

WHY CATHOLIC?

Whether you are young or old, married or single, a life-long Catholic or a seeker considering “coming home” to the Church, or simply someone seeking answers about their faith and fellowship with others, Why Catholic? is for you. Over the 6 weeks of Lent, small groups of 6-10 parishioners will meet to explore the topic of Christian Prayer, focusing on how we grow in our relationship with God through prayer, and the difference that can make in our daily lives. It is also a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and deepen existing relationships with our fellow Catholics and followers of Jesus Christ.

Over the next several weeks, Father Rafferty, Sister Maureen Colleary, and members of our parish community will be speaking at Mass to invite you to join us on this spiritual journey in the footsteps of Jesus. “Sign up Sundays” will take place at all Masses during the weekend of Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5, or you may contact one of our Why Catholic? Team members: Patricia Mikus (781-749-0587, patricia.mikus@gmail.com), Donna and Matt Porter (740-1428, donnayp@verizon.net), Lynn Zofchak (749-5830, lynnazof@yahoo.com), Donna French (383-9901, donna french250@gmail.com), or Skip Jenkins (740-8861, jenkinsbrothers@hotmail.com).

Please join us as we LEARN, GROW, and put into ACTION our Catholic Faith!

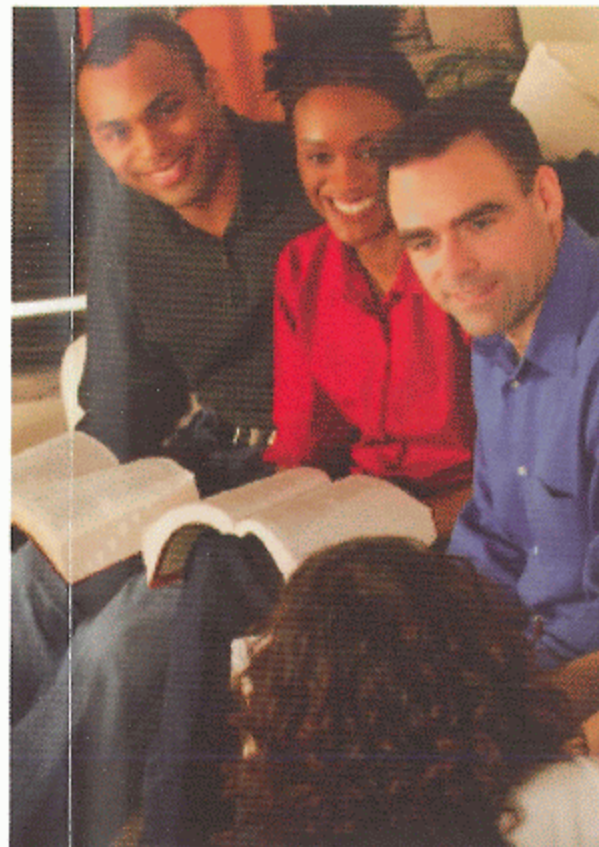
Find what you are seeking with **WHY CATHOLIC?**

Why Catholic? helps you answer life's important questions by offering a faith-filled point of view;

- We will explore Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- The first six week theme is Pray: Christian Prayer
 - Prayer focuses on the rich heritage of Catholic spirituality and prayer. You will explore how we nurture our relationship with God in prayer and how God communicates with us.
- Following the Prayer Theme will be:
 - The Creed (What we believe)
 - The Sacraments (How we worship)
 - Christian living (How we live out our faith)
- We will develop personal resources that connect the faith themes and daily life.
- Join companions on the journey as part of a small Christian community of 8-12 parishioners.

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- **Lifelong Catholic**
- **A Catholic considering "Coming Home"**
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**Why people
across the country
appreciate
Why Catholic?**

Understanding why the Church believes what it believes makes it easier for me to embrace my Catholic faith more fully.

- Mary G., New York

Why Catholic? has allowed me to more easily answer questions my non-Catholic friends and relatives have about my faith.

- Gordon D., Texas

My wife and I attended together and *Why Catholic?* reaffirmed how our faith is the central bedrock of our relationship.

- Michael R., N. Carolina

The group was great! I got to know several new people from the parish who were formerly strangers to me.

- Betty I., Illinois

**Please join members of the Parish to LEARN, GROW
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From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Do you long for a deeper appreciation of the beliefs, richness, and joy of our Catholic faith? To really understand the power of God's Word in our lives? To find ways to link our faith with our everyday life? I know I do, and so do many others.

Why Catholic? is a unique opportunity for our parish community to reclaim our Catholic identity and make our faith not only more meaningful, but truly alive! I am therefore, extremely pleased that we will be participating in *Why Catholic?*

Why Catholic? promises to be a very powerful means of growth for each of us individually, as well as for the parish as a community. I support this process wholeheartedly and look forward to participating in the small Christian communities. I hope you will join me on this spiritual journey in the footsteps of Jesus.

Fr. James Rafferty

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*How do I pray? • How do we celebrate the sacraments?
How can I live a fuller Christian life? • How can I make the
right decisions? • How can I share my faith with others?*

Looking for
answers



Explore the important
questions
with

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St. Paul Parish

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Sign-up Sunday Jan. 22 & 29

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