

**- Upcoming Programs –  
January/February/March 2004  
Adult and Family Ministry Office**

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**Divorce Recovery Series: A Process for Growth**

**Wednesday Evenings, February 4, 11, 18, and March 3, 10, 17, 2004 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**St. James Parish, W220 N6570 Town Line Rd., Menomonee Falls**

**Presenter: Marianne Skrobiak, M.S.**

**Cost: \$35.00 (financial assistance is available if needed)**

Whether divorce was a choice for you or you had no choice, it is a major disruption in your life. Everything changes, including your very identity. How do you dream a new life? Refigure the box of the past hurts into a circle of hope. Sponsored by the “Menomonee Falls Cluster” parishes: St. Anthony, St. James, St. Mary and Good Shepherd in Menomonee Falls, and St. Agnes in Butler. **Reservations are required.** For more information or to register call: Pat Knuth, Pastoral Associate at St. James Parish, 262-251-3944.

**A Day of Healing: Beyond Divorce**

**Saturday, February 14, 2004 – 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Reinl Center, 824 Superior, Sheboygan (Across from Holy Name Church)**

**Cost: \$25.00 – Includes lunch (scholarships available)**

**Presenter: Marianne Skobiak, MS, MA**

Marianne Skobiak is a psychotherapist, noted speaker, retreat director, and Chaplain for New Horizons weekends for divorced and separated persons. This day is for all, whether you are in the process of divorcing or have been divorced for years. Gather with others in a safe place to take a look at how to establish healthy boundaries, how to trust again, and how to forgive as well as letting go and moving on. For further information, questions, or to register call Sr. Marilyn Brodd, 920-457-9408 or Joe Zenk, 920-458-7070. **Deadline is Friday, February 1.** Open to people of all faith traditions.

**Introduction to Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)**

**Monday, February 16, 2004 – 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, 3501 S. Lake Dr., Milwaukee**

**No Cost**

MOMS is a peer ministry, a seven or eight week journey for women of all ages who have children of all ages. Mothers learn to share with other mothers the stress, concerns and positive experiences that have influenced their personal and spiritual growth in an atmosphere of belonging, hospitality, faith sharing and genuine community. This introductory session to MOMS is designed for parish staff and/or lay women who are interested in developing small group opportunities for mothers in their parish. It will be an introduction to the program, its content and resources, a guide on how to implement it in a parish setting and a discussion of "next steps." **Deadline to register is Thursday, March 12.** Please call Barb Krieser at 414-769-3444.

**“Holiness and Wholeness” – Elizabeth Ministry Morning of Reflection**

**Saturday, February 21, 2004 – 9:00-11:45 a.m.**

**St. Leonard Parish, W173 S7743 Westwood Dr., Muskego**

**Presenter: Marianne Skrobiak**

**Cost: \$15.00**

Marianne Skrobiak is a spirit-filled woman of faith who combines the spiritual knowledge of a Masters in Divinity from Sacred Heart School of Theology with 17 years of experience and insight as a psychotherapist. Her reflections on greater holiness and wholeness are both practical and scripturally sound. Through personal assessment and small group sharing, participants will develop their own “recipe” for spiritual growth. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Office for Human Concerns and Office for Women.

**Registration deadline is Thursday, February 12.** For more information contact Thelma Walker at 414-769-3501 or [walkert@archmil.org](mailto:walkert@archmil.org).

**Facilitator Training: Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)**

**Monday, March 8, 2004 – 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, 3501 S. Lake Dr., Milwaukee**

**Cost: \$5.00 per person**

This facilitator training is designed specifically for the **MOMS: Developing a Ministry** program. Any parish that is considering implementing a MOMS group in the near future is encouraged to send a coordinator and a facilitator team who will learn the responsibilities of facilitating and/or co-facilitating an eight-week session of MOMS. This session is limited to 15 participants. **Deadline to register is Thursday, March 4.** Please call Barb Krieser at 414-769-3444.

**Theology of Marriage Booklet Training**

**Saturday, March 13, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

**St. Agnes Parish, Kemp Hall, 12801 W. Fairmount Ave., Butler**

**Cost: \$5.00 per person**

This training is for clergy, parish staff, FOCCUS couples, and married couples ministering to engaged and newly married couples. The \$5.00 fee includes the Married Couple and Engaged Couple booklet and Leader’s Guide. Topics include: “Who are the Engaged and Newly Married Couples?” “Six Basic Beliefs of Marriage Theology,” “How to Use These Booklets in Your Parish” and “Prayer Services.” **Registration is required by Friday, March 5.** For questions or for more information call Linda King, 414-769-3442, 800-769-9373, ext. 442 or [kingl@archmil.org](mailto:kingl@archmil.org) or Marie Grevsmuehl, 414-769-3441, 800-769-9373, ext. 441 or [grevsmuehl@archmil.org](mailto:grevsmuehl@archmil.org).

