
Emmaus Road:

One Day, One Story



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Saturday, February 16

9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Parish Activity Center (PAC)

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Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast (*in Parish Activity Center—PAC*)
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Workshop (*drop off 9:15 a.m. in gym*)
- 9:30 a.m. *Childcare* (ages 6 months to 3 yr. old) drop off in school Preschool classroom
- 10:00 a.m. Opening Prayer (*PAC*)
- 10:15 a.m. Keynote Speaker (*PAC*): Francisco (Paco) Gavrilides
- 11:30 a.m. Workshop Session A
- 12:30 p.m. **Portable** Lunch available until 2:00 p.m. (*eat in or carry to next session*)
- 1:00 p.m. Workshop Session B
- 2:15 p.m. Workshop Session C
- 3:30 p.m. Join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church



10:15 Keynote: Francisco Gavrilides

Paco currently serves as Homiletics Instructor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. As a convert to the Catholic faith, he has dedicated his life to serving Christ with a passion to share the Gospel. Paco has also been involved in lay missionary work in Latin America, Spain, and the United States. He was Coordinator and Emcee for the Detroit Archdiocese-wide Catholic Men's Conferences. He has served in the Office for Evangelization prior to his appointment to the Seminary. Paco and his wife Inez have three children.

The word of God spoken through the Sacred Scriptures ***has spirit-imbued power to change our lives!*** Come learn how to acquire interest and understanding for how to listen to, meditate upon and do the word of the Lord as faithful disciples of Jesus. Paco will take us through an exercise in listening to the word of God so as to taste how good the Lord is through His word. NOW is the time to enter into this dynamic exchange between the Lord and His people through the Living Word.

During your time on the Emmaus Road, your children in grades Pre-K through grade 5 will be busy discussing our faith in a setting packed full of games, toys and activities with biblical themes.

Middle School and High School Youth are encouraged to attend any of the Emmaus Road workshops, OR they are welcome to help with the younger children.

For questions, please contact Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2132.



Please let us know your child will attend, when you register for the Conference.

Workshops For Adults & Teens

11:30 AM

Workshop Session <A>

A1 Jesus: Revealer & Inaugurator of the Kingdom

Fr. Randy Phillips, pastor of St. Blasé Parish in Sterling Heights is an adjunct instructor of theology Siena Heights University and has a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Most Christians would find it difficult to identify the primary message of Jesus. First and foremost, Jesus came to proclaim and inaugurate the Reign of God. This workshop will explore the nature, meaning and importance of the Kingdom for disciples of Jesus Christ.

A2 Top 10 Things You Need to Know About the Old Testament-And How They Just Might Change Your Life

Dr. Mary Dumm, a full time lay minister, presently serving as Pastoral Associate at St. Blasé Parish, has taught in seminaries and universities in metro Detroit as well as in the Siena Heights' Program in Theological Studies.

Some people are intimidated by the Old Testament—its length, its content, the unusual names. This talk will give you a basic understanding of the theology of these important books and how their message can challenge us to spiritual growth.

A3 More Than a Book—It's a Library

Barbara Schutzgruber has been studying Scripture for over 25 years, completing the Loyola graduate program in Pastoral Studies and continues to deepen her understanding through the Castelot Summer Scripture Series.

The Bible is a library filled with a wide selection of books that are waiting to be checked out and read. This session will provide an introduction/overview of the different books and give practical suggestions for anyone who has wanted to start reading but did not know where to begin.



“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

Workshop Session <A> - continued

A4 Cómo hacerme oración viva con Jesús

*Cielo Navetta ha vivido una vida de búsqueda del Señor y esa relación especial con Él que deseamos todos. Por medio de sus experiencias ha logrado aprender a orar y a **hacerse oración** para mantener una relación íntima con Jesús y esto se logra viviendo en su Divina Voluntad.*

A4 (continuado)

¿Quieres sentir lo que sienten los discípulos en el camino de Emaús cuando se encuentran con Jesús?: «¿No ardía acaso nuestro corazón, mientras nos hablaba en el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras?» (Lc. 24, 32) En esta plática exploraremos a un Jesús vivo, a un Jesús resucitado, y cómo hacernos uno con Él, que Él se vuelva ese fuego ardiente en nuestro corazón, un fuego en nuestro diario vivir.

12:30 PM Portable LUNCH available until 2:00 PM
in Parish Activity Center (PAC)

If you are arriving for only afternoon sessions, your **children** ages **PreK through Grade 5** are invited to join the faith-based fun, stories, and activities in the school gym. For questions, please contact Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2132.



1:00 PM Workshop Session

B1 Meeting God in Creation

Cathryn Torgerson has an MA in theology and teaches Scripture with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan. She writes for Catechist Magazine and gives parish talks on adult faith formation topics.

