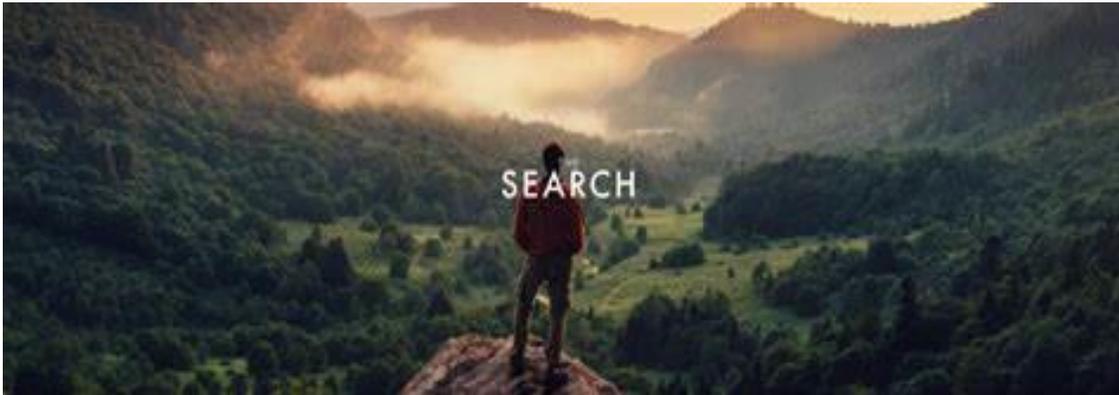


Pastor's Corner

The SEARCH is ON: June 13, July 18 and August 8



A number of neighboring Catholic Churches have hosted the Anglican Church's "Alpha" Evangelization Course. The course is presented over 11 nights and each night follows the same format: a meal, a video about faith, small table discussion, large group sharing, and prayer. The Alpha Course has reconnected tons of people to Jesus and the Christian faith. It is an easy course to recommend.

There is another outstanding Evangelization Course – produced by Catholics – which emphasizes the Catholic understanding of Jesus and the sacramental life of the Church: "The Search" Series by the Augustine Institute of Denver, Colorado. "The Search," with its state-of-the-art visuals and technology, examines why humans believe in God, the meaning of existence, the supposed "conflict" between faith and science, the Bible, Sacred Tradition, Salvation, the Church and the Sacraments. The response to "The Search" has been overwhelming.

We began "The Search" at St. Francis last Fall using the same format as "Alpha": a meal, a video, small table discussion, large group sharing, and prayer. The response has been unbelievable. To date, 120 SFX parishioners, young and old, have seen all 7 episodes of "The Search," and 60 others have seen 2 or more episodes. Some people are intrigued by all the buzz but have said a Course on Wednesday evenings is a deal-breaker. Why, they ask, don't you show this Course on **SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY** – outside of Football Season!?!

We have heard that suggestion and are offering "The Search" on three **Sunday** afternoons this summer – June 13, July 18 and August 8 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in St. Joseph Hall – two videos each time. We won't serve a meal but will offer complimentary snacks and water. The format otherwise will be the same. We hope you will consider signing up this extraordinary evangelization program. The first Sunday showing – June 13 – is only a week away. Be renewed about the presence of God in our world and the beauty of our Catholic faith.

May God richly bless your life's search,
Fr. Joe