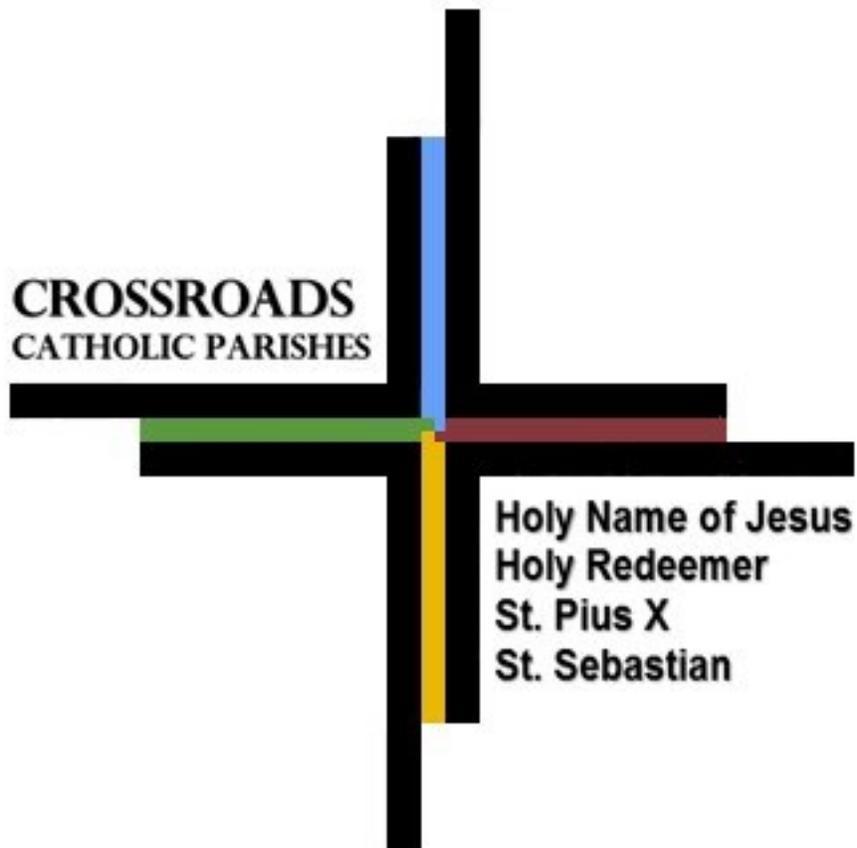


# **CROSSROADS**

Catechetical Day



**January 27, 2018**  
**8:30 AM to 3:55 PM**  
**Holy Redeemer Parish**

**Registration Packet**



Dear Catechetical Minister,

Catechesis is one of the great treasures of the Church. Your leadership and participation are key to the ongoing development and well-being of the faith of our parish communities. Recognizing the role catechists play in bringing people to the Lord Jesus, we are pleased to offer this **CROSSROADS** Catechetical Day, which will provide an opportunity for us to gather together and renew our commitment to pass on the riches of our Catholic faith: our beliefs, our rituals and our spiritual traditions.

We are heartened by the quality and quantity of workshops, prayer experiences, resources, and opportunities for community-building offered throughout the day. We ask you to please take the time to be renewed and enriched in your personal faith and the faith you hand on to those you serve.

Please be assured of our support and encouragement as you so generously dedicate your time and your energy to this important ministry.

Yours in Christ,

*Msgr. William W. Duncan*

*Fr. Chris Rowek*

*Fr. A. R. Gumbel*

*Mr. Stephen Dudak*

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Please prayerfully consider which sessions you would like to attend. A registration form is located at the back of this booklet. Please fill it out completely and return it to your Parish Catechetical Director or Holy Redeemer Parish as soon as possible; ***space is limited***. The cost to participate in this Catechetical Day is \$35.00 (\$5.00 non-refundable). Scholarships are available; please contact Rhonda Lomonaco at 669-9220 for information.

