

The Catholic Information Center Celebrates the Year of St. Paul
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The Year of St. Paul: At the Center

This fall the Catholic Information Center will begin offering courses at its new location in the Cathedral Square Center! Among our fall offerings we present three courses, specifically designed to celebrate the Year of St. Paul.

Paul: The Man Tuesday, September 2, 10:00am – 11:30am and 7:00pm – 8:30pm
It has been said that Jesus founded the church and Paul built it. Who was he and what did he really do? In this evening presentation Tom Tavella, C.S.P. will examine the life and work of the *Apostle of the Heart Set Free*.

The Primary Themes of Paul, Wednesdays, September 17, October 15, November 19, January 21, February 18 and March 18, 7:00pm – 8:30pm or Thursdays September 18, October 16, November 20, January 22, February 19 and March 19, 10:00am – 11:30am

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In this six part course, offered on third Wednesdays or Thursdays monthly, Paulist Father, Joachim Lally will help us take another look at St. Paul during this "Year of Paul". Did Paul really give us reasons at times to dislike him? We will focus on the following primary themes: Flesh and Spirit or False Self and True Self; Sin and Death; Paul's Corporate Understanding of Everything; Freedom and the Law; Community; and Transformation. **The first session will focus on the theme: Flesh and Spirit or False Self and True Self.** Attendance at all six sessions is encouraged, but participants may come as often as their schedule permits.

You Stupid Galatians! (Galatians 3:1) Thursdays, October 9 and 16, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
The Church in Galatia is torn by internal divisions that simply will not heal and will not stop. This lack of unity clearly frustrates Paul who in his letter to the Galatians attempts to restore the truth of the gospel and articulate the relationship between liberty, love and responsibility in the Christian life. Mark-David Janus, C.S.P. will explore Paul's thoughts in the letter to the Galatians and their possible implications for the question of dissent and disagreement in our contemporary church.

The Year of St. Paul: On the Road

Would you like us to come to you? The CIC's *On the Road* initiative provides a way for parishes to host adult education/formation opportunities in their local settings. Listed below are several courses, specifically designed for the Year of St. Paul.

In order to arrange for a CIC course to be offered at an off-site location, please call the course's presenter at the Catholic Information Center (616-459-7267), or visit our website at www.catholicinformationcenter.org.

Isaac Hecker and the Founding of the Paulist Fathers (three sessions)

As we celebrate this Year of St. Paul, join Paulist Father, Tom Tavella as he explores the life of their founder, Fr. Isaac Hecker and how the life and work of St. Paul influenced the formation of the Paulists.

Paul and His Friends: The Letters to Timothy and Titus (three sessions)

We ordinarily don't think of biblical figures in terms of friends. However, Paul had at least two good friends that we know of, Timothy and Titus - and he wrote to both of them. In these three sessions Tom Tavella, C.S.P. will look at these letters and their importance for the Church today.

Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (may be scheduled for four to eight sessions.)

No one wrote more of the New Testament than did Paul of Tarsus. His are the earliest recorded reflections on the story of Jesus and so influential was his preaching that some have claimed that Paul invented Christianity. Paul's letters to the Corinthians introduce us to the beliefs and practices of the early Church including the Eucharist, the pre-eminence of love, the role of women in the Church, and the relationship between spirituality and sexuality. This is Paul at his most controversial and most eloquent. Presented by Fr. Mark-David Janus, C.S.P.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (three sessions)

Everyone has heard the famous words from Ephesians: "let wives be subject to their husbands and slaves be obedient to your masters" which is about as far as anyone gets in this letter from Paul. There is much more to this letter than those lines, and in this class with Paulist Father, Mark-David Janus, we will go line by line as we study the controversial and beautiful letter from Paul to Christians not only in Ephesus but everywhere.

Paul's Letter to the Romans (may be scheduled for four to eight sessions)

Paul's letter to the Romans is considered his magnum opus. Written towards the end of his life, it represents his mature thinking on the meaning of Jesus and salvation. This letter highly influenced the thinking of St. Augustine, as well as Martin Luther. The interpretations given to this letter have been central to understanding the differences and ultimately the similarities between Roman Catholic and Protestant perspectives on salvation. Presented by Mark-David Janus, C.S.P.

Paul: The Man (1 session)

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Paul, Women and Early Christianity (may be scheduled for one to three sessions)

Paul worked in close partnership with many women throughout his ministry. This course will tell the stories of Junia, Lydia, Prisca, Chloe, Euodia, Syntyche, Phoebe, Thecla and others. It

will also include a bit of anthropological and archeological background on the every day lives of women who lived in the Roman Empire during Christianity's earliest days. Finally, we will discuss Paul's controversial writings about the role of women in Church and society. Are women meant to obey their husbands and keep silent in church? Come and find out! Presented by Mary Vaccaro.

Rooted and Built on Christ: Paul's Letter to the Colossians (one session)

We have all heard the story about Jesus, but how do we develop a daily relationship with Jesus? This is the question that runs through Paul's letter to the Colossians. This is also a theme that runs through the lives of contemporary Christians searching for an experience of Jesus Christ. Mark-David Janus, C.S.P. explores how the insights of Colossians can influence our spiritual life.

The Primary Themes of Paul (six sessions)

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We Hold this Treasure in Earthen Vessels: The Thought of St. Paul on the Life of Christian Service in the Second Letter to the Corinthians (one session)

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians is thought to be a compilation of several different letters he wrote to that faith community. The struggle to live as a disciple of Jesus is a constant theme that runs through each part. Mark-David Janus, C.S.P. will lead an exploration of the theology of Paul's thoughts on the lived experience of being a disciple of Jesus and its applications to the struggles of all present day disciples.

You Stupid Galatians! Galatians 3:1 (two sessions)

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The Year of St. Paul: On the Web

Click on the following links to find more ways to celebrate the Year of St. Paul!

Paulist Press offers a variety of printed, electronic and audio-visual resources about St. Paul at http://www.paulistpress.com/jubilee_year_StPaul.shtml

Daily Paulist Messages is a **free** subscription e-list service celebrating the Pauline Jubilee Year.

Each message has short quotes from St. Paul's letters and from Servant of God, Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers. <http://gogoodnews.net/StPaul/>

Pilgrimage to Rome Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul guided by Paulist Fathers Thomas Kane and Paul Robichaud. Pray at Tre Fontaine where Paul was martyred, celebrate Eucharist at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and at St. Peter's Basilica, tour the Vatican museum and Sistine Chapel, and attend a General Papal Audience. <http://www.paulistpilgrimage2008.com/>