

## ***In the Spotlight Series ~ 2018***



~ Good Shepherd's Quality Adult Faith Formation ~  
Sunday mornings between the Masses  
9:45-10:45 am in the church hall

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ January 21

### **“Enter There: Nature as a Mystical Door way to the Divine: Part II” with Philip Chard**

We, humans have long cultivated a deep mystical connection with the divine through ceremonial interactions with the natural world. 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. Let's explore together 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.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ January 28

### **“The Spirituality of Islam” with Inshirah Farhoud**

Relationship with Allah is the focal point of Islamic spirituality.

**Inshirah** is a board member of the Islamic society of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Muslim women's coalition. She is also a practicing pediatric nurse practitioner with the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ February 4

### **“Spiritual Practice in Buddhism” with Rev. Reirin Gumbel**

Buddha's teachings of wisdom and compassion are as relevant today as they were 2,500 years ago, and his clear instructions for practice can be followed by people all over the world. Countless schools have evolved over time in many countries, but the essential message of

peace and joy is still the same. The talk will conclude with a short meditation as an example of Zen practice. **Rev. Reirin Gumbel** has been the Resident Priest and Guiding Teacher at Milwaukee Zen Center since 2015. She lived and worked for many years in a semi-monastic setting at San Francisco Zen Center and was ordained by Rev. Furu Schroeder in 2007 as a Soto Zen Priest in the Shunryu Suzuki lineage.

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First Sunday of Lent ~ February 18

**“The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God” Ps 19:1**  
with **Miriam Brown, OP**

The words of long-ago mystics, today’s scientists, and spiritual explorers are telling the glory of God as they plumb the depths of “The Universe Story” with its new and numinous understandings. We re-read the words of Genesis “In the beginning” and realize with opened eyes the Divine Presence radiating through us and all creation. “Made in the image and likeness of God” takes on new meaning. Let us explore together how our theology and spirituality deepen, widen, and transform in this profound time of new insight.

**Sr. Miriam**, a Sinsinawa Dominican, is a spiritual guide, retreat facilitator, and presenter on current spirituality themes. She has an eye for the Spirit’s movement in the world and in the graced unfoldings of each person’s deep and precious life.

Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 25

**“Francis: A Pope Ahead of His Times?”**  
with **Fran Cunningham, SSSF**

Four years ago, Jorge Bergoglio, cardinal from Argentina, was elected pope and he chose the name Francis. Then questions centered on his identity and background. Today new questions focus on whether he is a pope ahead of his times and if our church is ready for his agenda. Some fear that under his leadership traditional Catholic doctrine is collapsing. He has been accused of heresy by a number of clerics. Others believe that he is trying to reshape the pastoral culture of the Church. What do you think? Please join in the discussion.

Drawing on her many years of experience in leadership in religious life and in World Mission in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, **Sr Frances Cunningham** presently represents the School Sisters of St. Francis on the Advisory Board for Benedict Center’s program for women in prostitution on the south side of Milwaukee.

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 4

**“Fr. Solanus Casey: Healing Ministry to Hurting People”**  
with **Marty Pable, OFM Cap**

This humble Capuchin friar was recently declared “Blessed” by Pope Francis. He grew up in Wisconsin and did his seminary studies in Milwaukee. For over 50 years he spent his time listening to people’s hurts and problems and healing countless numbers by his prayer and blessing.

**Fr. Marty Pable** is a Capuchin friar who resides in Milwaukee and assists at Good Shepherd Parish. He lived with Fr. Solanus for two years and has made a special study of his life and spirituality.

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Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Easter ~ April 22 & 29

**“Discipleship in the New Testament Gospels”**

with **Dan Scholz, PhD**

In this two-part series, we first explore how Matthew, Mark and Luke define discipleship differently. In part two, we examine how John develops his own unique approach to discipleship. In each session we will consider how all four evangelists challenge us today as 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples.

**Dan Scholz** is currently Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Cardinal Stritch University. Many here know Dan from his years of teaching at St. Francis Seminary. Books Dan has written: *Jesus in the Gospels and Acts* (revised edition, 2013), *The Pauline Letters* (2013), and *The Catholic Epistles, Hebrews, and Revelation* (2016). Dan is married with three children.