### **Schedule of the Day:**

8:30-9am	Hospitality (Shopping)
9-9:15am	Prayer
9:15-10:15am	Keynote Speaker - Dawn Hausmann/Fr. John Linden <i>Theology of the Body in the Ministry of a Catechist</i>
10:15-10:30am	Shopping
10:35-11:35am	Session 1
11:40-12:40pm	Session 2
12:45-1:45pm	Lunch (Shopping)
1:50-2:50pm	Session 3 (Vendors close at 2:30 pm)
2:55-3:55pm	Session 4 (Closing Prayer/Evaluations included)

Vendors will be available throughout the day for you to purchase items. Some of the vendors attending include:

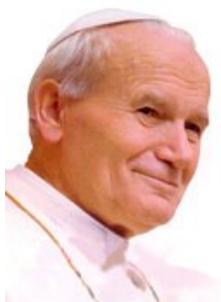
Loyola Press  
Our Sunday Visitor  
Michigan Church Supply (Bishop Baraga Bookstore)

## Information about our Keynote Speakers

Dawn Hausmann is the Director of Consecrated Vocations for the Lansing Diocese. She has a degree in Social Work from MSU and a Master in Theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for the Studies of Marriage and Family in Washington D.C. She has a passion for spreading John Paul II's Theology of the Body and helping people journey in vocational discernment. She is in her own journey of discernment toward the vocation of Consecrated Virginity. She petitioned Bishop Boyea with the desire to become a



candidate and is awaiting the Church's response. She anticipates the day in which she will surrender her full life to the Lord forever in the journey of becoming a bride of Christ. Her interests outside of these areas are in anything that has to do with enjoying the outdoors: hiking, biking, and being in nature.



"THE BODY, IN FACT, AND ONLY THE BODY,  
IS CAPABLE OF MAKING VISIBLE WHAT IS INVISIBLE:  
THE SPIRITUAL AND THE DIVINE."

- BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL II, THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Fr. John Linden was ordained in 2007, and has a Masters in Divinity from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He enjoyed three years as a parochial vicar at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor before becoming the Chair of the Formation Department for the Diocese of Lansing as well as the Director of Seminarians. Fr. John travels throughout the diocese giving presentations on topics including vocations and vocational discernment as well as Theology of the Body and its connection to both marriage and consecrated life.



## **Session 1 - 10:35-11:35am**

- 1. Title: Priesthood in the Pews**  
Presenter: Aaron Sanders, *is the Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Originally from Northern Indiana; graduate of Notre Dame with degrees in Theology (BA, MTS, PhD); he is married with six children.*  
Synopsis: Each one of the baptized has received a share in Christ's royal priesthood and is called to exercise that priesthood during the liturgy. This session will focus on how the lay faithful in the pews—without serving as liturgical ministers—take an active share in the work of the Mass.  
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- 2. Title: The Sunday Gospels of the Easter Season for 2018 — Sent to Live the Resurrection in our Age**  
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Synopsis: We will look at the progression of the Gospel texts for the seven weeks of the coming Easter Season  
Component: Theology/Spirituality
- 3. Title: The Spiritual Essence of Mary: Model and Guide for Discipleship**  
Presenter: Teri Burns, *is the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at St. Robert of Newminster. She holds Bachelor's Degrees in Theology and Sociology from Aquinas College and a Master's in Pastoral Theology From St. Mary-of-the Woods.*  
Synopsis: The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Virgin Mary as the perfect embodiment of the obedience of faith. (CCC 148) From her, we can learn how to be better disciples of Christ Jesus. This session will ponder the Spiritual Essence of Mary and consider ways in which Mary's example might influence, challenge, and support our discipleship. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on their experience of Mary and share how they have encountered Mary's Spiritual Essence in their lives and ministries.  
Component: Spirituality
- 4. Title: Keeping Your Eyes on the Prize: Catholic Perspective on the Four Last Things**  
Presenter: Fr. Colin Mulhall, *is the Associate Pastor at St. Robert of Newminster and Co-Chaplain at Catholic Central High School*  
Synopsis: We all want to go to heaven, and hope to get there someday. But what if heaven begins earlier than that? And what about the "other" place? Why do we die? What happens immediately after death? The Catholic Church has a rich teaching on the fate of humanity after this early pilgrimage is over, but it seems to be the best kept secret of the Church today. Come and explore what the Church teaches, and what we as Christians can learn from Scripture and Tradition about the Four Last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.  
Component: Theology
- 5. Title: What is Faith?**  
Presenter: Peter Ries, *is the RCIA Director at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and St. John Church and Student Center in East Lansing. He is the former Diocesan Director of Evangelization, RCIA, and Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Lansing.*  
Synopsis: A clear understanding of faith is necessary so that the catechist may know the possibilities of faith response sought for in faith formation. Faith response differs in individuals; there is development and growth in faith.  
Component: Methodology/Theology
- 6. Title: How Can I find God?**  
Presenter: Fr. Phil Shangraw, *is a person who has been forgiven much! He is also a Roman Catholic priest who has served the Diocese of Grand Rapids in a variety of capacities and parishes over the past 37 years; he prefers to live as a hermit when he can.*

