

Pastor's Statement

Last year a diverse group of speakers joined us to share their personal and spiritual experiences and challenge us to live our faith. This year, our **Men's Fellowship theme is Come Follow Me**. The planning group will bring you another varied set of speakers, each bringing unique experiences and offering spiritual faith challenges for the men of Incarnation to grow spiritually and closer to the Lord.

As you can see from the upcoming schedule, it will be an exceptional group of speakers coming to the Incarnation Parish Center. Additional information on each program will be published in the church bulletin, on parish flyers and advertised on the parish electronic sign.

Men's Fellowship goes to the heart of spiritual growth, faith formation, and faith sharing for the men of Incarnation. I fully endorse the objectives of this group as they continue to offer tremendous opportunities for our men to develop relationships with other men and to be inspired to form new or join existing small prayer groups. We need to be "church" to one another, and the Incarnation Men's Fellowship meets all of these goals.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Stretch

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

(Saint Basil)

2014/2015 Schedule

COME FOLLOW ME

September 18 – Men's Fellowship welcomes **Billy Donlon, Head Coach WSU Men's Basketball Program.**

November 20 – Come and meet our new **Parochial Vicar, Fr. Brian Phelps**. This will be a great opportunity to meet Fr. Brian up close and personal.

January 15 – Men's Fellowship welcomes **Bishop Joseph Binzer, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Cincinnati.**

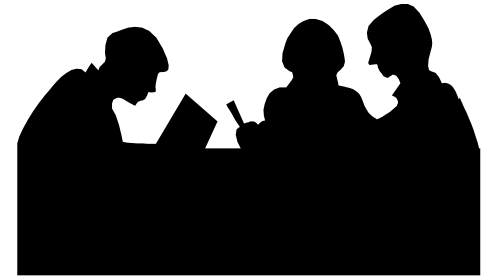
March 19 – **Sister Angela Ann Zukowski, University of Dayton, will speak on "The Pilgrim's Rule: The Path to Discipleship – Insights from Pope Francis."**

May 21 – **Cookout; Father Stretch will deliver his annual State of the Parish Message.**

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Incarnation Men's Fellowship

Faith Formation—Spiritual Development—Faith Sharing



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Our Objectives

- *Bringing men of the parish together who want to grow spiritually and feel closer to Christ*
- *Encouraging development of smaller men's faith groups*
- *Developing an educational as well as social format with subjects of interest*
- *Giving men an opportunity to enjoy personal and spiritual growth*



Small Groups

What are Small Groups for Men?

Small Groups for Men are comprised of men from the parish who gather to discuss their lives in the light of their Catholic faith and to share their faith and experiences through friendship, prayer, and fraternity. While there is no standard group size, current groups range from two to ten members.

What happens at a Small Group Meeting?

Men generally meet to pray, socialize, and discuss their faith. They support, affirm and share insights about the difficulties men encounter in both their home and work lives. They also seek God's help in dealing with the issues they confront every day. Members strive to reinforce Christian values in their home, reach out to share those values with others in their group, and support other men who are struggling to do the same. There are various formats to group sessions depending on the members. Discussions can focus on readings, such as bible passages, the catechism, or religious books; issues facing members; seasonal themes such as lent or Easter; etc.

What will I gain from attending a Small Group Meeting?

Men have found that by attending they make friends among their fellow parishioners, have fun, and learn from one another on how to be a better husband, father, son, employee and Catholic parishioner. Men say they have grown by this experience which has enabled them to form stronger, happier families and marriages and have helped them to learn how to better cope with the inevitable stresses inherent in the workplace.

How can I become involved in a Small Group?

Several small parish groups currently meet at various times and locations. If interested in a particular group, or would consider starting your own, contact Joe Brittelli for more info.



*Roles of the Godly Father **

Discipliner

Giver of Blessing

Life Example

Protector

Provider

Provider of Inheritance

Teacher About God

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