

St. John the Baptist Catholic Community

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LENTEN SUPPER TALKS

2008

Join us in the Lyon Center to observe the Lenten fast by sharing a simple supper of soup and bread. During the meal, we listen to a presentation on a topic related to the social concerns of our parish and our Church. This year's theme is "Our Place in God's World." Supper is served beginning at 6:00 pm. Dismissal is at 7:20, in time for Stations of the Cross, which begin at 7:30 in the church.

February 8: Roles and Responsibilities of Catholics in God's World

Joan Rosenhauer, Associate Director of the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, gives an overview of what our Church has to say about our roles and responsibilities as Catholics in the world, based on the Church's rich tradition of Catholic social teaching.

February 15: Solidarity in Action: The SJB Sister Parish Project

Since 1994, our parish has enjoyed a special relationship with St. Pierre parish in Baradères, Haiti, enabling the people of Baradères to obtain health and educational services they otherwise would not have. Using words and images, members of SJB's 2008 mission team report on the Sister Parish Project and their January visit to Baradères.

February 22: Justice for Immigrants: Compassion, Communion, and Solidarity

Jill Gerschutz, Outreach Coordinator and Policy Associate for Immigration at the Jesuit Conference USA, discusses the immigration issue through the lens of Catholic social teaching.

February 29: Be the Voice of the Poor and Vulnerable

Larry Couch, Legislative Policy Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Washington, explains how we can be the voice of the poor and vulnerable in the political process through the Archdiocese's Legislative Network.

March 7: Prudence, Poverty, and the Common Good: A Catholic Approach to Climate Change

From use of compact-fluorescent bulbs to enacting cap-and-trade bills, Daniel Misleh, Executive Director of the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, finds the Catholic principles of caring for creation, protecting the poor, and promoting the common good.

March 14: Living the Mystical and Social Dimensions of the Gospel

By highlighting two concrete programs, *JustFaith* and *Communities of Salt and Light*, L.J. Milone, SJB's Director of Adult Faith Formation, and two SJB parishioners, Arlene McGarrity and Dolores Ritter, explore approaches to living the mystical and social dimensions of the Gospel.

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