

ADULTS Never Stop Learning & Growing

Cool Ways to Keep Your Faith "Hot" this Summer

➤ "The Stories Jesus Told"

- Delve into the parables of Jesus
- Contrast the different versions told by each evangelist
- Explore applications to life today

Begins Wed., July 10

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center

Continues for four consecutive Wednesday evenings

Presenter: Father James Conlon (our new parochial vicar)

Here is a special opportunity to learn more about sacred scripture and to get to know our new associate pastor ... don't miss it!



➤ "Introduction to the Bible"

- Join our most requested study
- Learn about the different translations
- Receive help on "Where to begin reading?"
- Discover how the books of the Bible were selected
- Explore the various literary forms used in the scriptures
- Become more comfortable with all those footnotes
- View weekly videotaped presentations by a top biblical scholar
- Participate in related small group faith sharing

Guarantee: After this four-week accelerated study you will feel less intimidated about reading the Bible.

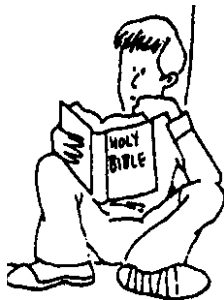
Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

Begins July 11

Join with others in the cool comfort of the parish office meeting room.

Babysitting available

Pre-registration Required - call the Adult Education Office at 821-2125
Cost for materials: \$10



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

You don't want to miss these up-coming events!

Senior Citizens Gather - June 18, 2002 in PAC for "Elderhostel" - travel ideas by Carol & Jerry Rees

Serve Supper to the Hungry - Thursday, July 11, and Thursday, August 8, 2002.

Vacation Bible School on July 15 - 19, 2002!!!

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Having completed their sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, our newly initiated adults and children of catechetical age continue their journey as neophytes for the coming year. Asked to comment on what the RCIA journey has meant to them, some of our neophytes replied:

"There are certain specific events in one's life that are life-altering. RCIA at St. Francis was one of those events for me. Understanding the Catholic religion has brought my family closer as we now worship together."

"The RCIA process has enriched me personally and spiritually. I look forward to sharing the Catholic faith with others."

"I came to see if the Catholic way of life was right for me. I encountered an educational experience that introduced me to the wealth of resources available to help me on my spiritual journey. I experienced a true sense of community that I may become a part of and the acceptance of others in all their diversity that is alive at St. Francis."

"I'd like to thank the people of St. Francis who supported the RCIA process. You have given me the fundamentals for my journey ahead - down the path of spiritual enlightenment - my journey home."

"How do you express everything in your heart due to all the wonderful people and experiences? Joy, peace, grace, love, on and on and on. My heart is so full that it's bursting and I cannot begin to express it."

"This RCIA experience has meant a sense of full-fillment, a sense of comm-unity, a sense of whole-ness, a deeper learning and internal exploration that I would have never imagined. It's redefined my belief in the Catholic Church, my faith in God - in all that is known and unknown - and to unconditionally believe and love in the way He does."

Do you know someone who is seeking a closer relationship with Jesus?

Please extend an invitation to them to consider learning more about the Catholic Church and encourage them to call Pattie Scherer, 821-2122, for further information.

**St. Francis Young Adults,
married or single,
if you still haven't joined us,
this is what You're missing!**



YA²ACHT stands for "Young Ann Arbor Adult Catholics Harboring Together." The goal of St. Francis' Yaacht Club is to provide activities specifically geared toward **young adults in their 20s and 30s, married & single** - a dynamic and resourceful group both in our parish and in the surrounding community.

We have a "4-fold Mission" which is to live as **Disciples of Christ** to share, challenge, and develop spiritually, as **Servants** to minister to and be enriched by serving those in need, as **Friends** to mature and flourish socially, as **Young Adult Professionals** to inspire each other and grow intellectually.

We just finished up our second "Theology-on-Tap" Spring Series at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, our "unofficial" Yaacht Club meeting place! We've also been meeting to celebrate & worship at Mass, bake & serve cookies/dinners at **Ronald McDonald House**, play basketball/volleyball at our "First & Third Friday Open Gym Nights," and meeting for other fun and enriching activities. Still, this is just the beginning. Our crew is constantly navigating for new destinations.

**Interested in joining us?
Please contact us soon!**

For more information on getting involved with the Yaacht Club at St. Francis, please contact Marty Rhein at mrhein@rc.net or call (734) 821-2126.

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**Welcome Adult Singles,
30s on up ~ divorced, widowed,
or never married ~**

We're growing to suit your needs!



**For Adult Singles from 30s on up -
Divorced, Widowed, or Never Married**

The St. Francis Singles Group was developed to provide activities specifically geared toward **single adults**, a vital, active, and gifted group in our parish.

So far this year we've held a number of well-attended: **Wine & Cheese Potluck Socials** where people enjoy a Saturday night with new & old friends amidst food, drink, fellowship, & some local entertainment; "Emmaus" Thursday evening Worship, Scripture reflection, topic discussion & prayer group; We also play basketball/volleyball at our "First/Third Friday Open Gym Nights;" Have **Co-Activities** with other parishes like our well-attended **Spring Singles Appreciation Mass & Brunch** and **Singles Dance**, held in April with Our Lady of Good Council and other local parishes. We share with others too. Our annual "Christmas in April" service project is a fantastic opportunity for us to give something back to the community. So, as you can see we're a well-balanced group. There's no telling where we'll go next so take a chance and join us... you'll be glad you did!

For more information on the St. Francis Singles Group at St. Francis, please contact Marty Rhein at mrhein@rc.net or at (734) 821-2126.



**Attention,
All St. Francis Singles &
Yaacht Club Members...**

Summer Schedule for first and third Friday's "Open Gym Night" (volleyball, basketball, etc.) in the St. Francis of Assisi School Gym from 7pm-9pm. Join us June 7, and 21, July 19th (NO "Open Gym" on July 5th due to holiday weekend) and August 2, and 16. Please enter through the front gym entrance off the Stadium St. parking lot – hope to see you there!