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7. **Title: Understanding Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark**
- Presenter: Msgr. William H. Duncan, *is the Pastor at St. Sebastian in Byron Center and Vicar General, Office of the Bishop, Diocese of Grand Rapids.*
- Synopsis: In this Year of the Gospel of Mark we will explore the call and nature of discipleship as presented in this early Gospel.
- Component: Spirituality/Theology
8. **Title: The History of the Reformation and Counter Reformation**
- Presenter: Patrick Nugent, *is a Religion Teacher at West Catholic High School for the past 21 years, Religion Department Chair at West Catholic High School, and holds a Masters in History Education.*
- Synopsis: As we have recently observed the 500th anniversary of the writing of the 95 Theses, this session gives a historical overview of the Protestant Reformation and the accompanying Catholic Reformation. Personalities and trends from the time will be discussed as well as the ongoing implications of these events.
- Component: Theology
9. **Title: The Connection between Suffering and Joy in the Life of a Christian**
- Presenter: Fr. Joachim Lally, *is a Paulist Priest in Senior Ministry, Missionary to the Dominican Republic 44 times, Teacher of Prayer, and holds a Masters Degree in Counseling.*
- Synopsis: This presentation will focus on how suffering and joy are often two sides of the same coin. Jesus said, “I have come that they might enjoy life to the full.” (John 10:10) We will take another look at how experiences of intense sufferings can be transformed into the kind of joy that no one can take from us. There will be opportunities for the class participants to share from their own experiences if they freely choose to do this.
- Component: Spirituality
10. **Title: Science Vs. Religion? Conflict or Companion??**
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- Component: Methodology

- 12. Title: St. Joseph—A Model for Teaching Ideas on Chastity and Theology of the Body**  
 Presenter: Kevin Hilgert, *is passionate about the Church's Social Ministry, the power of pilgrimage, and the opportunity to walk with others in their journey in faith. Kevin has been involved in Youth Ministry for over twenty years. He has served as a volunteer, as a professional Youth Minister for 13 years, as a presenter, and as a retreat and conference leader during that time as well.*  
 Synopsis: This session will develop the thesis that St. Joseph is a prime model of authentic Christian manhood. Calling on Sacred Scripture and Tradition, Kevin will explore how St. Joseph can be used as a model to teach the Church's understanding of Chastity, through the lens of Theology of the Body.  
 Component: Methodology/Theology
- 13. Title: Explaining the Stations of the Cross to Children**  
 Presenter: Betty Searle, *is a parishioner at Holy Redeemer Parish and a member of the RCIA Team for 20 years. She has been offering presentations to the youth/adults of her parish as well as other parishes on the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary for the past 17years.*  
 Synopsis: This session will offer how to explain the Stations of the Cross to children and adult converts to the faith. Ideas on how to teach all grade levels will be explored.  
 Component: Methodology/Theology
- 14. Title: Let's Get Comfortable with Prayer:**  
 Presenter: Mona Andre, *is a Pastoral Associate, RCIA Director and Adult Faith Formation Director for St. Sebastian Parish in Byron Center. She loves to facilitate Bible Studies and Adult Faith Formation Programs. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She also loves to sew!*  
 Synopsis: This session will offer personal and group sharing—a time to ask questions and share insights. Prayer experiences and examples of various forms of prayer. “Be Still and Know that I am God”  
 Component: Spirituality

