

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Fall 2017
Adult Faith Formation Series

Between the Sunday Masses 9:45–10:45 am
in Daniels Hall

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24

Becoming a Generational Ancestor

with Sr. Virginia Stone

Baby boomers are the Wisdom Community in this generational time. What is our challenge... our privilege... our responsibility...? We will view a DVD "Baby Boomers Up – No Excuses."

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1

Recalling and Revitalizing Our Core Values

with Sr. Virginia Stone

We will revisit our life journey as we ponder becoming ancestors to future generations charged with creating a "new heaven and a new earth."

Virginia Stone BVM has many years of experience in adult leadership, administration, spiritual formation and spiritual direction.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15 & October 22

Enter There: Nature as a Mystical Doorway to the Divine

with Philip Chard

Long before the dawn of the faith traditions we know today, humans cultivated a deep mystical connection with the divine through ceremonial interactions with the natural world. Today, nature mysticism incorporates a variety of contemplative practices that access the wisdom of the ancients and their Earth-based spiritual rituals, using these experiences to help those seeking spiritual transcendence. In these two sessions, we will explore the unique power of the

natural world to induce mystical states and cultivate spiritual growth.

Philip Chard is a practicing psychotherapist, award-winning newspaper columnist, book author and nationally recognized speaker on mental health issues. His column, "Out of My Mind," appears Sunday in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. He is President and CEO of Empathia, Inc., a nationwide behavioral health provider that works closely with organizations in addressing workplace mental health, including violence prevention and crisis response services.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 29 & November 5

Everyday Mysticism & Christian Spiritual Practices

with Gretchen Baumgardt

Join us over the next two weeks as we explore aspects of everyday mysticism that are accessible to all of us, including Evelyn Underhill's stages of the mystic journey, and spiritual practices that flow from this approach. We will also discuss the lives of a few individuals who exemplify this path: Wangari Maathai, whose work in ecological justice changed the lives of the people of Kenya and the land itself and Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health.

Gretchen Baumgardt, M.Div. (University of Notre Dame), Ph.D. (Marquette University), is a Catholic lay woman with a holistic approach to spirituality. Throughout her professional career, she has served as a theological educator, retreat facilitator, and spiritual director for parishes, high schools, and universities. Currently, she is a visiting assistant professor in the Theology Department at Marquette University and teaches courses on Christian spirituality, social justice, and women and multicultural theologies.

"NEVER STOP LEARNING BECAUSE LIFE NEVER STOPS TEACHING."

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