**Divorce Recovery Series: A Process for Growth**

**Tuesday Evenings, March 23, 30, and April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2004 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**St. Matthias Parish Center, 9306 W. Beloit Rd., Milwaukee**

**Presenter: Marianne Skrobiak, M.S.**

**Cost: \$40.00 (financial assistance is available if needed)**

Whether divorce was a choice for you or you had no choice, it is a major disruption in your life. Everything changes, including your very identity. How do you dream a new life? Refigure the box of the past hurts into a circle of hope. Sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Holy Apostles Parishes, New Berlin, St. Matthias Parish in Milwaukee and St. Mary Parish in Hales Corners. **Reservations are required.** For more information or to register call: Debbie Hintz, Pastoral Associate at St. Matthias Parish, 414-321-0893, ext. \*845, Maureen Pohle, 262-894-3540 or Frank Prusko, 414-425-5439.

### **Ministry Opportunity for Married Couples**

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is committed to preparing engaged couples for marriage. As with all of the sacraments, adequate preparation is essential if the sacrament is to have its full meaning and effect. Engaged couples attend a day or weekend retreat as part of the preparation process, and we need married couples willing to share their time, experience and stories with engaged couples. If you are interested in this ministry please contact Marie Grevsmuehl, Associate Director of Engaged and Marriage Ministry at 414-769-3441, 800-769-9373, ext. 441 or [grevsmuehl@archmil.org](mailto:grevsmuehl@archmil.org).

### **Upcoming Programs from Other Parishes or Organizations**

#### **Fantastic Catholic Singles Dance**

**Saturday, January 3, 2004 – 7:30-11:30 p.m.**

**St. Aloysius Parish, 1414 S. 92 St., West Allis**

**Cost: \$5.00 for Catholic Singles members/\$8.00 for non-members**

The band for the evening will be “New Revue.” All singles 30+ and all faiths are welcome. There will be door prizes, free parking and a non-smoking environment. Catholic Singles is a non-profit organization providing dances, movies, fish fries, etc. For more information call the Catholic Singles Hot-Line at 414-299-9066.

#### **Worldviews of Scripture – Book of Revelation**

**Thursdays, January 15 and 22, 2004 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**St. Alphonsus Parish Ministry Center, 5960 W. Loomis Rd., Greendale**

**Presenter: Sr. Bea Dorsy, SSSF, Ph.D.-Scripture**

**Cost: \$20.00**

To the questions: What is the world coming to? What’s our part in it? Where is God in all of this? The book of Revelation responds with a vision of “a new heaven and a new earth” – a place where God and people live together, where “mourning and crying and pain will be no more.” Come to read anew this glorious vision of hope for the future. Ten participants are needed. **Please register by Thursday, January 8** by calling 414-421-0690.

#### **Fantastic Catholic Singles Dance**

**Saturday, January 17, 2004 – 7:30-11:30 p.m.**

**St. Agnes Parish, 12801 W. Fairmount Ave., Butler**

**Cost: \$5.00 for Catholic Singles members/\$8.00 for non-members**

The band for the evening will be “Rapture.” All singles 30+ and all faiths are welcome. There will be door prizes, free parking and a non-smoking environment. Catholic Singles is a non-profit organization providing dances, movies, fish fries, etc. For more information call the Catholic Singles Hot-Line at 414-299-9066.

#### **“Late Nite Catechism”**

**Sunday, January 18, 2004 – 3:30 p.m.**

**St. William Parish, 440 N. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha**

**Cost: \$20.00 a ticket**

This popular one-woman show brings laughter and joy to audience members young and old. You are invited to a catechism class like no other. Tickets will be sold beginning on Monday, December 15 and may be purchased at St. William Parish during regular office hours or sending a self addressed stamped envelope with payment (checks made out to: St. William Parish) to Adult and Family Ministry, 440 N. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, WI 53188. All tickets are for general seating. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Proceeds will support the St. William mission trip in June. For more information contact: Joe Nettesheim, 262-547-2763, ext. 213 or [swadult@execpc.com](mailto:swadult@execpc.com).

