

St. Mary's

Parish Family



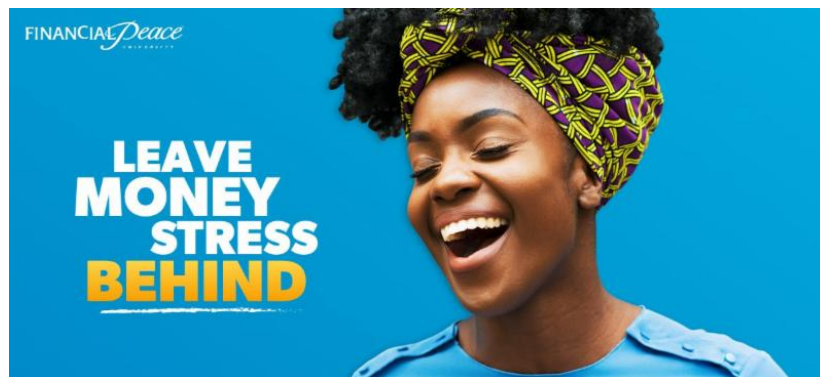
And the Winner is...

The 2019 recipient of the Msgr. Robert Feehan Faithful Servant Award is Alvina Reichert. Alvina generously serves our parish as an usher, gift bearer, assists at funeral luncheons and Sunday fellowship, and serves as a Faith Formation instructor every Wednesday night.

She has been instrumental in developing fundraising ideas for our parish's wonderful Altar Society, of which she currently serves as the president. She organizes and coordinates our annual Fall Dinner. Additionally, several years ago it was her idea to begin hosting card parties on Sunday afternoons and she provides the homemade soup and sandwiches at each event.



The individual who nominated Alvina said of her: *"Her ongoing commitment to our parish is a wonderful example of someone giving freely of her time, talent, and treasure. In addition to continually seeking new ways to assist the parish, she demonstrates a 'roll up your sleeves' approach to turning those ideas into reality."*



Did you know that 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck? Or that 64% of Americans can't cover a \$1,000 emergency? This doesn't have to be true for you! **All you need is a practical plan for your money—and *Financial Peace University* IS that plan!**

In nine easy-to-follow lessons, **you'll learn how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, save for the future, and so much more!**

You're invited to Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* class! If you'd like to learn more about taking control of your money once and for all, check out the class details below:

- Where: St. Mary's Parish Family
806 E Broadway
Bismarck, ND
- When: Thursdays, 6:30 pm March 7 – May 9 (no class April 18)
- \$100 fee covers materials
- If you have attended a class anywhere in the past, you are welcome to join us – no cost!
- Child care will be provided.
- Space is limited – register today!

For more information contact Diane at 223-5562 or dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net

[Register at www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)

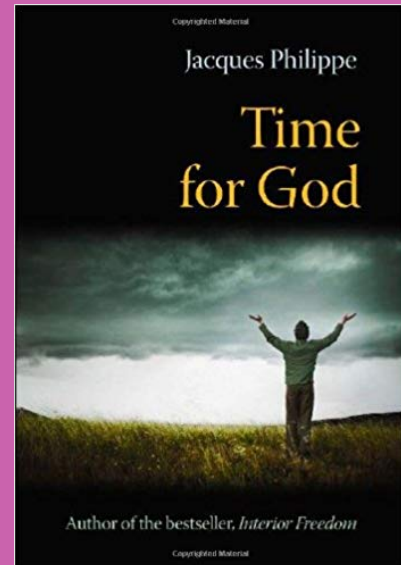
LENT: Worship... prayer... surrender... prepare your hearts!

During the season of Lent, please join us **each Friday for Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm** in the church. After Stations, you are invited to a special Lenten Series entitled, "*Encountering Christ in Prayer.*" These six presentations will take place **every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room.

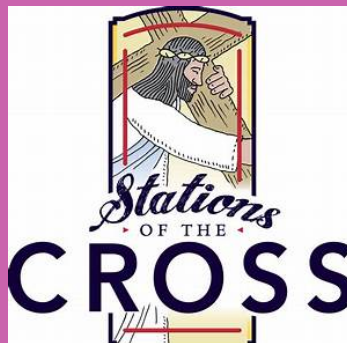
Every person who prays ultimately does so in order to encounter Christ and receive the unconditional and personal love He has for each of us. During this series, Father Johnson will offer practical insights aimed to assist us in facilitating our own personal encounter with Christ in prayer. As part of this series, we will also be using Fr. Jacques Phillippe's international best seller, *Time for God*. This short 120 page book is a must-read for anyone wanting to make better use of their time with God. Books will be available for purchase for \$10 and will be available for sale at each presentation.