## **Session 2 - 11:40-12:40pm**

- 15. Title: Building a Christ Centered Home: Helping Returning and New Families Live as Disciples**  
 Presenter: Ricardo Valdez, *is the Director of Faith Formation at St. Francis de Sales in Holland. Ricardo is also the father of four.*  
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**Presenter:** Patrick Nugent, *is a Religion Teacher at West Catholic High School for the past 21 years, Religion Department Chair at West Catholic High School, and holds a Masters in History Education.*  
**Synopsis:** This session will look at the saints. What makes someone a saint? How does the canonization process work? Saints from throughout the history of the Church and from around the world will be referenced as examples, including our American saints and recently canonized saints.  
**Component:** Theology
20. **Title:** **Pilgrimage: A Spirituality for Everyday**  
**Presenter:** Tom Eggleston, *is the pastoral associate for St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of the Lake Parishes in Holland where he coordinates pastoral care visits, funerals, gives retreats, and works extensively with Catholic students at Hope College. In addition he worked as a lay missionary in South America for three years.*  
**Synopsis:** Christians are a “pilgrim people” and the Catholic Church describes itself as “a pilgrim Church. Looking at ancient and contemporary accounts of pilgrimage as well some personal experiences, this session will explore how to use the wisdom of pilgrimages in our daily lives.  
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22. **Title:** **Eucharist is a Meal and a \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Presenter:** Fr. Chris Rouech, *is the Pastor at St. Pius X in Grandville.*  
**Synopsis:** Nearly every faithful Catholic knows to fill in that blank with the word “sacrifice”. But what does that mean? Does the word “sacrifice” have any particular relevance in modern times? While the Church’s understanding of the sacrificial elements of the Eucharist will be summarized in this session, our higher goal will be to develop a deeper appreciation for the mystery of the Eucharist and how to incorporate the spirituality of the Mass into everyday living.  
**Component:** Spirituality/Theology

- 23. Title: Creation and Incarnation**  
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 Synopsis: A proper understanding of creation and the reality of Jesus' incarnation is a foundation of hope and a fundamental attitude and insight on which much faith formation is based.  
 Component: Theology
- 24. Title: The Prayer of Quiet: Contemplation in a Noisy World**  
 Presenter: Teri Burns, *is the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at St. Robert of Newminster. She holds Bachelor's Degrees in Theology and Sociology from Aquinas College and a Master's in Pastoral Theology From St. Mary-of-the Woods.*  
 Synopsis: There is much noise in our world: Busy family schedules, daily activities, screens and other media, and so much more. All this noise distracts us and pulls us away from our connection with God and others. Jesus tells us: "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen." (Matthew 6:6) The Prayer of Quiet is an intentional practice that re-connects us with God, the Source of Life, filling us with calm remembrance of who we are as God's children. Learn more about The Prayer of Quiet and experience a few moments of silence to rest in and contemplate God's Presence.  
 Component: Spirituality
- 25. Title: Discernment of Spirits: Christian Decision Making**  
 Presenter: Dawn Hausmann and Fr. John Linden (see keynote page bio)  
 Synopsis: This session will present Ignatian discernment tools that will hopefully not only help each of us better know the decisions that God wants us to make in our lives, but also be more equipped to accompany the youth in their decision-making.  
 Component: Spirituality/Methodology
- 26. Title: "Male and Female He Created Them: Some Catholic Responses to LGBTQ Questions and Controversies"**  
 Presenter: Fr. Colin Mulhall, *is the Associate Pastor at St. Robert of Newminster and Co-Chaplain at Catholic Central High School.*  
 Synopsis: The deep and disconcerting questions about sexuality in our culture today call for a Catholic, that is to say, compassionate, response. Using both data from reputable psychological and sociological research, as well as Scripture and Tradition, get basic guiding principles for responding to the call to love our neighbor as ourself, no matter who they be and what burdens they might be carrying, keeping the delicate balance to proclaim the truth in love.  
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Synopsis: *and a desire to pass that love of God to others so they too can become ardent witnesses to the Gospel.* It can be challenging teaching young children about the faith. Their attention is so easily diverted to their peers, things around the room, and so much else. Yet have you ever noticed when a birthday cake is lit, kids seem to stop what they're doing and lock in with laser like focus? That's the power of ritual. Our Faith is rich with it. This session we will take a look at how to incorporate more ritual as a teaching device that will not only engage our students, but help them learn more about their faith.

