

Faith and Sacrament Information

WELCOMING HOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

Returning Catholics are invited to attend an informational session to answer questions about resuming full participation in the Catholic Church. All are welcome to attend either evening.

When:.....Wednesdays, January 5 and January 12 at 7:00 PM

Where:.....Parish Hall

For more information contact:.....Deacon Norman Kutschenreuter at **478-5060**

Website for more info: www.CatholicsComeHome.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process of becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church. R.C.I.A. is also for baptized Catholic adults who need to receive the other sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation). This process addresses the total formation of the person by focusing on believing with the Church community (doctrinal formation), living with the Church community (practical formation), praying with the Church community (liturgical formation), and serving the Church community (apostolic formation). This gradual development culminates in the celebration of the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist at Easter Time. A person may join the R.C.I.A. process at any time during the year. R.C.I.A. information packages are available and may be picked up at the front desk of the Administration Building.

When:.....Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center - Room 106

Contact:.....Elda Maria Estrada at **478-5007** or
Deacon Norman Kutschenreuter at **478-5060**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Two programs are offered during the year, Spring and Fall, for catechized **adults** who only need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

When:..... Every Monday, beginning February 28, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center - Room 102

Contact:.....Elda Maria Estrada at **478-5007**

THE SACRAMENTS

Classes foster discussions that enable parents and other adults to learn more about the Sacraments. Classes meet monthly with moderator Deacon Norman.

January 23 Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick

February 27 Eucharist "...source & summit of the Christian life."

March 27 Matrimony in the 21st Century

April 17 Confirmation

When:.....Following the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass until 8:30 PM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center - Room 106

For more information contact: Deacon Norman Kutschenreuter at **478-5060**

Lenten Services & Liturgies – 2011

MARCH 9, 2011 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Times and Services are published in the Church bulletin.

MARCH 28, 29, 30 – LENTEN MISSION

The Lenten Mission welcomes all seeking to realize their destiny as beloved people of God. Come for the entire mission or any nights you can attend. In the tradition of Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we prepare ourselves to move more deeply into the mystery of Easter. A special invitation is extended to those who have been away from the Church.

Where:.....St. Matthew Catholic Church from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Facilitator:.....Reverend David Cruz

APRIL 7, 2011 – PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The Lenten Penitential Services will be held in the Church beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 7. There will be 15 to 20 priests present.

EASTER TRIDUUM

The days from Holy Thursday Evening to Easter Sunday Evening are celebrated as one great feast called the Easter Triduum, the most solemn celebration of the Church. We invite each of you to observe this truly holy week by participating in the following services and liturgies:

APRIL 21 – HOLY THURSDAY – 7:30 PM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet. This Liturgy recalls the institution of the Eucharist; the establishment of the Priesthood; and our call as people of God to serve one another. It will be followed by the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Exposition will follow until midnight. We ask that you come according to the alphabetical schedule published in the Church bulletin.

APRIL 22 – GOOD FRIDAY – 12:00 NOON, 3:00 PM, AND 7:00 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Good Friday service includes the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. **The Living Stations** will be the **ONLY** devotional held for the Stations of the Cross. The Living Stations will begin at 2:00 PM in the Church.

APRIL 23 – EASTER VIGIL – (HOLY SATURDAY) & APRIL 24 – EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) on April 23, 2011 in the Church beginning at 8:30 PM.

Easter Sunday (Sunrise Service) on April 24, 2011 at 6:00 AM will be held at the Devotional/Recreational Park (weather permitting) on Wurzbach between Vance Jackson and Lockhill-Selma.

7:30 AM – Church

11:15 AM – McDonald Center – Children's Liturgy

9:15 AM – Church

12:45 PM – Church – Spanish Mass

11:00 AM – Church

6:00 PM – Church

Please consult your bulletin for possible changes.

Retreats

A.C.T.S.

An A.C.T.S. retreat is a weekend presented by fellow parishioners and is patterned after the description of the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:42-47); breaking bread together, worshipping together, receiving instruction together, sharing in common, and reaching out in loving service. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen faith and its application in daily life, provide spiritual renewal and build lasting friendships through community and service.

