

Morning Workshops and Evening Presentations



A Franciscan Way for ECC Individuals and Communities

Franciscans of Reconciliation (ofr)

Wednesday, 10:15am

We will share with you:

- 👤 Something about the various paths that brought us to OFR
- 👤 Commitment to Ecumenism, Human Rights and Justice
- 👤 Our vision and hopes for the OFR

Can we be of service to you and your community?

- 👤 Teaching Missions
- 👤 Spiritual Formation
- 👤 Retreats and Quiet Days
- 👤 Exploration of Spiritual Writing
- 👤 St. Francis Virtual House of Studies and *The Progressive Catholic Review*
- 👤 Liturgical Resources (e.g. Blessing of Pets)

We will discuss and answer your questions about:

- 👤 Franciscan life in the world, but not of it
- 👤 Medieval origins in a post-modern context
- 👤 Anything else about the path of Francis and Clare

Balancing Ministry, Job, Life (*All Within a 25 hour Period!*)

Peg Gotthold,

Wednesday, 10:15am or Thursday, 10:15am

Ministry, job, life. All three are full-time callings. One can usually handle two, juggling three seems impossible, at time. In one survey, 70% of surveyed pastors felt discouraged, overworked, and stressed out and 80% of their spouses felt that the ministry is hurting their loved one and their marriage. If you are feeling the strain, you are definitely not alone.

This workshop is designed to open the dialog on the pressures of ministry, job and life. To discover the sticking points. To develop individual coping mechanisms. To recognize the importance of daily spiritual practices to refreshing the spirit. To provide resources for juggling techniques. Become a better juggler!

Peg Gotthold applies skills developed in the corporate world to assist ministers facing challenges in their call, to understand situational congregation dynamics, to explore options for alternative ministry and to discern the direction of a call. A trained Spiritual Director, her ministry is assisting clergy in crisis. First, by providing a confidential listener and then assisting them in skill-building, discernment and situation assessment.

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Technology and Media for ECC Communities

Fr. Jim Schratz, *San Damiano*

Wednesday, 10:15am or Friday, 10:15am

This workshop will explore some concrete uses of technology and media which can be useful to our local ECC parishes. We will cover advertising in the local media, the function of websites and web presence, email, list servers and electronic bulletins or newsletters, as well the use of newer social networking tools such as MySpace, Facebook and Twitter. What is appropriate? What's not! Do we need to do it just because the church up the street is doing it? We need an expert – and we can't afford one! These are all legitimate questions and concerns in the modern "immediately there" world. Let's talk about it, shall we?

Fr. Jim Schratz, the facilitator, works by day for the Arkansas General Assembly, where he is the Chief Information Officer and has responsibility for the Legislatures website and all in-house programming and development. He has been with the State for over 14 years. Jim joined San Damiano over two years ago and was incardinated to the ECC this past May. He was originally ordained in 1984 for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Little Rock.

A Celtic Way for ECC Communities

Eileen Knoff, *Brigid's Circle*; Rev. Scott Jenkins, *Holy Family-Aurora*; and Rev. Michael Seger

Wednesday, 10:15am

Come explore how a Celtic-Christian spirituality can support a Catholic community's growth--in size and inclusivity of spirit. The Celtic vision stands open to Divine Life filling all creation and offers an inspiring bridge between Eastern and Western Christianity.

Michael has long studied Celtic spirituality, history, theology and liturgy and seeks to establish a Celtic Catholic community in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, which he hopes will affiliate with the ECC. Holy Family has been an ECC parish in Colorado since the communion's early days. Brigid's Circle® is one of the first specialized ministries linked to the ECC.

Several members of Holy Family and writers/subscribers to Brigid's Circle® will share their experiences. Bibliographies provided for your reading pleasure. Questions and comments welcomed. Door prizes add to the fun!



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Social Justice Commitment in Small Communities

Fr. Arturo Querijero, *St. Matthew*

Thursday, 10:15am or Friday, 10:15am

The establishment of our ecclesial identity is for the service of our Catholic Faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement. The justice we are concern is that which springs from the faith directed to the signs of the times. Making us witnesses of justice with the limited means at our disposal but training us to produce God's justice in our apostolic activity. We have to recover this prophetic calling as a Communion otherwise we transform ourselves as a charitable institutions or a social club of people who like and treat each other as equals, but without moral nor spiritual authority.

Like any other form of ministry, the promotion of justice and peace needs appropriate attention and preparation. The session is designed for two purposes, to instill in our pastoral commitment discernment on the perspective of the poor and the oppressed, faith rooted community organizing, examine some issues that we should be involved in our apostolate. And on the structural level, organize and establish our own Peace and Justice Committee in the Communion.

