

Have you ever said...

"I thought after I made my Confirmation I would be finished studying about faith and religion..."

"I'm not involved in teaching religion, so why would it be necessary for me to participate in on-going faith formation?"

"I can't keep up with what I have to do now. I just don't have time to fit one more thing in my life..."

Whatever career or vocation we have, we know the need to become as expert as possible in our field, to stay "up-to-date" with the latest advancements. So it is with our faith, which influences all the choices we make in every aspect of our lives. Just as we take the necessary time to feed, cleanse and strengthen our bodies, we must also make time to care for our souls, so that our minds, wills and hearts will also be healthy.

"Because they are members of the Body whose Head is Christ, Christians contribute to building up the Church by the constancy of their convictions and their moral lives. The Church increases, grows, and develops through the holiness of her faithful, until "we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Catechism of the Catholic Church,
No. 2045

Mission Statement

The Adult Faith Life Ministry of St. Margaret Mary Parish promotes spiritual growth and renewal by increasing knowledge of both God's Word to us in Sacred Scripture and of authentic Catholic Church teaching, so that, as adults, we may deepen our relationship with God and live as true disciples of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Motto of Adult Faith Life

*"To know, love and serve God
in this world, and
be happy with Him forever
in the next."*

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A Ministry of
St. Margaret Mary
Catholic Church



"Let us, then, be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine that originates in human trickery and skill in proposing error. Rather, let us profess the truth in love and grow to the full maturity of Christ..."

St. Paul's Letter to the
Ephesians, 4:14-15

What is Adult Faith Life?

Adult Faith Life is a ministry that presents a variety of ways to grow in our faith.

We come to know Jesus in a deeper way through Scripture Studies.

We come to a deeper understanding of the Church's teachings through studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

We enhance our ability to make wise moral decisions by attending seminars, talks and workshops that present the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding today's social and moral issues.

We enrich our spiritual lives through various prayer groups, spiritual experiences, retreats and parish missions.

Adult Faith Life offers occasions for these as well as other opportunities to nurture and develop our spiritual lives.

As Catholics, as Christians with our Christian beliefs influencing all of the choices and decisions that we make in our daily lives. Everything that we do should reflect that **we are Christians**. The Adult Faith Life Ministry guides us on this path.

Who decides what will be presented and who the presenters will be?

Under the direction of our pastor and the Director of Religious Education, a team of parishioners discerns & plans upcoming events for adult catechesis in the parish.

Adult Faith Life Ministry is also responsible for planning and coordinating Parish Missions, Lenten Reconciliation Services, and other catechetical classes and liturgical celebrations.

Everyone is invited to bring ideas, concerns and thoughts to the team for consideration. This ministry strives to meet the needs of our parishioners and is eager for parishioners to share suggestions.

Any adult member of St. Margaret Mary parish is welcome to become one of the AFL Team. The diversity of the group (in terms of age, marital and economic status, and ethnic origin) has helped us to address the varied needs of our parishioners.

How do I know what topics I might be interested in?

That's a great question!!!

Think about...what are some of the things that are on your mind? What are you instinctively drawn to wonder about, worry about, get enthusiastic about or get depressed about? What excites you? What concerns do you have for yourself, your family, the world, the Church?

These "natural" experiences in our lives are the areas we can begin to study about. These are the areas we were created to be a part of.

After you think of a few of the areas you may be interested in, check the Church bulletin for what's offered.

If you don't see anything that interests you, then just call the Religious Education office and suggest a speaker or a course that would be of interest to you.