The presentations will take place the following Fridays at 7:00 pm:

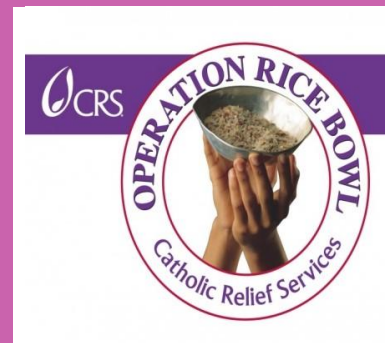
March 8th March 15th March 22nd
March 29th April 5th April 12th



March 6th, 2019
Mass Times
7:00 am
9:00 am
12:10 pm
7:00 pm



Fridays at 6:30 pm in the church
with session on Prayer to follow
in the Multipurpose Space



This Lent, put your faith in action
with CRS Rice
Bowl, Catholic Relief Services'
Lenten program to pray, fast,
learn and give.
Check out their website [Catholic
Relief Services](http://CatholicReliefServices.com)

Join us for an



**evening of
Praise and
Adoration
Thursday, March 7th
7:00 pm**

This time will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, inspiring

music, time for silent prayer and reflection and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This is one more way we can continue to meet Jesus in a personal and life-giving way!

**Make New Friends, But Keep the Old.
One is Silver and the Other Gold!**
New Parishioner Dinner Scheduled for March 12th at 5:30 PM



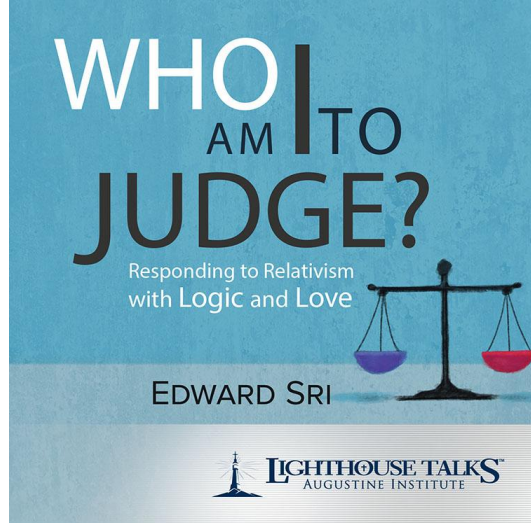
Over the past 15 years, St. Mary's Parish has seen many changes: the completion of the Gathering Space and Multipurpose Room, change in pastors, new staff members, and LOTS of new families. Since 2004, when the addition and renovation of the church was completed, more than half (57%) of our parishioners are new. The average age of these parishioners is around 37 years old. Some of these new members grew up in our parish and have returned "home" while many have found us on their own. "You are a very welcoming parish with lots of kids!", said one member who is married with a 5 and 1 year old. "I love the cards in the pew that welcome parents with children." This is the case with many of those who come to the office to register as new "family" members. Our parish gains around 70 new households each year, ranging from widows and singles to young and older families with multiple children.

If you are new to the parish, please join us for our upcoming **New Parishioner Dinner** to be held on **March 7th at 5:45 pm**. We will serve you a meal and you will have the opportunity to meet our staff and other new parishioners too! Please RSVP to Diane at 223-5562 or dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net by March 3rd if you are planning to attend.

***Who am I to Judge?
Responding to Relativism
with Logic and Love***

FREE! March 13, 20, 27, April 3
Rectory Basement
5:00 PM or 6:30 PM

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you



right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we're afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?

In this small group study program featuring Edward Sri, we'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations — it is an entire way of life.

Contact Sheila Gilbertson for more information
701-223-5562

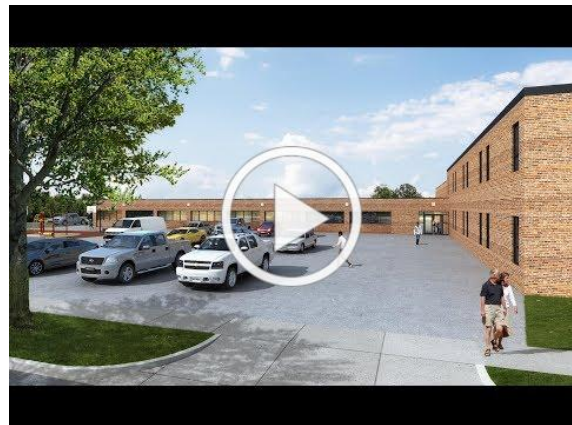


Coming right along

Addition to be completed on time

Take a look at the incredible progress of our project at St. Mary's Grade School! This beautiful school addition is on track to open next fall, with a new library, new music room and five new classrooms for Pre-K and Kindergarten!

Learn more about our Keep the Promise capital campaign and donate online now at keepthepromise.net.



The monthly **Pinochle Card Party** will be **Sunday, March 17** at



Join us for the **Knights of Columbus Breakfast!**

1:00 pm in the Multipurpose room.

There is a \$5 entrance fee with
a prize for the top score.

Lunch will follow.

Sunday, March 3rd

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Msgr. Feehan Hall/School Gym

Homemade buttermilk pancakes, sausage
and eggs will be served. The proceeds will
benefit Home on the Range



Shake it up Cafe is an interactive, energizing,
Bible-based event that will give kids the
recipe for *true happiness!*

\$30 covers daily art projects, music, games,
snacks, and tons of culinary fun!

SAVE THE DATE!

May 28-30, 2019
1-5 pm for kids currently
in grades K-4
St. Mary's Parish
[Register today!](#)



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