the second half of life.
- Create opportunities that educate & inspire the spiritual enrichment of women.
- Meets once per month, September to April

### **WINGS (WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE)**

**SHEILA ROSSETTI, Chairperson 734-276-5779**

Our Mission is to provide fellowship, love and support to all women of St. Mary's Church and beyond. Speakers, events, outreach programs and fun are offered to inspire, motivate, educate, and build long lasting friendships, especially a personal relationship with God.

- Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday Mornings / Month
- One Evening / Month

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

**ANITA DAROCZY, 248-685-2702 EXT. 204**

We offer moderate studies on different aspects of the Bible, working in small study groups, to insure a peaceful, respectful, and instructive atmosphere for the contemplation of God's Word. Check bulletin or website for starting dates and topics.

- **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES - 10:00 AM**
- **THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES - 7:00 PM**

# ***FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES - YOUTH FORMATION***

**COLLEEN GONZALEZ DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION**

**248-685-2702 ext. 203      stmarycag@comcast.net**

## ***CATECHIST - LEADER ELEMENTARY LEVELS K - 6 (ADULTS, TEENS)***

(most weeks from fall to spring)

Learn by following in the footsteps of Jesus, journey in your faith along with the youth of the parish and fulfill your Baptismal promises. You do not pay tuition for your children.

- Lead a small group session for an hour and a quarter weekly
- Sessions held Mondays & Tuesdays 4:30-5:45 or 6:15-7:30 or Wednesdays—4:30-5:45
- Training sessions provided
- Attend Catechist preparation meetings (4 annually)
- Child care provided for all volunteers

## ***CATECHISTS ASSISTANTS*** (most weeks from fall to spring-full time no tuition)

- Back up for Lead Catechist
- Help prepare sessions with Lead Catechist
- Attend weekly during sessions (fall to spring)

## ***CATECHIST SUBSTITUTE***

- Lead a small group session occasionally when needed

## ***CHILD CARE WORKERS*** (most weeks from fall to spring-full time no tuition)

- Child care is provided for active Catechists during sessions
- May assist during your child's session time
- Child care provider to arrive 15 minutes **BEFORE** sessions

## ***HALL MONITORS*** (most weeks from fall to spring-pay 1/2 tuition for children)

- Monitor activity in halls during session times
- May assist during your child's session time
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## ***CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (GRADES 7 & 8)***

### ***CATECHIST - LEADER*** (bi-weekly, fall to spring)

- Lead a small group session for an hour and a half, two weeks most months
- Training sessions provided
- Sessions held on Wednesdays or Thursdays, (fall to spring)

**CATECHISTS ASSISTANTS** (two weeks per month, fall to spring)

- Back up for Lead Catechist
- Help prepare sessions with Lead Catechist

**HALL MONITORS** (two weeks per month, fall to spring)

- Monitor activity in halls during session times
- May assist during your child's session time

**VOLUNTEER** with 7th & 8th Grade level in OTHER AREAS:

- Chaperone for Retreats (ADULTS)
  - \* Howell Nature Center, Fall, 2 days (overnight)
  - \* Subiaco Retreat Center, 1 day, Spring
- Kids Against Hunger  
To end hunger in our neighborhoods and around the world we raise funds to purchase, pack and ship meals to starving children and their families . The pack is usually in February.
- Confirmation Reception—One time-set up, serve and clean up help needed
- Senior Citizen Dinner - one time in January (3 hours)
  - \* Adult chaperones to help with set up, clean up
  - \* Teen volunteers help with set up, serving & clean up

**HOSPITALITY**

- Help with Set up, serve, cleanup at receptions :  
Reconciliation, Confirmation, liturgies, etc.

**CHILD CARE WORKERS** (occasionally)

- Child care is provided for certain meetings/activities during the year

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP (ADULT & TEENS)**

**Jennie Hanzel** 248-360-9065

Last week of June, Mon - Thurs (or children from ages 3 to 10)

Vacation Bible Camp is where children from 3-12 come and have fun under the "Son" with games, music, crafts, etc.

- Assistance by adults and teens needed in the following areas:  
Child Care, Crafts, Food Service, Games, Music, Presenters

# **FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES - OTHERS**

## **FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION (ADULTS, TEENS)**

**Jennifer Davis, Chairperson 248-685-7581**

The Faith Formation Commission is composed of a variety of staff and parishioners working together to enrich and strengthen the faith formation of the people of St. Mary. The commission gathers once a month to set goals, prepare proposals, share ideas, and stays in touch with the needs of the community.

- All parishioners are welcome to be members of this commission

## **HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL BIBLE STUDY (ADULTS, TEENS)**

### **Facilitators needed (ADULT, TEEN)**

- *A Quick Journey Through the Bible (Adult)*
- *The Teen Timeline — or T3 (teen)*
- DVD series for Catholics to learn the Salvation history
- 10 week program, hour and a half, weekly

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN (ADULT & TEENS)**

**COLLEEN GONZALEZ 248-685-2702 [stmarycag@comcast.net](mailto:stmarycag@comcast.net)**

**Facilitators needed** (Sundays, 10 am Mass, Fall to Spring)

Present the Gospel to children currently in Pre-school and Kindergarten in a language they can understand.

- Adult and Teen presenters
- Presentations are approximately 20 minutes long, during Mass
- Lay adults and teens facilitate & lead this celebration
- All materials provided
- Training provided
- Involvement will be the duration of the RCIA journey and beyond.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

**PER THE REQUIRMENTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT - ALL PERSONS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND/OR THE ELDERLY WILL NEED:**

- **Parish generated Background Check, yearly**
- **Attend “Protecting God’s Children Workshop (once)**

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***“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to  
observe all that I have commanded you. And  
behold, I am with you always, until the end of  
the age.”***

**Matthew 28:19-20**

If you need more information and/or are interested in taking part in any areas listed, please complete and return the form below, either in the Formation office or drop in the collection basket. We will be in contact with you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Adult      \_\_\_\_ Youth, please provide age \_\_\_\_

### ***FAITH FORMATION - AREAS OF INTEREST***

\_\_\_\_ **ALPHA ADULT facilitator** \_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_ pm

\_\_\_\_ **ALPHA ADULT support** \_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_ pm

\_\_\_\_ **EPYC (Enriching Parents of Young Children)**

\_\_\_\_ **Men's Fellowship Steering Committee**

\_\_\_\_ **Men's Fellowship participant** \_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_ pm

\_\_\_\_ **Spiritual Encounters**

\_\_\_\_ **WINGS (Women IN God's Service)**

\_\_\_\_ **Full Time Catechist** Day and time preferred \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Assistant Catechist** Day and time preferred \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Substitute Catechist** Day and time preferred \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Child Care** for Catechists Day and time preferred \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Hall Monitor** Day and time preferred \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Volunteer—Middle School Activities**

\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality Committee** \_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_ pm

\_\_\_\_ **Child Care** during meetings, activities \_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_ pm

\_\_\_\_ **Vacation Bible Camp**

\_\_\_\_ **Faith Formation Commission**

\_\_\_\_ **Bible Study participant** \_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_ pm

\_\_\_\_ **Liturgy of the Word for Children, Presenter**

\_\_\_\_ **RCIA Adult Sponsor**

\_\_\_\_ **Sunday by Sunday participant** \_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_ pm