Legalities, Financial Management and Stewardship for ECC Communities

George von Stamwitz, *Sts. Clare and Francis*; Peter Counterman, *St. Mary*; and Ray Knapp, *All Souls*

Thursday, 10:15am or Friday, 10:15am

When one desires to build a solid structure, a foundation is laid, walls and roof are built and then you decorate. So, too, it is with building a community of faith in the ECC. We will discuss corporate and liability structure, being "connected and accountable," by-laws that reflect our theology, tax exemption.

Your community can grow strategically with financial security and good management. With the right people on your finance council, your community can develop procedures and budgets and remain accountable and transparent.

Stewardship is so much more than a buzz word, it's a way of life. What are the concepts and techniques that will help your community grow in all the aspects of good, healthy stewardship. We will share the ideas and success stories of our sister communities of the ECC.

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The Work of the People, Liturgy in ECC Communities

Mirella Morra-Hickman, *St. Matthew* and Fr. Fred Ball, *ofr, San Damiano*

Thursday, 10:15am or Friday, 10:15am

“You are being built together into a dwelling place for God.” The Mass, as the central act of Catholic worship, is a crucial piece of “being built together”. Does your weekly Liturgy “build together” the people of God? How do the members of your community understand their coming together, fulfilling their various roles in the Mass, as part of what it means to be the Church?

In this workshop, we will invite conversation about the needs and concerns of the local ECC communities regarding liturgy. We will talk about the essential characteristics of Catholic worship, resources for music and liturgy planning, the place of music in building community, the various roles people play in the Mass and why they matter, how a parish worship committee might function, and other things which may strengthen your Sunday gathering as both a sacrifice of praise to God and a means of building your local community.

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The Future Church and the ECC

Fr. James Farris, St. Matthew

Wednesday, 8pm

Christians discuss and debate issues, while the “post-modern” world evaluates the value of any religious faith. Today’s atheists warn against religion. Many people ask if faith really helps to make sense of life. Christian sexual ethics are often at odds with the general attitudes of Western society. Core institutions are in transition. What does “family” mean? Does religious faith matter? “I’m spiritual, but not religious.” Is belief in **God** necessary?

The ECC bears the treasure of Catholic faith into this society. While some are tempted to doubt traditional Catholicism in renewing their faith, this presentation calls for the opposite— moving to the heart of ancient Catholic faith, our path into mystery we call “God.” Here (in the ECC experience of Catholicism) lies the intimacy of community challenging an impersonal world, the archetypal power of sacraments and devotional practice – carrying us through life, as Catholic faith did for our spiritual ancestors. Here too lies the tradition of advocacy for the marginalized peoples – like groups that so often comprised the Church in past era. “Come and you will see!” (*John 1:39*)

Living with Being the Pastor’s Spouse: A Gathering for the “House of Spouses”

Art Maines, Sts. Clare and Francis

Wednesday, 8pm

Art, who is married to Frank Krebs, is a psychotherapist in practice with a group of psychiatrists in St. Louis. Art intends to offer a guided discussion with a view to exploring the gifts and challenges of “being married to the pastor.” He also hopes to offer answers to the question: “How can we make this a good thing for each of us?”

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Theological Education In and For the ECC





Fr. Gregory Singleton, ofr, *Community of St. Francis*

Thursday, 8pm

This discussion is for:

-  Those who feel no call to ordained ministry but want to explore education for the ministry of the baptized;
-  Those who feel a call to ordained ministry and want to explore the options for educational preparation;
-  Those who are ordained and want to learn more about the options for continuing education.

In this discussion, we hope to answer:

-  What is or may be available in the ECC?
-  What is available in distance learning format?
-  What is available in traditional format?
-  Other questions you might have

In all of the above we will be more interested in qualification than certification.

International Mission Ministry in ECC Communities

Carla Altepeter, *Emmaus-Oshkosh*

Thursday, 8pm

Have you thought of participating in International Missions, but could not be away from home for extended periods of time? Would you like to provide short term mission experiences to your community members? If so, this workshop is for you!

This session will introduce you to short term foreign missions. We will discuss a mission program that has been operational for 12 years. Mission destinations are arranged with an independent agency, such as Food for the Hungry, which has an active "in country" staff. Teams are organized, trained, and led on the mission experience. Through this program teams have traveled to Bolivia, Guyana, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru and Uganda. Each mission has lasted 1-2 weeks; some have included medical and/or dental teams, health education and construction teams.

In this session we will discuss the possibilities of having your community members join one of our mission teams, and how we can assist you in starting a similar mission program sponsored by your community or region.