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"Come to the Table"

*Faith Formation at
St. Margaret Mary
Church*

2010-2011



September, 2010

Dear Friends,

Faith Formation at St. Margaret Mary's is different. It is in its ninth year and is named **Come to the Table**, a multi-generational program designed for adults, youth, and children.



Come to the Table meets monthly for seven months on a Saturday evening, beginning with the 5:00 p.m. liturgy, followed by a meal together. Afterward we explore aspects of the Catholic faith across the age levels of children, youth, and younger and older adults. The program ends with a final blessing and dismissal at 8:15 p.m. It is a compact and full experience.

The topic of **Come to the Table** 2010-2011 is *"The Bible Study With Us—Part II."* The outline of this year's sessions follows in this booklet.

Parents — in particular — are reminded of the obligation to provide for and be a part of the faith formation of their school-age children. St. Margaret Mary's exists to help adults, youth and children with this privileged task.

To register, return the attached registration form or register online at www.smmlb.org by September 15. If you have any questions, call or email **Joan Duncan**. I look forward to your participation in this year's program.

Msgr. James T. Gaston
Pastor

REGISTRATION FORM

Family Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Family e-mail address _____

List Family Members:

Adults and Children (include grade)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 per family/\$25 single adult (annual fee payable with registration) or \$10 for meal (payable that evening).

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Format of all Sessions

**ALL SESSION ARE FROM
5:00 - 8:15 P.M.**

- Mass in Church at 5:00 p.m.
- Meal in Sullivan Room at 6:00 p.m.
- Break-out sessions for: Pre-K & K, Grades 1-2, 3-5, junior high youth (6-8), adults
- All groups rejoin in Sullivan Room for closing

Babysitting Available



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 “Job and the Great Debate”



*Why do
innocent
people suffer?
How can an all-
powerful and
loving God
allow this?*

Scripture studied:
The Book of Job

Learning Objectives:

1. Who is Job?
2. How does this legend answer the age old question – why do bad things happen to good people?
3. Do we experience suffering/hardship because of our human condition/sinfulness? (How) does God “punish?”
4. How does the gospel story of Lazarus and the rich man relate to Job and his suffering?



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

**“St. Margaret Mary: Religious Apathy
& Spiritual Indifference”**



*Why do we lose
“heart” and give up?*

Celebrating the Life &
Feast Day of
St. Margaret Mary

Learning Objectives:

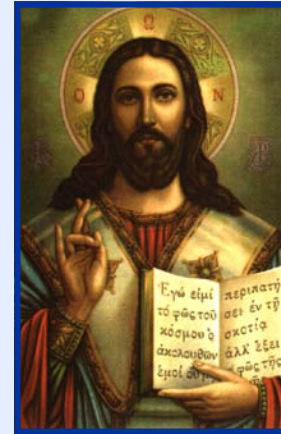
1. Who is St. Margaret Mary? What do we know about her?
2. How did she experience Christ? What promises did He make to her? Why?
3. How do these promises help us in today’s world?



MARCH 19, 2011

“Jesus – Human and Divine”

How do we understand this mystery?



Scripture studied:
The Letter to the Hebrews

Learning Objectives:

1. How is Jesus human?
2. How is Jesus divine?
3. How do the human and divine co-exist in Jesus?
4. Why did the Incarnation happen?



FEBRUARY 19, 2011

**“Revelation –
The Happy Ending of the Story”**



*What has God revealed
about the future?*

Scriptures studied:
Revelations 21-22

Learning Objectives:

1. What is apocalyptic literature?
2. How does Revelations help us live in fidelity and hope?
3. What does Revelations say about “the End?”



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

“King David – Saint and Sinner”

*Does God ever
give up on us?*

Scripture studied:
1 Samuel 17:1-58
2 Samuel



Learning Objectives:

1. Who is King David?
2. What Is God’s covenant with David?
3. What is David’s relationship to Jesus several centuries later?



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
"Mary and Joseph –
The First Disciples of Jesus"



What is God asking of me?

Scriptures Studied:
Matthew 1:18-2:23
Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-52

Learning Objectives:

1. Who are Mary and Joseph? How much can we learn about them and their unique roles in the gospel?
2. What is the purpose of including the story of Jesus' birth in the gospels?
3. Why don't the gospels of Mark and John have an infancy narrative?



JANUARY 15, 2011

"Jonah - A Prophet on the Run!"

Can we escape God's call?

Scripture studied:
Jonah



Learning Objectives:

1. Can we really 'run away' from God?
2. What happens if we do? If we choose not to run away?

