

Adult Faith Formation

August - September 2017

St. Lawrence Church



Contemplation: Union With God

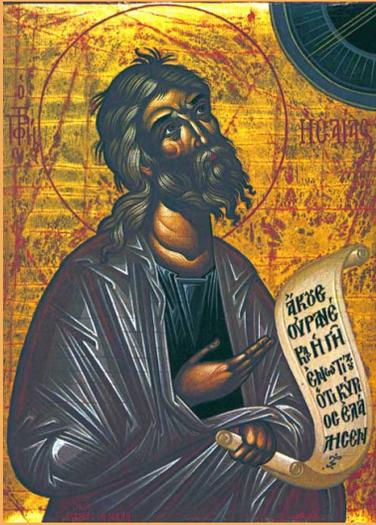
Fr. Thomas Dubay has a lecture DVD series that gives a complete treatment on the origins and concept of contemplative prayer. Our sessions will offer both information about this ancient practice also known as Centering Prayer as well as time in class to practice it. All are welcomed. Diane Maguire will offer sessions on **Monday, August 14, 28 and September 11, 25 at 10:00 a.m. and repeated on Thursday nights, August 17, 24 and September 14 and 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Divine Mercy room. Questions? Contact [Diane](#).

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Marian Monahan is a trained and experienced spiritual director. Rather than *telling* you what God wants you to do she will *listen* in order to help you discern where the Holy Spirit is leading you in life. She offers individual direction one Thursday a month. In August she will be available on the 17th. There are a limited number of time slots. Contact her at mcmonahan@gmail.com for more details or to schedule an appointment.



People often seek happiness and find suffering instead. In this DVD series, Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J. explores happiness in the light of human transcendence and immortality. Beginning with the commonly held principle that different forms of happiness correspond to different fundamental human desires, Fr. Spitzer guides viewers through four distinct but related sources of happiness (pleasure, achievement, contribution, transcendence), showing how they form a hierarchy and explaining why only the highest level (transcendent happiness) will ultimately fulfill us. Along the way he presents riveting evidence for our spiritual nature from philosophy, psychology, and contemporary studies of near-death experiences and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is followed by an investigation into the mystery of suffering that begins with the parable of the Father of the Prodigal Son. He also explains why an unconditionally loving God would allow suffering and also offers guidance on how to suffer well. Frances Alkire will facilitate these sessions on **Thursday, August 3, 17, 31 and September 14 and 28** at 10:00 a.m. in the Divine Mercy room. To reserve your copy of a



THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Earl Beck will offer a four session study on the book of Isaiah at 10:00 a.m. in the Divine Mercy room. The schedule is as follows: **August 24--** ISAIAH: Three prophets--one book which illustrates both the nature of biblical prophecy and the faith of a people in ever changing political and religious circumstances. Isaiah's overriding theme of the holiness of God and some marked differences in Jewish and Christian interpretations of portions of Isaiah.

September 7--First Isaiah: The effect that the political climate of the times has upon the message of Isaiah; his absolute trust in the covenant relationship of the Lord and his people; the ideal king and temple; the theme of the faithful remnant; First Isaiah's effect on some future Christian concepts.

September 21--Second Isaiah: The exile in Babylon; the 'pathway through the wilderness' prepared for those returning from exile to their homeland in a 'Second Exodus'; Cyrus, the pagan messiah of Yahweh; the four Suffering Servant songs and their marked significance for Christians.

October 5--Third Isaiah: An exiled people have returned to their homeland, but now they must face the harsh reality of that return; the demands related to social changes; the true worship of Yahweh; the 'Gathering of the Nations'- the powerful, always relevant ending to the book of the Prophet Isaiah.



HEAT Class: August 13 at 6:15 p.m.

