

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, WILLIAMS, AZ
ST. ANNE MISSION, ASH FORK & ST. FRANCIS, SELIGMAN**

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Mass Times

Saturday Evening

4:00pm (Ash Fork)

5:30pm (Williams)

Sunday Morning

8:00am (Seligman)

10:00am (Williams)

**Monday, Tuesday
& Friday**

9:00am (Williams)

Wednesday

5:00pm (Ash Fork)

Confessions

Tuesdays after Mass
or by appointment.

Office Hours

Monday & Friday

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



22nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory,
and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:27

Letter from Fr. John



Dear Parishioners,

Education, Conferences and Postmodernism

This week I will be flying to Denver to speak at the Catholic Medical Association's annual educational conference. You might be wondering, "Why would he be doing that?" For three years I was the chaplain for the CMA. I was also chaplain of the Phoenix Guild for about seven years. During these years I also formed the Diocesan Medical Ethics Board and served as the Chairman of that Board and was the Director of Medical Ethics for the Diocese for about seven years. Thus, I have a certain amount of experience in Bioethics/Medical Ethics as that was the reason Bishop Olmsted sent me to study in Rome where I received my Licentiate in Moral Theology.

The theme of this year's conference is, "Medicine at the Service of Marriage and Family: Transforming the Culture with Love and Truth." The talks I will be delivering are entitled, "Cultivating a Healthy Society - Fulfilling the New Evangelization with Love and Truth," and "Remedies for Family Spiritual Health - Healing Families through the Sacraments."

These talks center around two main interests of mine. First, examining the philosophical roots of contemporary ideas and how these ideas shape our culture. Largely this has centered on the main tenets of Postmodernism and the philosophers who have a part in all of this from Nietzsche and Heidegger to Lyotard, Vattimo and Girard. Second, it is clear to me that the Sacraments of the Church are not as fruitful in people's lives as our theology and history says they ought to be. My interest lies in helping to understand why this is the case and what can be done to help people make use of the graces they receive so that they might truly be transformed.

As we move forward with our Adult Formation Classes you will likely get a good sense of these topics and perhaps even a class on Modern Atheism and Postmodernism. However, this week we will start at a more basic level with C.S. Lewis and Mere Christianity. While I don't know how long I will be assigned to our parishes, it is my intention to share as much of what I have learned while I am able.

Please pray for my travel and the talks I am to deliver. I am flying out early Thursday morning. I deliver my talks on Friday and then return that same night.

God's blessings,
Fr. John

Adult Formation Class #1

Basic Christian Doctrine

September 5th at 7:00 PM
Crossan Hall

Text: Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
This initial class will run for 6 weeks.

All Are Welcome!

Please Note:

There will be no Mass on Wednesday or Friday of this week. Fr. John is speaking at the Catholic Medical Association Annual Conference in Denver.

Attention:

All parents who have 2nd grade children or adults that need 1st Communion, 1st Reconciliation and Confirmation, Please contact Maryellen

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday in honor of Labor Day

Gift Shop Sale!

We are liquidating all of our inventory.

Please visit the Parish Hall after the 10 AM Mass.

**Do you want to become Catholic?
Do you know someone who does?**

Please speak with Fr. John. Preparation for entry into the Church will be our Adult Formation Classes.