

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Francis De Sales Parish,

Adult Faith Formation begins this year again meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. We are excited to bring forth our Faith, Our Bible study, Our teachings and Our spirituality to you.

As we resume classes, we intend to continue our tradition of education and faith building among our parishioners with a welcome to any adults interested in growing in their faith and relationship with Christ, Mary His Mother and saints.

This year we are going to finish our coverage of church teaching by delving into the councils of the church. We assure you that if you are interested in truth, history and learning, you will find these classes interesting, entertaining and highly informative.

One of the early Church Fathers, St. Jerome said “ Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”. He was the one responsible for translating the Bible into the Latin Vulgate. He views Scripture study as fundamental to Christian life and faith. Similarly, knowledge of Church teachings is essential to us as well. How many of us are equipped enough to defend our faith in today’s world of secularism, totalitarianism and forces of false teaching. In living our call to evangelization are we able to explain the church’s stand on various issues and challenges of the world.

For some of us it may be that we ourselves are questioning the validity of Church teaching. Come talk to us about your doubts and questions.

Once we cover the councils, we are going to address true worship based on Biblical teaching and church traditions.

Please note there are some classes that do not have a topic assigned. Please feel free to bring suggestions for these classes. Once we determine what topics are covered it will be announced in church

Below is the schedule for 2026. We will meet as we usually do, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (except for our first meeting – Jan 28<sup>th</sup>) in the social hall. We begin at 6.30 pm with dinner and then with classes and/or discussions from 7pm – 8pm. We have been able to follow this schedule rather strictly.

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup>** – The Council of Florence

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** – What does it mean to do God’s Will and how do I know I am doing God’s Will.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** – The reformation – Historical outlook

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** – To be determined

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** – Reformation and the Enlightenment -Theological Aspect

**Apr 8<sup>th</sup>** – To be determined

**Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Council of Trent

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – To be determined

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – First Vatican Council

**Jun 10<sup>th</sup>** – To be determined

**Jun 24<sup>th</sup>** – Second Vatican Council

**Jul 8<sup>th</sup>** – To be determined

**Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Worship in the OT

**Aug 12<sup>th</sup>** – To be determined.

**Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** – Worship in the early church

**Sep 9<sup>th</sup>** – To be determined

**Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Worship today

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** - To be determined

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** – Purgatory

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** - To be determined

This schedule is subject to change if it clashes with any church activity. We will keep you informed through church announcements.

Our Email address is for any questions or if you need to get in touch with us:

[adultfaith@stjohns.org](mailto:adultfaith@stjohns.org). Feel free to use this email at any time if you have questions, suggestions and just to present your ideas. Please feel free to contact Winston Arokiasamy, or Joe Walters.

Thank You for your interest and cooperation.

Adult Faith Formation Committee