2011 A.C.T.S. WOMEN'S RETREAT

January 13-16 at Omega

2011 A.C.T.S. MEN'S RETREAT

February 17-20 at Oblate

2011 A.C.T.S. TEEN'S RETREAT

June 16-19 at TECABOCA

2011 A.C.T.S. WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 8-11 at Oblate

For more information: See Church bulletin, visit A.C.T.S. link on the St. Matthew website at www.stmatts-sa.org or contact A.C.T.S. Parish Liaison, Beth Duarte, at **478-5006**.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: "CAN YOU DRINK THIS CUP?"

"Can You Drink this Cup?" is a silent Lenten retreat for all women seeking to cultivate a more profound and intentional way to live as a disciple of Christ. This retreat is based on the book, which will be provided; by Henri Nouwen entitled *Can You Drink the Cup?*

Reflecting on Jesus' question to his disciples, retreatants will be invited to explore:

What is the meaning of the Cup for you?

Where does Christ's Cup touch your life?

How can this book help you celebrate Lent this year?

Join us in this one and a half-day silent retreat. As seating is limited, please register early and no later than February 14. You may register by mail or drop off your registration form at the front desk of the Administration Building. A non-refundable \$20 registration fee reserves your seat and includes both lunch and book.

When:.....Friday, February 18 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM &
Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where:.....St. Matthew's Vance Jackson House #1 (at 11031 Vance Jackson)

For information contact: Ana Bernal at **823-7742** or Sylvia Hernandez at **535-9500**.

FAMILY RETREAT

The parish family retreat affords families the opportunity to break away from the "busy-ness" of life and spend quality time in prayer, conversation, relaxation, and recreation. The retreat is held in the beautiful Texas Hill Country and is open to our entire parish family.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Registration forms will be available in late January and will be located in the Church Foyer and Church Administration Building.

When:.....Friday, February 25 through Sunday, February 27

Where:.....Singing Hills at HEB Foundation Camp

Cost:.....To be announced in Church bulletin

For more information contact:.....Beth Duarte at **478-5006**

Family Resources

COVENANT OF LOVE

A PARISH-BASED MARRIAGE MINISTRY PROGRAM

Married couples are invited to join this new program designed to build and enrich Christ-centered marriages. This program will enable couples to grow in their relationship with Christ and with each other. It meets once a month to educate, strengthen, promote and advocate the splendor and truth of God's plan for marriage.

When:.....Last* Monday evening of each month at 7:00 PM
January 31, February 28, March 21, April 25, May 23, June 27
*Except March 21 and May 23

Where:Parish Hall

For more information contact:.....Ed and Kathy Batis at **493-9422**

Website for more info: <http://covenantoflove.org/welcome/>

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

QUESTION & ANSWER PANEL DISCUSSION

What is NFP? How is NFP different from what was called "the Rhythm Method"? How does NFP help those having trouble conceiving? How does NFP help those with a serious reason to postpone pregnancy? Can NFP work with irregular cycles? Get answers to YOUR questions by dropping them in a box or asking from the audience. Come and learn about cutting edge Reproductive Science and NaPro Technology. A diverse panel includes the valuable perspectives of an OB/GYN medical doctor, NFP teaching couple, Licensed Professional Counselor, Priest, and NFP practicing couple. This FREE event is presented by The Couple to Couple League of San Antonio and the Archdiocese of San Antonio Office Marriage and Family Life and NFP. As limited childcare is available, please call Shelley at # 694-9432 to make childcare reservations no later than February 3.

When:.....Thursday, February 17 from 7:00-9:00 PM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center Rm. 106

For more info contact:.....Shelley Davis at **694-9432**

Website for more info: www.cclsanantonio.org

COUNSELING BY APPOINTMENT

Counseling facilitates your journey to become the person you want to be by assessing you and your situation and by planning and adopting a strategy that empowers you to reach your goals. Counseling can help you deepen self-understanding; become more comfortable in relationships; identify and explore alternatives; and grow through life's stages.