We all know the Creation story, but do we know how it teaches more about who God is that what God does? Come explore what Genesis 1-2 reveal about the transcendence and intimacy of our Creator and His relationship with us.



*“Ignorance of the Scriptures is
ignorance of Christ”*

B2 Masculine Models of Discipleship: The Rich Young Man and The Blind Man Bartemaeus

Deacon Paul Lippard is Director of Faith Formation at Resurrection Parish in Canton. He holds a B.A. and M.A. from the Univ. of Detroit in Religious and Biblical Studies. With over 40 years experience in Religious Education and 14 years as Deacon, he has taught formation classes across the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The Rich Young Man and Bartimaeus are two models of disciples in St. Mark’s Gospel. They exemplify different approaches to Jesus with the un-named “rich young man” following the letter of the law but unable to truly follow Jesus. Bartimaeus came to see Jesus and “followed him on the way”. Which disciple are YOU?

B3 Asleep in the Boat: Trusting God in the Storms of Life

Louise Pare spent 42 years working in the world of Catholic publishing. She spends her retirement years as a Spiritual Director and retreat speaker.

Life is full of storms—sometimes we are surrounded by them. Our first instinct is to call out to God for help. But what happens if we think Him sleeping? Do we still have the courage to trust Him?

Workshop Session - continued

B4 Is God Moved By Suffering? The Testimony of Revelation

Fr. Steve Hurd, S.J., is a Jesuit currently working at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills where he recently led a bible study on the Book of Revelation.

While many read the Book of Revelation as a guide to the end of the world, it is better read as a response to the experience of persecution. Jesus comforted the disciples on the road to Emmaus with knowledge of the Scriptures. John comforted the early Christian community with his knowledge of God.

“We go from Malachi to Matthew in one page of our Scriptures, but that one piece of paper separating the Old Testament from the New represents 400 years of history - 400 years where there wasn't a prophet, 400 years where God's voice wasn't heard. And that silence was broken with the cry of a baby on Christmas night.”



B5 El encuentro con Cristo cambia la vida

Paco López es psiquiatra en la Universidad de Michigan. Ha sido catequista y coordinador de ministerios hispanos y para migrantes por más de 30 años.

Tomando como punto de partida la experiencia de los discípulos de Emaús, examinaremos las distintas maneras que nos podemos encontrar con Jesús en nuestra vida cotidiana, y como este encuentro cambia nuestra manera de pensar y de actuar.

2:15 PM

Workshop Session <C>

C1 Meeting God in the Fall

Cathryn Torgerson has an MA in theology and teaches Scripture with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan. She writes for Catechist Magazine and gives parish talks on adult faith formation topics.

We might think of the Fall as nothing but sin and punishment. In fear, Adam and Eve hid from God. In love, God seeks them out! Through the progression of the entire story of the Fall God's love and care for Adam, Eve is revealed, not only for them and their descendants, but us too! Come dig into Genesis 3-4 and see how it explains the Bible, Jesus, and our world today.

C2 Feminine Models of Discipleship: The Bent-Over Woman & The Anointing Women

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The Bent-Over Woman and the Anointing Women are two models of discipleship in Luke's Gospel. Both are un-named. Like all women who meet Jesus, they exemplify real discipleship. We will examine these characters in depth and see how they show us what a disciple should be. Which disciple are YOU?

C3 Meet the Bible Again for the First Time

Dr. Jim Miller was a Presbyterian pastor and college teacher, gaining an international reputation as an outstanding preacher and Bible teacher. Over ten years ago, he went through the RCIA and continued teaching until his retirement. He and his wife Karen have four married children and twelve grandchildren.

“Knowing the Bible” means more than a sketchy familiarity with some of its stories. (The Emmaus Road disciples had that and still missed the point!) It entails an appreciation of its many and varied genres, fluency in two languages, and an acquaintance with historical contexts. This may sound daunting and indeed can demand a lifetime of devoted study. But, a few easily learned simple rules can provide a reliable, sound, and illuminating method for any reader to plumb Scripture’s depths and seize its riches. This workshop, focused on two very familiar Bible passages, will teach you this method.



*“The Holy Scriptures
are our letters from home.”*

C5 Spanish presenter to be announced

C4 What Does It Mean To Be a Temple of the Holy Spirit?

David Seitz, OFS, is a professed Secular Franciscan with an M.A. in Scripture Studies. He has presented many workshops and classes on Scripture and Franciscan Spirituality and has published articles on topics of Catholic theology. He currently serves as the Secular Franciscan Representative to the Franciscan Action Network.

In 1 Corinthians 3:16, St. Paul declares that we are temples and the holy spirit dwells within. This workshop will explore a Jewish Old Testament understanding of the Temple. How does that explain the saying of Jesus Christ that if you destroy this temple, it will be rebuilt in three days, referring to himself as the true temple of God? How do we participate in God’s plan as temples of the Holy Spirit?