

# **Prayer for QOA School of Discipleship and Small Group Initiatives**

Living God, we come to You with open hands and hearts as we give thanks for all You have given us.

We place our trust in You as we ask for more: help for our parish, Queen of Apostles, to accomplish Your will in our School of Discipleship, specifically in its Small Group initiative.

Please give all parishioners Your love, strength, and understanding to accomplish goals of this endeavor, which are: to become more aware of who You are in our lives and to share that with each other.

We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us. Amen.

**Queen of Apostles School of Discipleship -** Queen of Apostles invites you to continue the journey of exploring Discipleship - what it means individually and as a parish. Here are the next group of offerings in our **School of Discipleship**, and we hope you will take part in one or multiple options. **Please join us!** 

# Winter/Spring 2024

# **QOA Holy Hour** (January)

The U.S. Bishops called for us to take part in a Eucharistic Revival! Join us for a night of worship, music, and Eucharistic Adoration, with refreshments to follow.

Wed., Jan. 31, at QOA; 6-7 p.m.; no registration; FREE! Contact Grace Majewski (gracem@queenofapostles.net / 262-691-1535 x103).

#### Walking With Mary Group (January, March, May, July)

A group with the mission to: 1) encourage one another in our Catholic faith; 2) discuss ways to encourage others in their faith and understanding of growing closer to Jesus through Mary; and 3) promote Marian devotion. Enjoy refreshments, pray, and have interesting discussions in a comfortable, non-judgmental setting.

Meets Every Other Month, 2nd Wed. (Jan. 10, Mar. 13, May 8, Jul. 10); 6:30-8 p.m., QOA parish hall; facilitated by Debbie Bisswurm (bisswurm6@gmail.com).

#### Bible Study - When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship With God (January/February)

This study, presented by Dr. Edward Sri, is about the journey of prayer that God wants to take us on. What God did in the lives of countless saints, He wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us.

Wed., Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 14, 21; 9:45-11 a.m., QOA parish hall; facilitated by Heather Druley (<a href="https://hdruley@gmail.com">hdruley@gmail.com</a>). \$30 for materials (book, workbook, online videos); self-study available upon request.

# Catechist Enrichment Night - "Instilling a Culture of Discernment in Faith Formation" (February)

Fr. John LoCoco, Vocations Director, will share the "common threads" present in families and individuals who are actively seeking God in their lives and how to build some of these threads into our parish offerings. Sponsored by the Waukesha Deanery, which includes QOA.

Thur., Feb. 1; Dinner 6 p.m., Presentation 6:30-8 p.m., St. Dominic, Brookfield; Cost covered by QOA.

Register at: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc517IASjSkr7ol5qsY3c0Op1a0XLuw2xGrzBHJpnj\_nLlvbw/viewform?pli=1">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc517IASjSkr7ol5qsY3c0Op1a0XLuw2xGrzBHJpnj\_nLlvbw/viewform?pli=1</a> or contact Liz Kuhn (lizk@queenofapostles.net / 262-691-1535 x108).

# Winter Weekend Young Adult Retreat - "Be Refreshed and Renewed" (February)

Keynotes, breakouts to process with a smaller group, and space for prayer to encounter and talk with God. Moments of rest and silence, but also opportunities to connect with other amazing young adults.

Fri. (6 p.m.) to Sun. (Noon), Feb. 2-4, Schoenstatt Retreat Center, Waukesha. Cost range of \$90-\$250, depending on lodging options.

Register by Jan. 18 at https://www.brewcitycatholic.com/winter-weekend.html or contact Liz Kuhn (lizk@queenofapostles.net / 262-691-1535 x108).

# Archdiocese of Milwaukee Pallium Lecture: "How Catholic Art Saved Faith - The Triumph of Beauty and Truth" Dr. Elizabeth Lev (February)

An annual event to foster conversation and engage the broader culture through the Catholic intellectual tradition. Dr. Lev, an art historian, author, and tour guide, states that "...when we encounter something beautiful, we are made vulnerable and opened to the truth."

Thur., Feb. 15, 7 p.m., Brookfield Conference Center (325 Moorland Rd./Brookfield Square, Brookfield); Free!

Register at: www.archmil.org/bishops/Pallium-Lecture-Series.htm.