Contact:..... Maria Leavy Hoelscher, PhD, at **478-5005** or
Judith Poston, LCSW, at **478-5016**

HELPFUL WEBSITE RESOURCES

www.dads.org (Christian Fatherhood & Marriage Builders for Catholic Dads)
www.drray.com (Dr. Ray Guarendi: parenting and family relationships)
www.exceptionalmarriages.com (Dr. Greg Popcak: marriage and parenting)
www.fertilitycare.org (Women's health, family planning, NaProTechnology)
www.maritalhealing.com (Marital conflict resolution)

Family Resources

DECLARATION OF NULLITY (ANNULMENT WORKSHOP)

Rev. Dennis Aréchiga and Carmen Mason, a former member of the Marriage Tribunal, will hold a workshop on the Declaration of Nullity, commonly called the Annulment Workshop. This is an informational and educational session concerning annulment in the Archdiocese of San Antonio where attendees will do a “walk through” of the actual petition. Anyone who wishes to learn about the process and deepen one’s knowledge in regard to Catholic annulment is welcome.

When:.....Wednesday, March 2 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where:.....St. Matthew Parish Hall

Facilitators:.....Fr. Dennis Aréchiga and Carmen Mason

Contact:.....Carmen Mason at **492-2401**

DIVORCE RECOVERY GROUP

This 8 session series helps persons cope with the loss of a relationship. Watch Church bulletin for updates.

When:.....2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where:.....St. Matthew Administration Building Room 200

Contact:.....Maria Leavy Hoelscher, PhD, at **478-5005**

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

This supportive ministry meets at 7:00 PM on the 4th Monday of each month. For meeting locations or more information please contact Norma Willett at **561-0581**.

SENIOR CENTER

The door is open at the St. Matthew Senior Center! Smiling eyes, great handshakes, friends, and a meal are waiting to greet you. We invite you to join us for a time of sharing, caring, and social activities. Anyone age 60 and over is welcome to join in the daily activities. A nutritional lunch is served at 11:15 AM with required registration. A donation of 50 cents for lunch is appreciated. People needing transportation to the Senior Center can have bus pick-up arranged if they live within St. Matthew’s parish boundaries. A donation is appreciated for transportation service! Optional weekly activities include:

Monday: Bingo

Tuesday: Bunco and Quilting

Wednesday: Quilting, Bingo, and Dance Therapy Class (registration required with the City Lunch Program to attend Dance Class)

Thursday: Instructional Art Class with Ceramics and Jewelry Making every other week

Friday: Bingo

When:..... Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), from 7:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Where:.....St. Matthew Parish Hall

Note:.....Days, times and activities are subject to change

Contact:.....Georgia Wall at **478-5017**

Sacred Scripture Studies

ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA: SAN MATEO

Todos son bienvenidos. En el Año A litúrgico escuchamos cada domingo del evangelio según San Mateo. Nuestro grupo de estudio de Biblia profundizará su conocimiento de los rasgos del evangelista. Además este grupo discutirá como vivir el mensaje de Jesús a la vida cotidiana.

Cuando:.....Cada viernes

Hora:.....de las 7:30 PM a 8:30 PM

Donde:.....Centro Familiar McDonald – Salón 104

Quien lo imparte:.....P. Valentín Gallegos

JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING **GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY**

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Like the book of Proverbs, it is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers “pearls for wise living” by applying the wisdom of James to the present. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

Melly Trakas facilitates this FREE class. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Jeff Cavins’ insightful DVD presentations reveal life lessons that lead to authentic happiness.

When:.....Begins Wednesday, January 5 until June 1, 2011 from 8:15 – 8:45 AM*

* Classes meeting on Jan. 5, Feb. 9, and March 2 begin early, at 8:00 AM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center room 106

Contact:.....Contact Melly Trakas at **699-0284**

Website: <http://www.ascensionpress.com/shop/Scripts/prodList.asp?idCategory=144>

ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM **GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY**

This study illustrates how Christ’s Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament.

