

GROUP MINISTRY – SACRISTAN

Sacristans provide a very important service to the community as we gather for worship. There is a behind the scene work that we tend to take for granted, after all how do all the necessities for the particular liturgy always seem to be where they need to be? On special holidays ever wonder how the worship space is so beautifully decorated? It is the work of the Sacristans. They not only assist with setting up for a particular liturgy but also care for all of the sacred vessels, altar linens, candles and other items used, but once the liturgy is finished they make sure everything is put away in its place so that it will be available the next time needed. The sacristans also coordinate the weekly cleaning of the worship space. If you are interested in being a Sacristan call Kay Spees at 274 - 1781, if you can help with cleaning call Maureen Ruttle at 275-5184. We also are in need of a Wedding Sacristan to help with marriage liturgies, if you can help with this please contact Fr. Ed at 278-5815 extension 108.

St. Rita of Cascia Parish - Dayton, Ohio

Fall 2009

SPIRITUALITY SMORGASBORD

We are happy to announce our latest **SPIRITUALITY SMORGASBORD**. Please consider choosing at least one of the six opportunities listed for you and your family to grow in your faith life.

- A home prayer activity
- A church devotional activity
- Scripture study
- A DVD series
- A book club
- A “group” ministry

Do you have any ideas or comments for our next **SPIRITUALITY SMORGASBORD**? Please let us know your suggestions for future offerings!

May our Lord continue to bless all our efforts in His Name as we continue to build up that unique part of the Body of Christ which is St. Rita of Cascia Parish.

HOME PRAYER – MARIAN TRAVELING SHRINE

Sign up to take the Shrine home for a week to pray through the intercession of the Blessed Mother for our Parish Priests that they may be good shepherds and that the Lord would raise up and strengthen the vocations of all our parishioners. Those who take the shrine would commit to praying the Rosary daily for the previously mentioned intentions. To sign up to take the Shrine home for the week contact the Religious Education Office at 278-5815 extension 105.



DVD SERIES – QUESTIONS OF THE SOUL

Fr. Michael Himes takes an in-depth look at the contemporary geography of the soul and the meaning of spirituality. This five part series answers many questions we have about prayer, spirituality, and spiritual disciplines.

October 4: What is Spirituality?

October 11: What is Prayer?

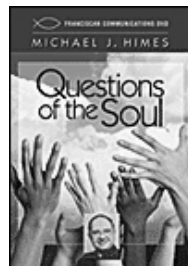
October 18: What Can Suffering Teach Us?

October 25: What is Spiritual Discipline?

November 1: Do I Really Need Community?

The series will be presented on Sunday mornings between Masses in the Library and on Saturday after Mass in the Emmaus Room.

If the Sunday morning or Saturday afternoon times are not conducive to some, the series can be presented on additional days and times that fit better into the schedules of those interested. If interested, call the Religious Education Office at 278-5815



CHURCH PRAYER – THE SUNDAY READINGS



Come prepared for Mass by reading the Sunday readings throughout the week and spend some time in prayer with them. This is a wonderful way to open yourself to the message and hear the homily in a more fruitful way. If you do not have a lectionary you can obtain the readings on line by using the link on our parish website entitled Scripture of the day. **Watch the bulletin for the Question of the Week.**

BOOK CLUB THE WAY OF THE HEART By: Henri Nouwen

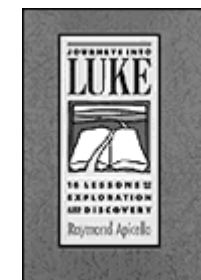
In his book "The Way of the Heart" Distinguished theologian Henri Nouwen tries to help us cast off the anger and greed that trouble the world-and find love, compassion, and peace in the heart of God. Inspired by the ancient teachings of St. Anthony and the Desert Fathers, "The Way of the Heart" clears before us a spiritual path consisting of three stepping-stones: Solitude; Silence; and Prayer, these reflections are beautifully clear and practical. Within this one small book lies the most relevant and inspiring challenge that we shall ever face: to surrender the compulsive noise of the world for the way of the heart that leads us to God.



To order, at a cost of only \$11.00, contact the Religious Education Office at 278-5815, extension 105.

SCRIPTURE STUDY - JOURNEYS INTO LUKE

As we begin a new liturgical year, we will be hearing from the Gospel of Luke. These sixteen lessons of exploration and discovery will help us to hear better Luke's call for the Christian disciple to identify with the master Jesus. More than any other Gospel writer Luke is concerned with the role of the Spirit in the life of Jesus and the Christian disciple. This series will be held on Sunday mornings between Masses starting on the Sunday November 8 and run for sixteen weeks.



The cost for the workbook is only \$8.00. To order, contact the Religious Education Office at 278-5815, extension 105.