## **Eat, Drink. . . and Be Catholic**

### **“What Are They Thinking”**

**Monday, January 19, 2003 – Doors open at 6:30 – Presentation at 7:00 p.m.**

**Three Holy Women Parish, (Held at Holy Rosary Site– 2011 N. Oakland Ave., Milwaukee)**

**Cost: A donation of \$5.00 is requested from those not members of the collaborative parishes**

Eat, Drink...and Be Catholic is a speaker and discussion series for people in their 20's and 30's that helps to connect young adult Catholics and provides relevant teaching on issues of faith. Have you been wondering what motivated some priests to sign the letter about optional celibacy and what motivated others not to sign it? This session will provide information about the optional celibacy letter, with two priests – one who signed and one who didn't. Bring your burning questions and curious friends. Beer, wine, soda, and snacks will be provided. Contact Bridget Flad at 414-271-6577 or [bflad@threeholymen.org](mailto:bflad@threeholymen.org) for more information.

## **Pro-Life Wisconsin – Roe vs. Wade Anniversary**

**Tuesday, January 20 to Saturday, January 24, 2004**

**Cost: See Below**

Pro-Life is once again sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D. C. for the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The 31<sup>st</sup> annual March for Life buses will be leaving from Necedah, Wisconsin and from St. Mary Parish, 1260 Church Street in Elm Grove. Join tens of thousands of people to mark the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Price from Elm Grove is \$225.00 and \$235.00 from Necedah. Participants will be staying at the Capitol Hill Hyatt and busing to Washington, D.C. Accommodations are for four people to a room. **Space is limited!** Contact Pro-Life Wisconsin state office at 262-796-1111 or e-mail [info@prolifewisconsin.org](mailto:info@prolifewisconsin.org) for more details and a registration form.

## **Mass for Life: Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision**

**Thursday, January 22, 2004 – 12:00 Noon**

**Gesu Parish, 1145 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee**

**Presider: Archbishop Timothy Dolan**

Co-sponsored by Marquette University Ministry, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Gesu Parish, Marquette University Students for Life, and the National Office of Post Abortion, Reconciliation and Healing. A flyer for the Mass can be found on the archdiocesan website at [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org) under “Events.”

## **Fantastic Catholic Singles Dance**

**Saturday, February 7, 2004 – 7:30-11:30 p.m.**

**St. Eugene Parish, 7600 N. Port Washington Rd., Fox Point**

**Cost: \$5.00 for Catholic Singles members/\$8.00 for non-members**

The band for the evening will be “Summer Breeze.” All singles 30+ and all faiths are welcome. There will be door prizes, free parking and a non-smoking environment. Catholic Singles is a non-profit organization providing dances, movies, fish fries, etc. For more information call the Catholic Singles Hot-Line at 414-299-9066.

## **Candlelight Evening for Couples**

**Saturday, February 14, 2004 – 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

**St. Alphonsus Community Room, 5960 W. Loomis Rd., Greendale**

**Presenters: Dave and Thelma Walker**

**Cost: \$50.00 per couple**

Take time with your Valentine to celebrate your relationship. We begin with a presentation, “Surviving Life’s Journey,” by well-known parish members, Dave and Thelma Walker. A cozy, catered meal by Carl’s Catering follows. Special mood music will be provided. Please call 414-421-0690 for more information. **Please register by February 7.**

## **Fantastic Catholic Singles Dance**

**Saturday, February 21, 2004 – 7:30-11:30 p.m.**

**St. Joseph Parish, 12130 W. Center St., Wauwatosa**

**Cost: \$5.00 for Catholic Singles members/\$8.00 for non-members**

The band for the evening will be “Best of Everything.” All singles 30+ and all faiths are welcome. There will be door prizes, free parking and a non-smoking environment. Catholic Singles is a non-profit organization providing dances, movies, fish fries, etc. For more information call the Catholic Singles Hot-Line at 414-299-9066.

## **“Let Us Proclaim the Mystery of Faith”**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2004 – Doors open at 6:30 – Presentation from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Sponsored by the Riverbank Catholic Connection**

**Our Lady of Divine Providence Parish – St. Casimir Site, 924 E. Clark St., Milwaukee**

**Presenter: Richard Fragomeni**

**Cost: A donation of \$5.00 is requested from those not members of the collaborative parishes**

(Cathedral of St. John, Old St. Mary, Our Lady of Divine Providence, Saints Peter and Paul, and Three Holy Women) Richard Fragomeni will speak on the “Eucharist, Healing, and Initiation: What goes into becoming the Body of Christ?” This is part three of a year-long series on the Eucharist. For more information on this presentation and the series call Bridget at 414-271-6577 or [bflad@threeholYWomen.org](mailto:bflad@threeholYWomen.org).

