

# Christian Formation Commission

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***Ablaze: Passionately Pursuing Christ & A Life of Purpose*** – St. Michael, 310 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton 60187  
**Sunday, September 30 – Tuesday, October 2, 7pm. Parish Mission.** Deacon Keith Strohm will present anew the Proclamation of God's plan for us – what it means to form an intimate personal relationship with Jesus; how living out this relationship frees us from bondage to the powers of sin/death; offers us fulfillment and joy in this life and the next.

***St. Therese Feast Day and Shrine Dedication*** – National Shrine of St. Therese, 8419 Bailey Rd., Darien 60561  
**Monday, October 1, 10am – Feast Day & Dedication Mass; 1pm – Feast Day Mass; 7pm – Feast Day Mass.**

***A Blessing for the Neighborhood*** – Sacred Heart Monastery, 1910 Maple Ave., Lisle 60532  
**Wednesday, October 3, 9:30-11am.** Part Two of the presentation on the life and legacy of Dorothy Day who was a prominent reformer and social organizer who founded a radical Christian movement committed to working for justice, eradicating poverty and helping the needy. Free-will offering. For further info, contact knykiel@shmlisle.org.

***Rejoice and Be Glad*** – St. Procopius Abbey, 5601 College Road, Lisle 60532  
**Friday, October 5, 9am-3pm. Cost: \$20 (incl lunch).** *Gaudete et Exsultate* is the Holy Father's latest apostolic exhortation and focuses on the universal call to holiness and mission. This Day of Quiet will focus on four major themes of the document. Reflection materials will be provided. To register, call 630-369-0777 by October 1.

***Catholic 101: What is Church?*** – St. Margaret Mary, Naperville (COR Center)  
**Wednesday, October 10, 9:15-11:15am. Donation: \$8.** Morning Enrichment with Fr. Paul.

***The Call It the Good Book for a Reason*** – St. Francis of Assisi, 1501 W. Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook  
**Thursday, October 11, 7:30pm.** Fr. Richard Simon, "Rev. Know-it-All" of Relevant Radio and Pastor of St. Lambert in Skokie, will explain how the bible became the bible, and how one is to read it in the modern world.

***Let Go and Let God*** – The Portiuncula Center for Prayer, 9263 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort 60423 (WOMEN)  
**Friday, October 12, 7pm, to Sunday, October 14. Cost: \$295.** This Women's Silent Retreat, "Walking the Way of Jesus with 12 Step Spirituality," is presented by Christine Grano. There are so many people these days that are touched by addiction of some sort. Recovery programs that use the 12 Steps are in abundance, but did you realize that Jesus preached and walked the way of the 12 Steps first? Register at [www.mayslakeministries.com](http://www.mayslakeministries.com) or 630-852-9000.

***The Great Silence*** – Sacred Heart Monastery, 1910 Maple Ave., Lisle 60532 (Chapter Room)  
**Tuesday, October 16, 7-8pm.** *Tuesday Nights with the Sisters.* In this age and culture of Twitter storms and constant outrage, we could benefit from the wisdom of St. Benedict regarding Restraint of Speech. Presenter Chris Fletcher will lead us in examining the value of silence in a well-lived life. Free-will offering to support our programs. Contact Sr. Mary with any questions at 630-750-6010 or [mbratsovsky@shmlisle.org](mailto:mbratsovsky@shmlisle.org).

***Lord, To Whom Should We Go?*** – St. John Paul II West Campus, 956 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kankakee 60901  
**Thursday, October 18, 6:30pm.** Catholic MAN Night presented by Fr. John Horan and Fr. Burke Masters. Evening includes Adoration, Confession, Man-Feast and Fellowship, and Discussion. Visit [www.fishersofmenonline.org](http://www.fishersofmenonline.org).

***St. Padre Pio Public Veneration*** – Ss. Peter and Paul, Naperville  
**Friday, October 26, 9am-6:30pm, 7pm Mass.** Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration anniversary of his passing. A mass in honor of St. Pio will be celebrated at 7pm by Bishop R. Daniel Conlon. Sponsored by the Saint Pio Foundation. For more information, contact [pshea@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:pshea@sspeterandpaul.net) or call 630-718-2127.

***Fr. Ronald Rolheiser Conference*** – LOCATION CHANGE – Chicago Marriott, 1801 N. Naper Blvd., Naperville  
**Saturday, October 27, 9am-12pm. Cost: \$65;** One of the greatest spiritual writers of our time is the keynote speaker at this annual Fall conference. This event is expected to sell out. Register at [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org) or 630-852-9000.