Component: Methodology

### **Session 3 - 1:50-2:50pm**

- 29. Title: Facilitating Adult Bible Study Sessions**  
Presenter: *Mona Andre, is the Pastoral Associate at St. Sebastian Parish in Byron Center. She loves to facilitate Bible Studies and Adult Faith Formation Programs. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She also loves to sew!*  
Synopsis: This session will offer the practical nuts and bolts of facilitating an Adult Bible Study. You will learn that you can do it too and grow closer to God in your experience.  
Component: Spirituality/Methodology
- 30. Title: Leading People in Prayer**  
Presenter: *Fr. Chris Rouech, is the Pastor at St. Pius X in Grandville.*  
Synopsis: In the Sacrament of Baptism we are anointed "priest, prophet and king." Yet many Catholics feel incapable or unworthy of leading people in prayer. Participants in this session will gain confidence by learning and practicing basic principles of preparing and leading prayer for both informal and formal occasions.  
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Component: Methodology
- 32. Title: The Papacy Throughout History**  
Presenter: *Patrick Nugent, is a Religion Teacher at West Catholic High School for the past 21 years, Religion Department Chair at West Catholic High School, and holds a Masters in History Education.*  
Synopsis: This session will be an overview of the history of the Papacy. From the first Pope, Peter, to the current Pope Francis, how has the role of the Pope changed over time? This session will provide many historical examples of Popes, both saints and sinners, and their roles in the Church and the wider world.  
Component: Theology