No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Small groups meet to discuss questions taken from the lesson. Then all view a Jeff Cavins video presentation on the lesson. Three different class times are available. Registration is FREE and the cost of notebook/materials is \$30.

Sunday mornings, resumes January 9 until April 10, 2011

(Jeff Cavins DVD presentation only & this Sun. AM class is FREE)

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM in McDonald Family Center room 102

This class meets on Jan 9 & 23; Feb 6, 13, 27; Mar 6 & 27; Apr 3 & 10.

Tuesday mornings, resumes January 11 until March 29, 2011

9:45 AM – 12:00 noon in the McDonald Family Center

Wednesday evenings, resumes January 5 until March 23, 2011

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the McDonald Family Center room 103

Contact:.....Christine Lopez, Adult Education Office at **478-5018**

Website: <http://www.ascensionpress.com/shop/Scripts/prodList.asp?idCategory=75>

Sacred Scripture Studies

REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME **GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY**

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Small groups meet to discuss questions taken from the lesson. Then all view a Jeff Cavins video presentation on the lesson. Registration is FREE and the cost of notebook/materials is \$23. Please call to register for this class, as space is very limited.

When:.....Begins Tuesday, January 4 until March 22, 2011 from 9:45 AM-12:00 Noon

Where:.....Administration Building Room 201

Contact:.....Christine Lopez, Adult Education Office at **478-5018**

Website: <http://www.ascensionpress.com/shop/Scripts/prodList.asp?idCategory=84>

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES **THURSDAY EVENING IGNATIUS CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY**

Engage in a penetrating study of The Acts of the Apostles using the biblical text itself and the Church's own guidelines for understanding the Bible. Ample commentary is provided by renowned Bible teachers Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch, as well as time-tested interpretations from the Fathers of the Church. These helpful study notes contribute rich historical, cultural, geographical or theological information pertinent to the Gospel – information that bridges the distance between the biblical world and our own. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Small groups discuss questions taken from the lesson. Then all gather for enthusiastic and dynamic presentations by Dr. Bob O'Connor, Religious Studies professor from St. Mary's University. Registration is FREE and the cost of the book is \$10.

When:.....Resumes Thursday, January 6 until May 12 from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM

Where:.....St. Matthew School Cafeteria

Contact:.....Christine Lopez, Adult Education Office at **478-5018**

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline study enables participants to read through the Bible historically while learning the “big picture” of salvation history. This course covers salvation history from Genesis through the coming of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. Come learn how the people, places, and events of the Bible fit together in God's plan of salvation history. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Small groups meet to discuss questions and then all view a Jeff Cavins video presentation on the lesson. Registration is FREE and the cost of notebook/materials is \$40.

When:.....Resumes Wednesday, January 5 until April 20, 2011 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Where:.....Administration Building Room 201

Contact:.....Christine Lopez, Adult Education Office at **478-5018**

Website: <http://www.ascensionpress.com/shop/Scripts/prodList.asp?idCategory=33>

Resources for Spiritual Growth

THAT MAN IS YOU!

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program aimed at development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

When:.....Begins Tuesday, January 11th from 5:45 AM to 7:00 AM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center Gym

Contact:.....Robert Comer at **859-8817**

Website for more info: <http://www.paradisusdei.org/tmiy/index.asp>

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Volunteers of all ages are welcome! The Respect Life Ministry serves the community of St. Matthew by fostering greater awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, and opposing the culture of death, from natural conception to natural death. This is accomplished through parish-based activities that:

- promote a prayer and liturgical ministry specifically for respect-life issues
- keep parishioners informed about San Antonio area respect-life functions, organizations, resources, and activities
- involve other parish organizations with new and existing respect-life activities
- provide educational resources concerning Church teaching on the sanctity of life
- provide support and resources for crisis pregnancy mothers and women who have experienced abortion

