

### ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 11th annual St. James Antique Show is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Jan. 14 and 15, at the church, 366 West Maple, Birmingham. Tickets are \$8, available at the door.

A preview party is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13; tickets are \$49. Proceeds go to St. James/Outreach program and the Mariners Inn, a substance abuse program in Detroit's Cass Corridor for HIV-positive men. For ticket information, call the church at (248)844-0820.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

B'Jazz Vespers continues its "Women of Detroit Jazz" series by featuring Beza Bonnier and Paul Keller at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. During the worship interlude, First Baptist pastor Stephen Jones will speak on "We Are a Threshold People."

Upcoming performers are: Feb. 20, Janet Tonie and the Sven Anderson Trio; March 19, Sunny Wilkinson with "The Sisters in Jazz," with Marion Hayden,

Ellen Rowe and Gayolynne McInney; April 16, the Kimmie Horn Quartet. B'Jazz Vespers features 100 minutes of jazz performance and 20 minutes for a non-sectarian worship interlude between the two jazz sets. A free will offering is taken for the musicians. B'Jazz Vespers is in downtown Birmingham in the Gothic sanctuary of First Baptist Church, corner of Willis and Bates, free adjacent parking in the lighted city lot. For more information call (248)844-0550.

### ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17, an adoption seminar will be held at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R Road, Troy.

Adoption Associates Inc. will be presenting information on both domestic and international adoption including topics such as infant availability, waiting periods, risks, fees, transracial opportunities and the pros and cons of open and closed adoptions. The seminar is free. If interested, please RSVP at (248)474-0990.

### CATHOLIC ALUMNI

## BELIEFS Values

### CLUB OF DETROIT

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit will hold indoor volleyball at Birney Middle School, corner of Evergreen and 11 Mile roads in Southfield, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 18 and 25. Cost is \$4 for guests, \$5 for applicants and members. All skill levels welcome.

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit is a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and older, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic Church. For more information, call Teresa at (248)338-0391.

### ORCHARD LAKE COMMUNITY

An interdenominational bible study, "Servants of God," continues from 7:30-9 p.m. each Tuesday at Orchard Lake Community Church, 6171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake. The study covers Joshua, Judges, Ruth and

first and second Samuel. There are core groups for men, women, couples and teens. Call Pete at (248)681-9568 for more information.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First United Methodist Church, Birmingham, presents its annual winter "University of Life" program from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 18, 25, and Feb. 1.

Courses include The Fifth Gospel; What Has Jerusalem to Do with Wall Street?; From Constantine to Augustine; Christianity 101 for Youth, for 7th to 12th graders; Building Family Traditions; Leadership Tools for the Millennium; Kids, Guns and Violence; Our Spiritual Imperative; and The Power of Intercessory Prayer.

Advance registration for the three-week series is \$5, or \$7 at

the door. Registration is limited to one topic per person. For more information or to register, contact Linda at (248)646-6407, ext. 3137. The church is located at 1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham.

### TEMPLE KOL AMI

Temple Kol Ami, 6085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, holds a Shabbaton honoring Rabbi Norman T. Roman's 26th anniversary in the rabinate. On Saturday, Jan. 28, guest rabbis will offer interpretations of the weekly Torah portion, Parashat Yitro, which includes the Ten Commandments. The day begins with Shabbat morning worship services and concludes with Havdalah. The community is invited. Reservations are required for lunch; there is a fee for the meal. For more information, call (248)961-0040.

### BIRMINGHAM BIBLE INSTITUTE

Birmingham Bible Institute starts its second semester on Jan. 18. The one-hour classes are offered at 5:25, 8:30 and 9 p.m. on twelve consecutive Tuesday evenings. Eighteen courses will be

taught by area pastors and qualified laymen. Course offerings include Christian Ethics, Counseling, Creation Science, Personal Evangelism, Church History and several Bible classes. Two sign language classes are 90 minutes long and offered at 7 p.m. A weekly chapel service is 7:35 to 7:55 p.m.

Birmingham Bible Institute is housed in the facilities of Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. It is licensed by the Michigan State Board of Education. Students receive certificates for courses completed. For more information, call (248)949-2000.

### ST. GERALD PARISH

St. Gerald Parish Mission/Retreat Feb. 5-10 with the Rev. Dan Havron, OFM, presenter. Weekend mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30, 10 and noon Sunday. Mission sessions: 9:15 a.m. Mass followed by morning sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (communal penance service with individual confession) and 7 p.m. closing mass Thursday evening, 21500 Farmington Road, Farmington 477-7470, half mile north of Eight Mile.

## Forum reaches out to lapsed Catholics

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

Jerry and Helen Flanagan of Troy are among leaders of an area program that will try to win lapsed Catholics back to church. "Catholics Come Home" begins at 3 p.m. Sunday with an open house at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Clawson, and is open to Catholics throughout the metro Detroit area. It will be followed by eight sessions, all 3-6 p.m. Sundays Jan. 23 to March 12. People may attend one or all of the sessions. The program involves people inviting those they know of who no longer attend church to attend a special open house and eight sessions. The sessions, all led by lay people, will address

concerns and questions that might have kept them from the church.

"The Catholic Church has been seeing a great need for what we call evangelism for a long time, and they have been trying this type of program successfully at various places in the country," said Helen Flanagan. "We hope this program might encourage them to come back to their faith."

"The programs try to address the reason why they might have left the church and help them to find their way back." For instance, "A lot of times, if there is a divorce, people think they are excommunicated, and that is really not the case at all."

"Success of the program depends greatly upon active Catholics extending an invitation with love," said Jerry Flana-

gan, who is co-chair of the effort, and helped bring it to the area. "I suggest that invitees support the invitee by attending the open house with him or her."

"So often, when people in the program do return to the church, and we ask them why, they say, well, it's because someone cared enough to ask us," added Helen Flanagan.

Program topics are: Jan. 23, Memories of the Church, Jan. 30, Faith and Doubt, Feb. 6, Prayer, Feb. 13, Sexuality, Feb. 20, Marriage and Annuniments, Feb. 27, Eucharist, March 5, Reconciliation, and March 12, A Personal Relationship with Jesus.

While programs are put on and facilitated by parishioners, priests will play a supporting role, making themselves available to answer theological and Canon Law questions as well as

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to offer the sacrament of reconciliation.

"My hope is that everyone who has gone away from the church will come back, but if one person does a result of the program, then I would have to say it was worthwhile," said Michael J. Hofmann of Berkeley, an architect in Birmingham who will be one of the parishioners helping to greet those who attend.

For more information, call Jerry Flanagan at (248)879-9018 or Carol Bardelline at (810)977-9076.

## JCC offers fitness classes

The Jewish Community Center offers several classes. Here is a partial listing: Spinning: Classes are offered to Jewish Community Center general members and non-members with the purchase of a class card. All spinning classes are free to JCC Health Club members. For information and class schedule, call 661-7717 between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. weekdays. Babysitting is available weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. to noon.

Tan Bowling: Boot Camp Sports Conditioning, Step Aerobics and Muscle Jams: Classes are offered to Jewish Community Center general members and non-members with the purchase of a class card. All classes are free to

JCC Health Club members.

Yoga: Power Yoga, Callanetics, Strength and Flexibility, Poolside Stretch, Pilates style Matwork and Basic Back Care: Classes are offered to Jewish Community Center general members and non-members with purchase of a class card.

Hydrotone and Water Aerobics: These water-based classes are offered to Jewish Community Center general and nonmembers with the purchase of a class card. Babysitting available.

Lite Aerobics and Lite Weights: These classes are offered to Jewish Community Center general and nonmembers with purchase of a class card.

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