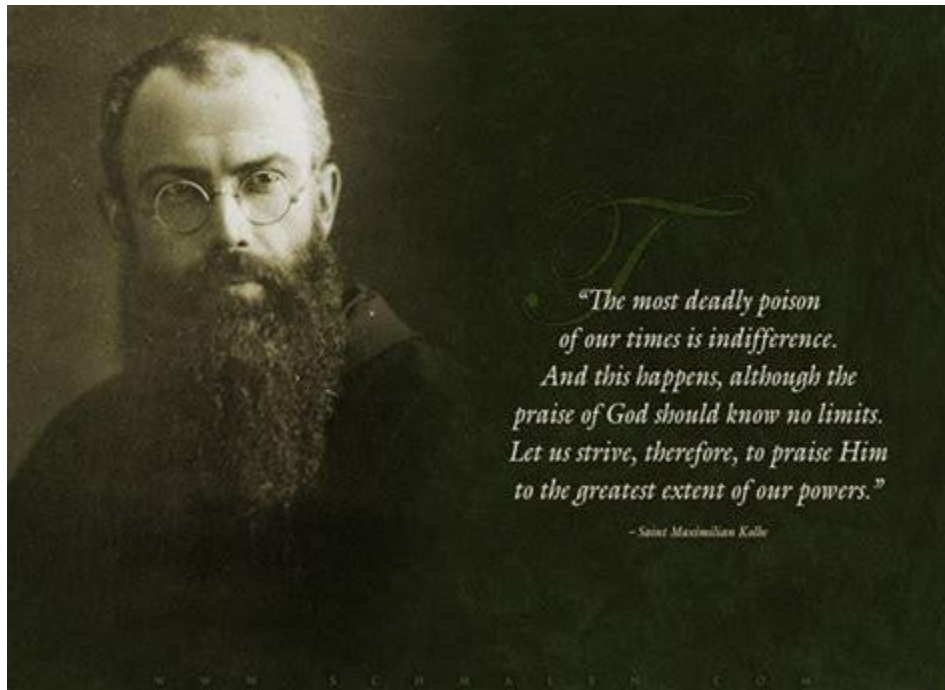


**FROM FATHER JOHN:** *"Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you."*  
~ Psalm 33

***Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you!!!***



I know that all of us want to grow in our faith and in our relationship with our Lord Jesus. After all, if parents send their child to school and he or she graduates the eighth grade, the parents would be very upset if the child graduated from high school with an eighth grade education in math, science, history, reading, writing, grammar, etc. Parents want their children to grow in learning each and every school year. This is reasonable and logical.

Each of us should also want to grow each year in our faith, in our knowledge of our Lord and God, in our capacity to know and love the Lord our God and in our ability to carry out God's will and help build the kingdom of God right here in Channahon, Illinois.

In an endeavor to help all of us grow in our faith, our parish Women's Faith Group has sponsored (meaning paid for) a parish-wide subscription to FORMED, which is a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for children. FORMED has content designed for individuals, for families, for children, for teens either individually or as part of our Youth Group, for young adults, for the elderly, etc. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine

Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism following the teachings of the Church.

You can use all of this content and materials free of charge thanks to our Women's Faith Group.

Individuals and families can use the material on the FORMED website. Our catechists and Youth Minister can use these materials in their ministry with our children and teens. Small faith groups can also use these materials in their faith formation. Our parish will be able to use all of these materials to support our parish ministries and to provide continuing faith formation for all of our parishioners from the very young to the very old.

Access to these materials and content is easy. The content that is provided is designed to support all the people of our parish in their own faith journey. It is a great resource for parents and grandparents who want to pass the faith to their children and grandchildren.

For example, if you've ever been hesitant to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence, you can watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*. If you'd like to be more confident in answering your teens' questions about the validity of the Gospels, you can watch *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*. If you want to find a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues, you can tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*.

If you've ever despaired of finding good movies that your family can enjoy together, you can start with *Mother Teresa*. It's the story of St. Theresa of Calcutta who dedicated her life to bringing hope and love to the poorest of the poor. There are hundreds of other enjoyable movies you can watch as well.

You can access FORMED on your computer. You can access FORMED on your TV if you have a smart TV with web access or a streaming device. You can even listen on your phone as you commute to work or do work around the house.

My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich and deepen you and your family's faith while at the same time inspiring you and your family to an ever greater love for the Lord our God.

I want to thank our Women's Faith Group for sponsoring this service for our entire parish. Their generous spirit and willingness to share this with all of us are truly an inspiration to me in my faith. Please keep the ladies of our Women's Faith Group in your prayers.

To gain access to all of FORMED's content, please follow these simple steps:

1. Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish's zip code
3. Select St. Ann Parish, Channahon, IL
4. Enter your name and your email address

That's it, you're in. Once you do this you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in the app store.

May God Bless you and all those who love the Lord.