Save the date and plan to attend this Home Energy Audit Training (HEAT) class in the Divine Mercy room put on by the Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL). This is the group that awarded our parish a grant to become more energy efficient. The purpose of this session is to teach you about ways you can save money and energy in your own home. Questions? Contact [Jim Nolan](#). Class is limited to 30 people. To reserve your spot and free gift bag sign up at info@gipl.org



ALPHA

Share a meal. Encounter Christ. It's that simple. No pressure. No charge. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run all around the globe. All adults 18 and over are welcome! Alpha will begin on Sunday September 10 and will run for 11 weeks from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Bring your spouse! Invite a friend! All adults are welcome! Sign up at www.saintlaw.org. Questions? Contact Kelly, Pastoral Associate-Evangelization, at kschreckenberger@saintlaw.org.

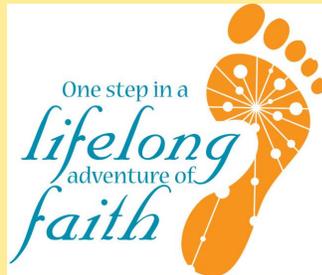


Arise Together in Christ/Levantate is a parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others and is offered in both English and Spanish.



Arise emphasizes people living in good relationship with one another, as they make concrete applications of the gospel to their life situations in small groups. Newcomers are always welcome to join Arise at the start of each season. Small groups meet in homes or at church throughout the week for 90 minutes each week for six weeks. Fall 2017/ Season Three: In the Footsteps of Christ begins the week of October 8 and reflects on our fundamental believe that God in Christ chose to walk with us on our path through life and that the risen Christ now walks with us. Sign up at

www.saintlaw.org. Contact Kelly Schreckenberger for more information-
kschreckenberger@saintlaw.org



Christian Initiation of Adult and Children (RCIA)

Do you have a child over the age of 7 that has never been baptized or children baptized but not in the Catholic faith that you want to celebrate First Holy Communion? If so, now is the time to contact [Gloria Kennerty](#) or call her at 770-963-8992 ext 219 to

begin the enrollment process as classes begin September 11.

Are you an adult that was never baptized but now is seeking a life in Christ or a Christian who now wants to join the Catholic faith? Contact [Diane Maguire](#), Director of Faith Formation for more details or to set up an initial interview. There is no obligation to join the Church but this us an opportunity to ask any questions about the Catholic way of life in Christ.

Infant Baptism Class Schedule



Parents seeking to have a child under the age of seven baptized attend a sacrament preparation class on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. The next classes are scheduled for August 19 and September 16. This is the link to [register](#) online. Contact Jessica [Thornhill](#) for more details or call her at 470-201-0650.

WOMAN TO WOMAN



This group of about thirty women meet weekly on Tuesday mornings for two hours of faith and fellowship starting at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in Johnson Hall. We base our faith sharing on the upcoming Sunday readings. Child care is provided in the nursery by Rita and Kathy so that women with young children can attend. For more information contact [Diane Maguire](#) at 770-963-8992 ext 223. No previous Bible study experience is necessary, just a desire to know the Lord better and make new friends. Try us...you can attend whenever your schedule allows.



Parish Library

Are you looking for inspiring reading for you or your children? Stop by our parish library upstairs in room 209. It is literally full of books to enrich your summer leisure. Contact [Pam Ullrich](#) to sign up for a library card. Please note that our children's collection is across the hall in room 210.



Catholic Updates

These are brief but informative pamphlets on a variety of faith topics. There usually are paper copies available from the Literature rack in the main hallway but now you can read selected issues online as our parish has an online digital subscription to Ligouri Publication's "Catholic Update." To access them click on this link: <http://www.saintlaw.org/catholic-update-2/>

Note: This email contains the new or special programs for adult faith formation at the parish that will be offered in the next two months. An annual brochure that lists those regular programs that are offered weekly or monthly throughout the year is available from the literature rack. In addition be sure to read the weekly notices in the parish bulletin; check the hall monitors; download our parish APP (text App to 88202), visit our parish website and Facebook so you don't miss out.

Christ's Peace,

Diane

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