

AFF / RCIA REPORT for August 2018

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St. Mary (Eldora) Adult Faith Formation

- Parishioners have been encouraged via bulletin reminders, flyers, posters, etc. to participate in **FORMED** (online) www.franklinhardincatholic.formed.org

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for both parishes of the Community of Disciples Cluster:

- **Inquirers** are welcome at any time of the year. Contact either parish and ask for Sr. Connie.

Alpha (an Adult Faith Formation opportunity)

- Beginning in September, the Alpha series for **adults of any age** will be offered in our Linkage.
- Alpha is a series of **video talks** that explores the different questions around faith and unpacks the basics of Christianity. After viewing the video (generally 30 minutes), there is **small group discussion** to share thoughts and ideas on the topic.
- There is a **2 X 2 X 2 Commitment** to our Alpha series:

2 hour sessions (Noon to 2:00pm; **begins with lunch**)

2 Sundays a month (September – April) (note: we meet only once in November & December)

2 towns: sessions alternate between Iowa Falls and Eldora. Consider carpooling!

- **Alpha Schedule:** Sept. 9 & 23; Oct. 14 & 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 2; Jan. 13 & 27; Feb. 3 & 24; March 10 & 31; April 7 & 28.
- The high school Confirmation youth will be using the Alpha video series. By offering the adult version of Alpha, we can support our youth and their parents as we all grow in our faith.
- Training is provided for small group “table hosts” ~ i.e. facilitators.
- **Register for Alpha by Sunday, August 26.** Sign-up sheets are at the main church entrance or contact Sr. Connie or Brenda Koppes. Registration needed so we have an idea re: meal count and logistics.