

The Dew



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Welcome to another edition of The Dew.

Read about the people who will be teaching us more about prayer during this special Lenten 3-PACK.



All About Our Catholic Faith 3-Pack IV Prayer and Spirituality

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Sunday, March 7, 6:45PM
“What Is Prayer?”



Presented by Deborah Savage, Ph.D.

Deborah Savage is a faculty member at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity where she teaches courses in both philosophy and theology. Prior to obtaining her doctorate in philosophy and theology from Marquette University in December 2005, she spent 25 years working in various leadership positions in the business sector. Her main areas of research include the significance of the work of Karol Wojtyla/John Paul II for an understanding of human personhood, in particular the origin and meaning of the “feminine genius,” the theology of the body, and the theological significance of human work. She has several publications, including her dissertation, *The*

Subjective Dimension of Human Work: The Conversion of the Acting Person According to Karol Wojtyla/John Paul II and Bernard Lonergan, which was published in January, 2008 by Peter Lang.

Deborah has been married to her dear husband, Andrew Percic, for 20 years. They have one daughter, Madeline, now 7, whom they adopted as a newborn in 2002.

During this March 7, evening of reflection on prayer, Dr. Savage will speak with us about the many forms that prayer takes and the inner meaning that unites and informs all of them.

It can be easy to forget that prayer is more than asking or, in many cases, pleading with God for the things that we need or hope for in our lives. In fact, the Gospel tells us that the Father already knows what we need. So what is that we are doing when we pray?

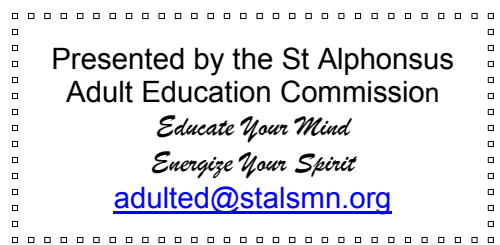
Lent is a good time to remember that prayer is the vehicle through which we receive the sustenance we need to nurture our inner lives. As such, it is more an act of receptivity than of making our needs known to God.

Presented by the St Alphonsus
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Sunday, March 14, 6:45PM
“How Do We Pray?”



Presented by Sr. Carol Rennie, OSB

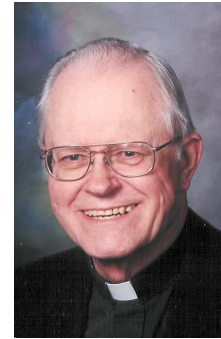
Sr. Carol Rennie, OSB is past prioress of St. Paul’s Monastery and a member of the Benedictine Retreat Center’s spiritual direction team. She is a teacher of teachers, and experienced retreat leader, and has a special interest in group spiritual direction. Carol herself has been a serious seeker of the Holy One and brings insight from her own experience of prayer and attending to the voice of God in her life.

This mini 2 hour retreat with S. Carol Rennie will focus on a variety of practical ways we may be invited to pray – to be in conversation with our God. It will look at what form of prayer nurtures your desire for God and/or God’s desire for you,

Specifically, we will focus on:

- How the Psalms invite us to pray and move toward wholeness.
- How gender alters our way of praying and what the differences/similarities are.
- How we uncover the sacred text that is best for our life.—And finally,
- How will I commit myself to tend to the “holy”?

Sunday, March 21, 6:45PM
“Why Do We Pray?”



Presented by Fr. Martin Stillmock,
C.Ss.R.

Fr. Stillmock, C.Ss.R., ordained in 1958, pursued graduate studies at St. Louis University, Columbia University, Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin. His field of study was English Literature and Rhetoric. He spent 11 years teaching at the Redemptorist Minor Seminary in Edgerton, WI. He was pastor of many Redemptorist parishes for over 21 years (St. Joseph in Wichita for 9 years; St. Alphonsus in Davenport, for 6 years; and Holy Name in Omaha for 6 years). He has preached many missions, retreats and Forty Hours devotions. He also served on the C.Ss.R. Provincial Council for 6 years and on the finance committee for the province for over 10 years. He has been here at St. Alphonsus for more than 16 years sharing his wisdom and counsel with priests and parishioners alike.

During this final evening of reflection on prayer, Fr. Stillmock will address the necessity of prayer for our Salvation. He will discuss the four forms of prayer: Adoration; Petition; Reparation and Thanksgiving. He will explain how prayer makes us participants or communicants in the divine nature, in what we call grace.

He will answer the question “What is Grace?”, explaining each of the types of grace: sanctifying; habitual; actual; sacramental; special (also called Charisms); graces of state (or vocational); and finally, graces of merit.

Coming April 29

“Fireproof”, A Special Date Night for Couples of All Ages