

We Pray

O Lord, our God and Creator you taught your chosen disciples that the fear of you is the beginning of true wisdom. You reveal your wisdom to children and teach your law to all who have seek you in purity of heart. Open our hearts and minds. Enable us to receive the power of your law and to comprehend your teachings. Help us to understand your perfect will and contribute to the building up of your holy Church.

Deliver us from every snare of the enemy, preserve us in the true faith, righteousness



and purity all the days of our lives. May we grow in wisdom and in the observance of your commandments. May we be revealed as worshippers of your name and heirs of your Kingdom. Amen.

Returning Catholics

If you've been away from the church, or are drifting away from it; if you've been hurt by the church or are confused or angry because of your Catholic experience, please consider this invitation to come and talk with us.



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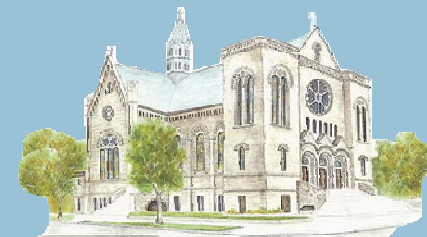
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Do you have...
Questions?
Comments?
Concerns?
Issues?



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listening, witnessing, welcoming, healing ...

Most of us don't have to look very far to find someone in our circle of family and friends who is an inactive Catholic like many of us have been. Many people can't explain why they stopped coming to church except that life just got in the way. Some inactive Catholics bear a tremendous amount of guilt, legitimate anger, or misinformation; some are afraid of rejection if they approach the Church. For a variety of reasons, some may mistakenly think they are excommunicated or unwelcome in the Catholic Church. Many are simply waiting for that invitation to return.



Our parish's Returning Catholics Program is for all Catholics who have been away from the Church for any length of time, regardless of the circumstances. They will be offered basic concepts of the faith; information and dialogue on current church practices and beliefs and personal faith life through discussion, reading materials, and lectures. They will have an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and hopefully feel welcomed back into the church.

St. John's Catholic Community is offering a six week program for Catholics to explore returning to active participation in the Catholic Church. Our next program starts January 6, 2009. Sessions are Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Queen of Peace room below the parish offices. The program provides information about current Church practices and teachings. It is also an opportunity to discuss issues and ask questions.

We invite you and perhaps those you may know who might benefit from this program to join us:

SESSION 1

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CHURCH?
GATHER DESIRES: What do we want to learn?

SESSION 2

CONCEPTS OF GOD AND JESUS
WHAT IS CHURCH ANYWAY?

SESSION 3

HOW DO CATHOLICS USE THE BIBLE?
FAITH / RELIGION: Is there a Difference?
WHAT DOES CONVERSION MEAN TO A CATHOLIC
CATHOLIC VALUES? What Are They?

SESSION 4

CONSCIENCE: Do You Mean, "Do What You're Told?"
THE SACRAMENTS: CONFESSION (Reconciliation)
EUCHARIST

SESSION 5

MARRIAGE: Divorce, Annulment, Remarriage
OUR BLESSED MOTHER and the SAINTS

SESSION 6

REFLECTION, RESOLVE, RE-ENTER?
CLOSING LITURGY

When:

Winter - 2009

January 6 – February 10

Spring - 2009

April 21 – May 26

Where:

Queen of Peace Room
(in the basement of the parish offices)

Time:

Tuesday evenings, 7–9 pm

OTHER RESOURCES

www.catholicscomehome.org

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