## **Clare Oasis House of Prayer and Healing**

**1039 E. Russell Ave., Milwaukee**

**Office Phone: 414-486-7546 – Prayer Line Phone: 414-486-7547**

**Or e-mail: [clareoasis@wi.rr.com](mailto:clareoasis@wi.rr.com) or the website is: [www.clare-oasis.org](http://www.clare-oasis.org)**

Clare Oasis offers a variety of small group events, retreats, days of prayer and spiritual direction and pastoral counseling. They are also available for prayer by phone or email. The center is open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for prayer. A men’s ministry group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month – 7:00-9:00 p.m. There is a monthly meeting for young adults called “Ponder and Pizza” that meets on Fridays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and a monthly “Meal and Matter” group that meets on Friday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. to share a meal, prayer and worship. A “Recovery in Christ” group meets every Monday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This group is for families who have wrestled with alcoholism and other addictions and compulsions. Please call or e-mail the Clare Oasis House for more information.

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**Marriage Encounter** is a self-help method of making a good marriage better. The emphasis of the weekend is on communication between husband wife. The following Marriage Encounter organizations are sponsoring retreat weekends this fall.

### **Marriage Encounter – National**

For additional information and dates for future National Marriage Encounter weekends, please call 414-769-3333 or visit their website at [www.marriage-encounter.org](http://www.marriage-encounter.org) or [natlmemi@tds.com](mailto:natlmemi@tds.com).

**Marriage Encounter-National** is looking for “a few good parishes” to host a Marriage Encounter weekend in 2004. The weekend would begin on Saturday morning. The couples would return to their homes on Saturday night and join the group again on Sunday morning. After prayerful consideration, if your parish is willing to be a host, please contact Sue Johnson 262-534-3651 or [natlmemi@tds.net](mailto:natlmemi@tds.net) for a list of weekend requirements. Sue is also available to visit your parish and make suggestions for the set-up of the weekend.

### **Marriage Encounter-Worldwide**

#### **Schedule of Retreats for Spring of 2004**

February 13-15, 2004 – Illinois and Wisconsin

March 26-28, 2004 – Illinois

April 23-25, 2004 – Wisconsin

For additional information please call 1-800-795-LOVE or go to the website at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

**Siena Center Programs and Retreats  
Racine Dominican Retreat Center  
5635 Erie St, Racine.**

*Some of the programs/retreats will offer clock hours through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.  
Inquire when you call for registration.*

**Threads of Life – A Weaving Retreat**

This retreat offers the opportunity to learn the art of loom weaving as one experiences a silent retreat and daily meeting with a spiritual guide. A five-day minimum stay is required and dates are as requested and available. Contact Sr. Kathleen Bohn, O.P., 262-639-4100, ext. 1298.

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**A Journey Through Life's Transitions – Women's Retreat**

**Friday, January 9 to Sunday, January 11, 2004**

**Presenter: Brother James Zullo, FSC. Ph.D.**

Transitions often challenge us to face what is ending, to name the underlying losses, and to undergo a grieving process. Contact: Sr. Rita Lui, 262-639-4100, ext. 1230.

**Awakened Women on the Buddha Way**

**Presenter: Rev. Tonen O'Conner**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2004 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

This is the first in a series of "A Supper with Substance" program that will address the feminine voice in the five major religious traditions. Participants in all "Supper with Substance" programs may arrive at 5:30 p.m. for supper at the Siena Center. You may choose to attend the presentation only and arrive at 6:30 p.m.

**Mornings with Mystics Series**

**Thursday, January 15, 2004 – 9:00-10:30 a.m.**

Discussion will be on Thea Bowman, who lived life with hope, love and justice as she shared the message of God's love of cross-cultural awareness with her brilliant mind, beautiful voice and dynamic personality. Contact: Sr. Rita Lui, 262-639-4100, ext. 1230.

**Women for Women**

**Saturday, January 17, 2004 – 9:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Facilitator: Gail Ross**

**Subsequent third Saturdays monthly through May 2004.**

Each month the group will use scripture or other readings to challenge our own relationship with God, self and others. Give yourself a monthly "time away" with other women to explore how your life might be transformed through a deeper understanding of the Gospel. Contact: Sr. Rita Lui, 262-639-4100, ext. 1230.

**Praying with the Parables Series**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2004 – 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**The Hidden Treasure/The Pearl**

**Facilitator: Zita Kripavicius, OP**

Imagine yourself digging in a field and finding a hidden treasure. What would you do with the treasure? During this evening prayer, the group will reflect on the "hidden" treasures of our own lives and treasure the pearl of great price that we are. Contact: Sr. Rita Lui, 262-639-4100, ext. 1230.

**Our Father – Weekend Retreat**

**Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2004** resenter: John Shea, Theologian and Storyteller

Each phrase of the *Our Father* prescribes a state of consciousness. The result of praying the prayer is a new way of seeing self, God, creation, and neighbor. Contact: Sr. Rita Lui, 262-639-4100, ext. 1230.