



MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

Msgr. Dennis Delaney, Pastor of the Pro-Cathedral of St. John Apostle and Evangelist, 15 Plaza Square, downtown St. Louis, and the Parish Pastoral Council extend an invitation to everyone who is interested in participating in our Adult Faith Enrichment and Formation speaker series. The series begins the first Sunday in February, concluding in April. Our theme for the series is “Merciful like the Father,” in honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. For more information on our parish and directions to St. John’s, see our website at <http://www.stjohnapostleandevangelist.org>. To plan for refreshments, please call the parish receptionist at (314) 421-3467 on your plans to attend the series. A voluntary one-time \$20 donation is recommended; any offering you can afford is acceptable.

- **Sunday, February 7, 2016, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm – Father Charles Bouchard, OP, STD.** Father Bouchard, OP, noted moral theologian and sometime guest preacher at St. John’s, will start off our series with a talk entitled, “Mercy, Morality and Spirituality: Celebrating the year of Mercy.” Father Bouchard, a Dominican Friar, is the former Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great, the former President of Aquinas Institute of Theology, and is currently Senior Director, Theology and Ethics, for the Catholic Health Association. He is author of *Whatever Happened to Sin? Virtue, Friendship and Happiness in the Moral Life* (New Priory Press, 2014), and *Sexuality and Morality: Answers for Modern Catholics* (Liguori Publications, 2012).
- **Sunday, February 14, 2016, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm – Father Charles Bouchard, OP, STD.** On this First Sunday of Lent, Fr. Bouchard will speak on “Facing Mortality and Accepting Limits: Thoughts About Medicine and the Spiritual Life.”
- **Sunday, February 28, 2016, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm – Father Seán Martin, STD.** A noted scripture scholar, Father Seán Martin is currently the President of Aquinas Institute of Theology. On this Third Sunday of Lent he will lead us in a discussion on “Mercy and Jesus.” A priest of the Diocese of Dallas, Father Martin has served on the faculty at Aquinas for the past 12 years as associate professor of biblical studies and for the past 10 years as director of Aquinas’ Master’s program in theology. He has been an educator since his priestly ordination in 1981 and has taught in secondary schools, colleges and universities in the United States and Italy.
- **Sunday, March 6, 2016, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm – Marie Kenyon, JD.** Current Director for the Archdiocesan Peace & Justice Commission, and Associate General Counsel for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Ms. Kenyon will lead us in a discussion about what we, the local Church, are doing and can yet do to further the work of Peace and Justice in the greater St. Louis community. Ms. Kenyon has served as managing attorney of Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM), which provides legal services to low-income clients, since 1987. She is a past president of the St. Louis Bar Foundation and Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and has served on the Missouri Bar’s Gender and Justice Task Force, the Southside Women’s Center board and the Economic Justice Task Force of the Missouri Catholic Conference. In August of 2014, Archbishop Carlson reestablished the Peace & Justice Commission to address issues such as poverty, racial tension and lack of education. The Commission was among several initiatives the Archbishop announced to counteract violence following the August 9th shooting death of Michael Brown, including assisting churches in Ferguson in dealing with those same issues and providing scholarships.
- **Sunday, March 13, 2016, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm – Father Seán Martin, STD.** On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, Father Seán Martin will lead us again in a discussion on “Mercy and St. Paul.” The Pauline literature of the New Testament is Fr. Martin’s area of specialty.

Intermission for Holy Week and Easter

- **Sunday, April 10, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm – Kevin Lee.** On this Third Sunday of Easter, Kevin Lee will lead us in a discussion on Mercy and Stewardship. We all have gifts of time and talent. We are all members of various communities. When we share our gifts and receive gifts from others, we enter more fully into community with one another. Kevin will talk with us about how we can use our time and talents to further the work of Mercy in our communities. Kevin Lee is the Executive Director, Foundation at Mid-America Transplant Services, former President of Loyola Academy, and former director of charitable giving for Aquinas Institute of Theology.
- **Sunday, April 17, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm – Gloria Taylor.** Gloria Taylor is co-founder and CEO of Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH). On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Gloria will wrap up our Adult Faith Enrichment and Formation series by sharing with us her passion for Justice and Mercy in our Community, and about how and why she established CWAH back in the 1980s. St. John parish community supports the CWAH ministry with our Lenten Giving Tree and our Advent/Christmas Giving Tree. We look forward to Gloria sharing with us inspiring stories of her family’s connection with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and her own passion for Catholic Social Teaching. Recognized by many for her tireless commitment to mercy and compassion, Ms. Taylor most recently received the 2014 Lifetime Achiever in Caring for the Community Award from the St. Louis American Foundation’s Salute to Excellence in Health Care.