For more information contact:.....Deacon Pete Cuellar at **410-7591**

MONTHLY RETREATS

KNOWLEDGE THAT LEADS TO LOVE

January 25: Learning How to Pray with Your Whole ♥

February 22: Hungering and Thirsting for the Living God

March 22: Learning How to Establish a *Covenant of Protection* with God

April 26: Learning from the Wisdom of the Desert Fathers

***May 31:** Encountering the Flame of Love of the Immaculate ♥ of Mary

***June 28:** Deepening Our Relationship with the Father

When:.....Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center Room 103 *Room 106 during May & June*

Cost:.....\$10.00 each retreat

For more information contactElda Maria Estrada at **478-5007**

HELPFUL WEBSITE RESOURCES

www.archsa.org (Archdiocese of San Antonio)

www.catholic.com (Catholic Answers: the “what” & “why” of Church teaching)

www.gronline.info (Guadalupe Radio Network: Catholic radio station)

www.usccb.org (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

www.vatican.va/ (Vatican documents, Code of Canon Law)

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YOUNG CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY YC³ (18-40)

Mission Statement: We are a Catholic fellowship of Young Adults that strives to foster a closer union with God through serving each other, the parish of St. Matthew, and the community at large. Please consult our Church bulletin for activities, locations, dates and times. For more information or to receive a monthly mailing, contact Beth Duarte in the Adult Education Office at **478-5006** or **stmatts_yc3@yahoo.com**

ST. MATTHEW SINGLES 40+

All legally single adults are welcome to attend Scripture Studies and discussion every Sunday morning. Join us in the McDonald Family Center Room 101 for coffee, snacks, and reflections on Sunday Scripture. Fellowship with other Catholic singles begins Sunday at 9:30 AM followed by 11:00 AM Mass. The group's lunch after Mass is enjoyed at various local restaurants.

In addition to spiritual growth, SMS 40+ members also meet for companionship, social events, and service to the community every 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday at the Vance Jackson House #1. See the parish website for current calendar and 3rd Thursday restaurant dining location.

For information contact: Gloria at **602-4498**, Carol at **432-2486**, or Gil at **262-1818**.

SINGLES ISSUES

A 6-week series covering topics important to singles, especially those re-entering the singles world following the loss of a relationship. Please check Church bulletin for updates.

Contact:.....Maria Leavy Hoelscher, PhD, at **478-5005**

VIDEO/DVD LIBRARY

Look, listen and learn in the comfort of your own living room. Check out a video tape or DVD from St. Matthew library in the Administration Building. Topics include the Bible, Church, Faith, Prayer, Sacraments, Saints, Social Issues, and many others. There are also a number of children's titles, especially stories from the Bible.

When:..... Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Contact:.....Sr. Lucille Gardner, OP at **478-5036**

HELPFUL WEBSITE RESOURCES

www.biblechristiansociety.com (Free apologetics resources)

www.catholicculture.org (News & commentary, Liturgical Year readings/prayers/activities)

www.catholiceducation.org (online resource library for faith & culture)

www.catholicexchange.com (Contemporary commentary on growth, work, relationships)

www.catholicity.com (Free Catholic CDs, Intro. to the Devout Life, Catechism)

www.catholicnews.com (Catholic news headlines, movie reviews, & more)

www.ewtn.com (Eternal Word Television Network: Catholic TV)

www.newadvent.org (Catholic commentary, Encyclopedia, Church Fathers, Summa Theologica)

www.salvationhistory.com (St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology: Scripture study resources)

www.theologyofthebody.net (Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body)

www.veritasfinancialministries.com (Finances management & stewardship)

Resources for Spiritual Growth

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

You are encouraged to take part in a Small Christian Community of fellowship and spiritual growth. Participation can be especially valuable as you leave the mountain top experience of an A.C.T.S. retreat, the R.C.I.A., or ALPHA Course. Groups of 2-15 people gather to pray, read, and study Scripture. These small groups offer opportunities to share and deepen faith experiences while providing mutual support and encouragement in the quest for holiness. There are existing Small Christian Communities in our parish. If you are interested in starting or joining one of these Communities, please call Beth Duarte in the Adult Education Office at **478-5006**.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

This devotional group meets every second and fourth Monday night of the month to experience the richness of our Catholic faith. The cenacle encourages all to grow in their understanding and appreciation of God's great mercy by participating in an evening of song, prayer, discussion of Scripture, and the writings of St. Faustina. Come and learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the dying and for the souls in Purgatory.