#### Bible Study - Lent Retreat: 1) The Last Supper & The Lost Tribes of Israel, and 2) Holy Week

In this lecture series, Catholic Productions explores the biblical foundations of Catholic faith and theology regarding the events of Holy Week. Presented by Dr. Brant Pitre of the Augustine Institute and a Catholic author.

Wednesdays, Mar. 6, 13, 20; 9:45-11:15 a.m., QOA parish hall; facilitated by Heather Druley (hdruley@gmail.com).

\$5 for materials (handouts) by Jan. 31, \$10 after Feb. 14; self-study available upon request.

#### GalileeU Sessions (April)

Praying the Mass - Fully, Actively, & Consciously. Facilitated by Dr. Mike Brummond. - OR -

**School of Daily Prayer.** Facilitated by Margaret Rhody.

Tue., Apr. 18, 7-8:30 p.m. (registration 6:30 p.m.), St. John the Evangelist, Greenfield.

# **Evangelizing Apologetics.** Facilitated by Doug Ulaszek.

Thur., Apr. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. (registration 6:30 p.m.), St. Mary's, Menomonee Falls.

Register online at https://www.archmil.org/GalileeU or contact Liz Kuhn at lizk@queenofapostles.net / (262) 691-1535 x108.

#### GalileeU: Healing the Whole Person Conference (April)

Understand the roots of our struggles and how to bring those wounds to the Lord to receive the insight, healing, and freedom He wishes to give, especially through the sacraments and prayer.

Thur., Fri., and Sat., April 11-13 at St. William, Waukesha; facilitated by Dr. Bob Schuchts, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Bart Schuchts. In-person (\$165/person) or livestream (\$119/person). More information at <a href="www.archmil.org/Healing-the-Whole-Person/Conference.htm">www.archmil.org/Healing-the-Whole-Person/Conference.htm</a> or contact Liz Kuhn (lizk@queenofapostles.net / 262-691-1535 x108).

### Bible Study - The Turning Point: Eight Encounters With Jesus That Will Change Your Life (April/May)

In this traditional study, Dynamic Catholic explores eight miraculous encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John that will help you encounter Jesus in a new and personal way. Presented by Dr. Allen Hunt, national speaker, best-selling Catholic author, and former Evangelical pastor who converted to Catholicism.

Wed., Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:45-11:15 a.m., QOA parish hall; facilitated by Heather Druley (hdruley@gmail.com).

\$15 for materials (workbook, DVDs, Gospel of John, bonus CD) by Mar. 6, \$20 after Mar. 6; self-study available upon request.

# National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (June)

The northern Marian Route will pass through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from north to south. It will stop at various parishes en route to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Everyone is welcome to join the pilgrimage.

June 19-26 the route will come through Milwaukee. Stay tuned for more information as it gets closer to June. More information will be posted at: https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/ (national) or https://www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Revival/Central (local).

#### Arise Milwaukee (multiple opportunities in multiple locations; independent)

Arise Milwaukee exists to inspire people to fall in love with Christ in the Catholic Church. As a community, we live to share the joy of the Gospel and wish to see it bear transformative fruit in the world around us.

Arise Youth Rally - Mar. 15-16, Carroll University – Prayerful worship experience for Catholic high school and middle school students.

Arise Worship Nights - Apr. 6, 7-9 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine, Union Grove, and Jul. 13, following Family Day, Menomonee Falls Village Park

Arise Family Adoration - Jan. 5, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. William, Waukesha.

Additional details, see website: www.arisemke.org.

#### Brewing the Faith/Brew City Catholic (multiple opportunities in Waukesha/Milwaukee; independent)

An evening designed to help you connect with other adults in their 20s/30s. Open to all; registration not required.

Waukesha: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14 (Raised Grain Brewing, 1725 Dolphin Dr., Ste. B, 7 p.m.)

Milwaukee: Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7 (Broken Bat Brewing, 135 E Pittsburgh Ave., 7 p.m.)

Additional details, see website: www.brewcitycatholic.com/brewing-the-faith.html

Several small groups are underway at Queen of Apostles. Mike Szocs is interested in leading a small group. Have you thought about joining? Do you have questions? Are you interested in leading? Please feel free to contact Mike at mmszocs1@gmail.com / (262) 443-5500 and she'll be happy to help.