

January 6

Presentation Topic:
*Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist/
Eucharistic Adoration*
Guest Speaker: To be determined.

February 3

Presentation Topic:
Anointing of the Sick
Guest Speaker: To be determined.

March 3

Presentation Topic:
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Guest Speaker: Frederick Blonigen



Fred, currently a parishioner at St. Anthony in St. Cloud, is retired, having devoted 32 years of service at St. Agnes School in St. Paul, where he taught Theology, including an introduction to Catholicism, Scripture, the Sacraments and Church History at all four high school grades.

April 7

Presentation Topic:
Sacrament of Holy Orders
Guest Speaker: Deacon Peter Tran



Deacon Peter was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of St. Cloud in June 2025 and is honored to serve in this parish community. He assists in preaching, liturgy, and pastoral ministry.

He and his wife, Kate, have been blessed with six children. In addition to his ministry, Deacon Peter works as a physical therapist, accompanying individuals in need of care and healing. Kate is devoted to homeschooling their children and caring for their family.

May 5

Presentation Topic:
Sacrament of Matrimony
Guest Speaker: Dr. Pamela Patnode



Dr. Pamela Patnode, OblSB is an international speaker who shares her experience as a wife, mother, Catholic author, educator, and Benedictine Oblate. She strives to inspire others to live their faith with passion and intention. Patnode holds a Doctorate in Education and a Master of Arts degree in Theology, and she currently serves as the Director for the Catholic School Leadership graduate program at The Saint Paul Seminary School at the University of St. Thomas.



Blessed St. Joseph, your humble trust in God and obedience to His word led you to accept the role as husband and father in the Holy Family; by your intercession may we grow in humble acceptance of God's will for us and receive the graces necessary to be stalwart protectors and supporters of our families and all the Holy Church. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH, PILLAR OF FAMILIES

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



FOR ALL AGES
Classes and Events held
at St. Mary's, Milaca

2026-2027

Lifelong Faith Formation is for everyone ... all ages!
We can all grow in our understanding of the Catholic Faith.

HOW IT WORKS

WEEKLY - All Adults & 7-12 Graders

Adults and students in grades 7-12 meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Milaca parish hall. The attendees are grouped together as follows: adults sit at a table together and the students sit at tables with their grade level.

MONTHLY

Once a month we have a guest speaker, educated in that month's topic. They present to all adults (parents and parishioners alike) and students in grades 7-12 in the church while the students in grades Pre-K-6th are being taught in their classrooms. Be sure to bring a pen and paper each month to write down any questions you may have for the speaker so they can be answered during the Q&A time.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

The Sacraments



Classes Meet at St. Mary's, Milaca
6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

KICK-OFF FOR PARENTS/TEACHERS

September 23
6:15 p.m. at St. Mary's, Milaca

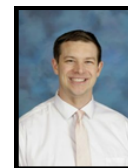
Presentation Topic:
*Parents are the Primary Educators,
Introduction to the Sacraments*



Guest Speaker
Our own
Fr. Timothy Gapinski

October 7

Presentation Topic:
Sacrament of Initiation - Baptism
Guest Speaker: John DeLozier



Mr. DeLozier earned his bachelor's degree from the University of St. Thomas and his master's degree in education from the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. Mr. DeLozier joined Chesterton Academy in 2022 after serving in a variety of teaching and coaching roles at middle and high schools in the Twin Cities and San Jose, California. He is currently the Assistant Headmaster. He also serves as head wrestling coach for Chesterton Academy (through a co-op with Benilde-St. Margaret's High School).

November 4

Presentation Topic: *Confirmation:
Full Power of the Spirit*
Guest Speaker: Fr. Rick Aubol



Fr. Rick Aubol studied at NDSU, St. Paul Seminary, the PNAC and the Angelicum and Santa Croce universities in Rome. Ordained in 2019, he has served in many parishes and is currently the chaplain of the diocese and two Latin Mass communities.

December 2

Presentation Topic:
Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist
Guest Speaker: Fr. Timothy Gapinski



A Social will follow the presentation.
We ask that each family bring a pan of bars or 3 dozen cookies.