

SAINT CROIX CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS:

Growth in Holiness

Wednesday Speaker Series

Location for all
Speakers:
**Saint Michael's
Social Hall**

January, 2012
discussions on
the role of
Philosophy &
Religion in our
Faith



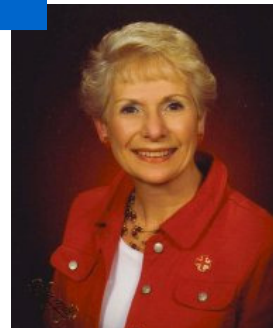
On **January 11th** Eileen Douglass, Director of St. Croix Catholic Faith Formation, will discuss the role of Philosophy and Theology in our Catholic Faith. An understanding of their significance in our tradition is more important now than ever. Eileen studied Philosophy & Theology at The University of St. Thomas and Thomas Aquinas College. **Philosophy: Handmaid of Theology; Theology: Queen of the Sciences** **Time: 6:45**



On **January 4th**, 2012, we will welcome Sam Bertrand. Sam is a graduate of Ave Maria University with a B.A. in Philosophy and minors in Classics and Theology. Currently pursuing a M.A. in Philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Sam will be speaking to us on **The Philosophy found in J. R. R. Tolkien's Lord of Rings Trilogy.** **Time: 6:45**



On **February 8th** Saint Croix Catholic Faith Formation will partner with CCW to bring Mary Ann Kuharski to Stillwater! Mary Ann will talk on how we as families, like Mary and Martha, can open our homes and hearts to Christ. **Opening our Homes to Christ** **Time: 7:00 PM**



We are excited to bring Jason Adkins, J.D. To St. Michael's on **February 29th.** Jason is an adjunct Professor of Law at University of Minnesota Law School and the Executive Director at Minnesota Catholic Conference. The MCC is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota. It represents all of Minnesota's bishops — and by extension, the whole Church in Minnesota— at the Legislature to advocate for laws that promote human dignity and the common good; that defend marriage and family life; and that promote other tenets of Catholic social doctrine. Mr. Adkins will be discussing the ramifications of the impending "gender neutral marriage laws" here in Minnesota. **Time: 6:30 PM**



On **January 25th**, our very own Pastor, Father Michael Miller, will further these discussions of philosophy, how it has helped define the terms of our faith, and how it has added to our ability to proceed thoughtfully and consistently down through the centuries. Father Miller has a degree in Philosophy from The University of St. Thomas with a minor in History. Father Miller will present **Aristotle and St. Thomas' discussion of the soul: intellect, will, and emotions.** **Time: 6:45**



On **March 7th** we are blessed to have Father Michael Keating coming to speak to us on **The purpose of Suffering in our Life.** A perfect Lenten theme! Father Keating is an Associate Professor at the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul. He earned his M.A. in Theology, from the Dominican Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome, Italy, his M.A. in Education from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Ph.D. in History from the University of Notre Dame. **Time: 6:30 PM**

On **February 1**, our Director of Music, Jayne Windnagel, will speak on **The Encyclical Haurietis Aquas (On the Devotion to the Sacred Heart).** She will utilize material from the natural plane (science) to assist in understanding the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pius XII stresses this as an actual living and perfect organ of Christ. Thus Jayne will include some thoughts on the hypo-static union. Jayne has a degree in Philosophy from University of St. Thomas and a MA from Holy Apostles College and Seminary. **Time: 6:45**



Our Growth in Holiness series will feature a speaker for adults each and every date that our PreK-8 students have class. **Join us!** Speakers later in the spring will include the likes of the dynamic **Fr. Mike Schmitz** of the Duluth Diocese.