- 33. Title: Building a Christ Centered Home: Helping Returning and New Families Live as Disciples**  
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 Component: Methodology
- 34. Title: Partnering Stewardship & Faith Formation at ANY Age**  
 Presenter: Andy Rebollar, *is the Pastoral Associate for Parish Life for St. Pius X in Grandville. Andy has been involved in full time ministry since 2001 and has served in a variety of roles for the Catholic Church.*  
 Synopsis: Stewardship is more than the 3T's (time, talent, & treasure) and if lived fully, much closer to living as a disciple. This session will explore a broader understanding of Stewardship based on the U.S. Bishop's document and share ways to incorporate Steward Themes into any Curriculum.  
 Component: Spirituality/Theology
- 35. Title: Jesus Christ**  
 Presenter: Peter Ries, *is the RCIA Director at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and St. John Church and Student Center in East Lansing. He is the former Diocesan Director of Evangelization, RCIA, and Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Lansing.*  
 Synopsis: The centrality of Jesus as the Christ in the content and experience of Revelation is at the heart of faith formation. Catechists, therefore, need an understanding and appreciation of Jesus because through him we are called to faith and according to him as a model, we are led to live our faith.  
 Component: Spirituality/Methodology
- 36. Title: Christian Themes and Messages in Secular Music**  
 Presenter: Tonino Michienzi, *is a parishioner at Holy Redeemer Parish. Tony has shared in Time and Talent with the parish in many ways, but loves his role as a Catechist.*  
 Synopsis: This session will review videos and lyrics of mainstream music and the underlying Christian themes.  
 Component: Methodology
- 37. Title: Theology of the Body (Part One of Two)**  
 Presenter: Dawn Hausmann and Fr. John Linden (see keynote for bio)  
 Synopsis: This session will cover some of the major themes of the Theology of the Body in two parts (two hours in the afternoon sessions). We hope that everyone will receive a better understanding of the meaning of human life, what our bodies reveal about God, and how we live the purpose of life as male and female in the world.  
 Component: Theology
- 38. Title: The Rich Spirituality of the Catechist**  
 Presenter: Sr. Mary Kay Oosdyk, OP, *is the Interant Adult Faith Formator for the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.*  
 Synopsis: Chosen to share the richness of faith and meaning. This is truly a gift of God and noble work, but the reality of teaching, witnessing and sharing faith takes effort, time, energy and focus. So why me? Was this truly a desire of mine or was I invited, cajoled or arm twisted into this? Have I been doing this for several years and maybe beginning to think it's time for someone else to step up. Or am I just in my first year or two and thinking I'm not very successful? Why am I really sharing the God I know? And how do I know that God?  
 Component: Spirituality

39. **Title:** **Insights into Navigating the Sometimes Bumpy Road of Christian Initiation**  
**Presenter:** Teri Burns, *is the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at St. Robert of Newminister. She holds Bachelor's Degrees in Theology and Sociology from Aquinas College and a Master's in Pastoral Theology From St. Mary-of-the Woods.*  
**Synopsis:** Welcoming adults into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation is a beautiful process; yet sometimes an individual's road to faith and communion is bumpy. The RCIA is a wonderful opportunity for pastors, RCIA coordinators & teams, and parish communities to "go to the peripheries," as Pope Francis challenges us. The process can be an encounter with Christ in the sufferings and joys of those with who we journey. This session will consider some of the issues parishes face in welcoming adults into the Church through the RCIA. It will be more of a listening and discussion session, because going to the peripheries means entering into the bumpy individual journeys of life and faith, and there are no one-fits-all answers.  
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**Presenter:** Bernadette Jones, *is the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Holy Redeemer Parish.*  
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**Component:** Methodology

