

## Adult Faith Formation opportunities at St. Isidore Barbara Ann Brumm DCRE

Ongoing adult faith formation, by which people consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer, and study, is vital to the life of the Catholic Church and to the relationship that each individual shares with God and the Christian community. St. Isidore Catholic Community (Sacred Heart/Visitation) offers many opportunities for growth in faith.

One of the primary sources of adult faith is attending Mass every Sunday with discussion and action upon the readings, the Gospel, and the homilies of each Sunday Mass. Other opportunities for adult faith formation offered include Bible study, learning/discussion gatherings on faith topics, several Sunday Scripture study groups, R.C.I.A, Social Justice Events, Liturgical/Seasonal presentations and gatherings, and Student Faith Formation programs. In the planning stages of a Men's faith sharing Group and a Witness "Faith Alive" faith sharing group.

There are various opportunities for growth in one's relationship with God such as annual Women's and Men's Christian Experience Weekends, First Friday of the Month Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Visitation Church after Mass, several Scripture/faith sharing groups, and several Diocesan on-line and local activities.

Non-gathered forms of faith formation and spiritual growth are: Growing in Faith- Bulletin insert. Partners in Faith- Parent monthly newsletter. Daily meditation booklets, "Give Us This Day", "The Word Among Us", "Living Faith", "The Witness", and numerous resource books.

If you are interested in leading a faith formation session or attending any of the formation opportunities listed below, please contact Barbara Ann Brumm, DCRE at 641-710-2441 or -641-732-4342. We presently have an Adult Faith Formation team which is actively working on meeting the Faith formation needs of the Parishioners at St. Isidore Catholic Community.

### **Gathered: Adult Faith Formation**

#### **Bible Study:**

- **Studying the Gospels Mini Course**

To understand another person we must come to know that person's background including family and place of origin, historical setting, and world events that influenced that person's values and beliefs. Since Christianity is rooted in the beliefs, practices, and world view of Judaism, having a basic understanding of Judaism is a great help in understanding the Gospels.

Join us in exploring Jewish thought and the world into which Jesus was born. This mini-course will consist of eight 1 1/2 hour sessions on the following topics.

1. One-hour DVD on Judaism
2. Where and when the story of Jesus happened
3. Explore the kind of Messiah the Jews expected
4. Groups within Jewish society
5. Religious institutions and worship
6. Sources of the Gospel stories
7. The formation of the Gospels
8. Analyzing the Gospels from various approaches

**September 26 through November 14.**

**Pending to continue with Text January 2013 – 6 weeks-**

- **Sunday Scripture:**
  - Date: September *through* May
  - Time: *Thursday -9:30am. Friday – 9:00am.*
  - Location: *Sacred Heart Faith Formation Center ( School)*
- Sunday Scripture:
  - Date: September through May
  - Time: Friday 9:00am.
  - Location: Sacred heart Faith Formation Center ( School)
- **Sunday Scripture:**
  - Dates: Mondays , *all year long*
  - Time: 1:00pm.
  - Location: *Contact Barb Streit*
- **– CEW – women**
  - Dates: *October 26-27-28 2012*
  - Time: *Fri. night through Sunday afternoon*
  - Location: *Visitation Faith Formation Center*
- **- CEW – men**
  - Dates: *March 15-16-17 - 2013*
  - Time: *Fri night through Sunday afternoon*
  - Location : *Visitation Faith Formation Center*
- **– Seasonal-Liturgical speakers/event**
  - *Experiencing the Message and Mission of Jesus during Advent and/or Lent*
- ***Lenten small group faith sharing***
  - *Monday evenings and Wednesday evenings at Visitation*
  - *Looking into leadership at Sacred Heart Site*

#### **Men's Faith Sharing**

- In process of initiating curriculum, dates site, leadership.

#### **Witness –Faith Alive- Discussion Group**

- In process of initiating sessions, dates, and sites.
- **Diocesan webinars,** Study days, retreats, spiritual growth seminars. Bulletin announcements
  - *Christ our Life Conference Des Moines – Sept 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Info given*
  - *Jesus Alive Archdioceses Adult Catholic Conference. Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>- Waterloo*

## Non-gathered

- **1 – Growing in Faith**
  - Monthly publication Bulletin insert
- **2 Partners – Faith Formation Parents**
  - Monthly publications with FF monthly publications.
- **3 – – Witness**
- **4 -Resource books.** Spiritual reading. *Resource books for Spiritual reflection available at Cluster office. Book reviews in Newsletter. Welcome books to be shared with other Parishioners. Need book shelves in back of Churches with reading materials*
- **5 – Daily prayers and reflection booklets**
  - **Living Faith**
  - **, The Word among Us**
  - **“Give us this Day”**