When:.....2nd and 4th Monday nights, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where:.....Administration Building Room 201

Contact:.....Glen or Charlotte Jones at **479-0039**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

This prayer group welcomes newcomers. This form of Christian prayer, rooted in the Gospel and the letters of St. Paul, was taught by St. John Cassian and the 4th century Desert Fathers. It is also found in the 14th century spiritual classic, *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, seeks God in the silence and stillness beyond word and thought. The one hour meeting includes quiet music; a short taped talk on meditation by Fr. John Main, O.S.B.; 25 minutes of silent meditation; and is followed by a question and answer period.

When:.....Every Wednesday night from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where:..... St. Matthew School Music Room

Contact:.....Sr. Bernice Lindsey, O.S.B. at **445-1107**

HELPFUL WEBSITE RESOURCES

www.catholic.net (Catechesis, devotions, family, lifestyle, finances)

www.catholicscomehome.org (Resources for returning Catholics)

www.chastity.com (Authentic human love & Romance without regret)

www.cuf.org (Faith Facts & multiple links to various Catholic resources)

www.decentfilms.com (Film appreciation & criticism informed by Christian faith)

www.ebreviary.com (Liturgy of the Hours)

www.gracebeforemeals.com (Delicious recipes, dinner dialogue, and more)

www.priestsforlife.org (Pro-Life resources, healing after abortion)

www.religiouslife.com (Promotes & supports vocations to the consecrated life)

www.thesacredpage.com (Blog by 3 Catholic Ph.D.s of Scripture & Theology)

www.zenit.org (International news & the world as seen from Rome)

www.vocationboom.com (Discernment of priesthood as a vocation & mission)

Consolation Ministries

Consolation Ministries provides assistance in death and dying. Parishioners may contact the office when:

- Someone you love is dying and you want to prepare yourself
- Someone you love is in hospice and you want to know what's ahead
- You are ill and want to prepare for your death and funeral
- You or a loved one want to make end-of-life decisions
- You or someone you know has suffered the loss of a loved one and need to talk with someone.

For more information contact:.....Sr. Lucille Gardner, OP at **478-5036**

“NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF MY DEATH”

Make funeral and liturgy arrangements in advance as one last wonderful gift you can give your loved ones. Making advance arrangements frees your loved ones from making hasty and perhaps expensive decisions. It also enables you to make a statement of your values and the meaning you find in life and death. The seminar provides information to make knowledgeable decisions regarding end-of-life, choosing a funeral home and cemetery, and planning for the liturgies surrounding death and eternal life. Please check Church bulletin for more details.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

This 6-week seminar is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years or so. Group conversations help with the emotional, physical, spiritual, and psychological impact of loss. Notice of dates and times will be posted in the Church bulletin.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS: COPING WITH DEATH

Grieving the loss of a spouse is a difficult, long, lonely journey. An ongoing support group enables those who have lost a spouse to share with others who have experienced the same loss. All who have lost a spouse through death within the past few years are welcome.

When:.....1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center - Room 104

Contact:.....Lupe or Bruce Orey at **348-6199** or Sister Lucille Gardner, OP at **478-5036**

LIBRARY FOR THE GRIEVING

Books, DVDs, and CDs on loss and grieving can be checked out through the ministry office. Small “Care-Notes” are also available in the waiting area of the Administration Building.

SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF LOVED-ONE’S SUICIDE

This supportive group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health at **616-0885**.

For more information contact: SOLOS Facilitator, Tony Mata at **885-7069** or visit the SOLOS website at **www.solossa.org**