## Session 4 - 2:55-3:55pm

- 43. Title: The Rosary**  
Presenter: Betty Searle, *is a parishioner at Holy Redeemer Parish and a member of the RCIA Team for 20 years. She has been offering presentations to the youth/adults of her parish as well as other parishes on the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary for the past 17 years.*  
Synopsis: This session will explore how to explain the rosary to children and adult converts to the faith.  
Component: Methodology
- 44. Title: Christian Themes and Messages in Secular Music**  
Presenter: Tonino Michienzi, *is a parishioner at Holy Redeemer Parish. Tony has shared in Time and Talent with the parish in many ways, but loves his role as a Catechist.*  
Synopsis: This session will review videos and lyrics of mainstream music and the underlying Christian themes.  
Component: Methodology
- 45. Title: Partnering Stewardship & Faith Formation at ANY Age**  
Presenter: Andy Rebollar, *is the Pastoral Associate for Parish Life for St. Pius X in Grandville. Andy has been involved in full time ministry since 2001 and has served in a variety of roles for the Catholic Church.*  
Synopsis: Stewardship is more than the 3T's (time, talent, & treasure) and if lived fully, much closer to living as a disciple. This session will explore a broader understanding of Stewardship based on the U.S. Bishop's document and share ways to incorporate Steward Themes into any Curriculum.  
Component: Spirituality/Theology
- 46. Title: Pilgrimage: A Spirituality for Everyday**  
Presenter: Tom Eggleston, *is the pastoral associate for St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of the Lake Parishes in Holland where he coordinates pastoral care visits, funerals, gives retreats, and works extensively with Catholic students at Hope College. In addition he worked as a lay missionary in South America for three years.*  
Synopsis: Christians are a "pilgrim people" and the Catholic Church describes itself as "a pilgrim Church. Looking at ancient and contemporary accounts of pilgrimage as well some personal experiences, this session will explore how to use the wisdom of pilgrimages in our daily lives.  
Component: Spirituality
- 47. Title: Mary and the Saints**  
Presenter: Peter Ries, *is the RCIA Director at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and St. John Church and Student Center in East Lansing. He is the former Diocesan Director of Evangelization, RCIA, and Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Lansing.*  
Synopsis: Mary and the saints give each Christian a practical hope for being able to live a Christian life.  
Component: Spirituality
- 48. Title: The Church History of West Michigan**  
Presenter: Patrick Nugent, *is a Religion Teacher at West Catholic High School for 21 years, Religion Department Chair at West Catholic High School, and holds a Masters in History Education.*  
Synopsis: This session will include an overview of the history of the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Special emphasis will be given to themes and topics that could be shared with students, RCIA candidates, or adult learners.  
Component: Theology
- 49. Title: The Rich Spirituality of the Catechist**  
Presenter: Sr. Mary Kay Oosdyk, OP, *is the Itinerant Adult Faith Formator for the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids.*  
Synopsis: Chosen to share the richness of faith and meaning. This is truly a gift of God and noble work, but the reality of teaching, witnessing and sharing faith takes effort, time, energy and focus. So why me? Was this truly a desire of mine or was I invited, cajoled or arm twisted into this? Have I been doing this for several years and maybe beginning to think it's time for someone

else to step up. Or am I just in my first year or two and thinking I'm not very successful? Why am I really sharing the God I know? And how do I know that God?

Component: Spirituality

**50. Title: Theology of the Body (Part Two of Two)**

Presenter: Dawn Hausmann and Fr. John Linden (see keynote for bio)

Synopsis: This session will cover some of the major themes of the Theology of the Body in two parts (two hours in the afternoon sessions). We hope that everyone will receive a better understanding of the meaning of human life, what our bodies reveal about God, and how we live the purpose of life as male and female in the world.

Component: Theology

**51. Title: Teaching Rituals**

Presenter: Jim Hurst, *is a passionate disciple of Christ who strives to seek God with his whole heart. He is also privileged to be a husband to a beautiful wife, Monica, as well as be a father to four amazing children. He has served 10 years in professional ministry as a Youth Minister, DRE and now as the Director of the youth branch of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at St. John Vianney Parish. He has a zeal for his faith and a desire to pass that love of God to others so that they too can become ardent witnesses to the Gospel.*

Synopsis: It can be challenging teaching young children about the faith. Their attention is so easily diverted to their peers, things around the room, and so much else. Yet have you ever noticed when a birthday cake is lit, kids seem to stop what they're doing and lock in with laser-like focus? That's the power of ritual. Our Faith is rich with it. This session we will take a look at how to incorporate more ritual as a teaching device that will not only engage our students, but help them learn more about their faith.

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**53. Title: The Spiritual Essence of Mary: Model and Guide for Discipleship**

Presenter: Teri Burns, *is the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at St. Robert of Newminster. She holds Bachelor's Degrees in Theology and Sociology from Aquinas College and a Master's in Pastoral Theology from St. Mary-of-the-Woods.*

Synopsis: The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Virgin Mary as the perfect embodiment of the obedience of faith. (CCC 148) From her, we can learn how to be better disciples of Christ Jesus. This session will ponder the Spiritual Essence of Mary and consider ways in which Mary's example might influence, challenge, and support our discipleship. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on their experience of Mary and share how they have encountered Mary's Spiritual Essence in their lives and ministries.

Component: Spirituality

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