

Catholic Faith Corner

Understanding, Teaching, and Living the Faith

Sea of Galilee at Sunrise



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Talks

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If you are interested in having me speak to your group, let's talk. I love helping people delve more deeply into our faith and particularly enjoy supporting catechists and religion teachers in their all-important ministry. Please [fill out the Contact Form](#) , e-mail me at kglavich@ndec.org, or call me at 440-226-1069. I will get will get back to you as soon as I can.

Here is a list of talks available:

For General Audiences

Walking in Advent with Mary of Nazareth

Mary makes a leap of faith and says yes to God. She becomes God's mother and ours. As such, she is a model for us as she listens, trusts, and loves God throughout her life. Especially during Advent we can look to her to teach us. Practical ways to imitate Our Blessed Mother are offered.

God's Mercy and Ours



Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND

I'm a Sister of Notre Dame, of Chardon, Ohio, the author of eighty-plus books on religious education and spirituality, including a novel, "The Fisherman's Wife: The Gospel According to St. Peter's Spouse." I enjoy giving talks and retreats and was a pastoral associate at St. Dominic Church. I also edit and self-publish books for others.

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Praying on Empty

Why did you lose the sense of God's presence during prayer? What can you do about it? Why doesn't God answer your prayers, or does he? How have other people experienced this things and how did they cope?

Teaching about Mercy

How to teach about the facets of mercy: God's mercy in salvation history and today, the mercy of Jesus shown in his healings and forgiveness, and how we can be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful.

The Bible: You've Got Mail

Reflect on why Scripture, the Word of God, is a powerful means to deepen our relationship with God. Learn tried-and-true ways to use the Bible for personal and communal prayer, such as guided meditations, mantras, imagination, and lectio divina. The ideas presented can be practiced by prayer groups or adopted by individuals.

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Setting the World on Fire For Christ (without Getting Burnout)



About Sister Kathleen Glavich, SND

Jesus ordered us to make disciples of all nations and teach them. Mary Kathleen, a Sister of Notre Dame from Chardon, Ohio, responds to this call through writing, speaking, giving retreats, and teaching. Her motto, adopted from Eddie Doherty's gravesite, is "All my words for the Word!"

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This is a motivational talk that offers ten hot tips for staying enthusiastic about carrying on Christ's mission and deepening one's spirituality. It is a shot in the arm for anyone who does Church ministry.

The Beatitudes: Ways to "Be" Happy

How and why Jesus gave us the Beatitudes. An explanation of each one and what it means for us.

The Holy Spirit: Our Invisible Partner

Who the Holy Spirit is, who he is for us, and how to tap into his power.

Faith: A Family Affair

Living and nurturing the faith at home in the family, the "domestic church," is the focus of this presentation. The talk offers ideas for family blessings, prayers, rituals, and ways to celebrate Sunday, Advent, and Lent at home.

Prayer: Wasting Time Gracefully

Find out what prayer is, types of prayer, what Jesus taught about it, misconceptions about it, and favorite prayers. Wish your prayers weren't always the same? Learn several different prayer methods to try out, such as centering prayer, the labyrinth, mantras, song, traditional prayers, and the Prayer of Christians.

The Psalms: God's Prayers for Us

This talk or day of recollection is centered on the Book of Psalms, a gift from God. It answers these questions: What are they? How were they originally used? What kinds are there? What characteristics of poetry do they have? How can we pray them today? What are different ways to pray them individually or as a group? This talk aims to develop an understanding of these prayers so that people will be drawn to cherish them and use them in prayer beyond praying them in every Mass.

Women in the Bible (3 talks)



Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND  Heart to Heart with Mary

A Yearly Devotional

Newest Book

In "Heart to Heart with Mary: A Yearly Devotional" Our Blessed Mother speaks to us every day of the year and a suggestion is provided for a response. It is similar to the popular book "Jesus Calling" and can be found on Amazon or purchased from me.

Featured Book

Totally Catholic! A Catechism for Kids and Their Parents and Teachers

Do you wish you had a simple, child-friendly summary of what Catholics believe? This book took first place in the Association of Catholic Publishers awards 2014 in the category of Children's Books. It can be purchased from Pauline Books and Media or from me. (\$14.95)

A Heavenly Book

Do you believe in angels? Most people do. The Catholic Companion to Angels offers heavenly facts about these majestic creatures, confirming that you can turn to them for help. Uniquely, The Angels comes with three covers (statue, stained-glass, or painting). Choose the one you like best.

Reflect on the lives of some outstanding women in the Bible and what God might be telling us through them.

Matriarchs Who Waited: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel

Models of Faith in Action: Ruth, Judith, Esther

Marys Who Loved Jesus: His mother Mary, Mary of Bethany, Mary Magdalen

The Anointing of the Sick: For Every Catholic

Fear of this sacrament lingers for those who still think of it as a sign of immediate death. Learn this sacrament's history, its rites, and who can receive it. See how Vatican II returned it to its original purpose: for the sick, not just for those at death's door.

Vocations at the Crossroads

This year we are celebrating Consecrated Life, but what can you do about it? Promoting religious vocations is an urgent need. It is also the responsibility of all baptized Catholics. This talk explores ways to foster vocations in the family, school, and parish.

The Holy Land: A Virtual Tour

Visit the Holy Land through a PowerPoint presentation. See the sites where Jesus actually lived. Understand the Gospel a little better. Learn a bit of history about his country, Israel, and his people.

Catholics in Arabia

In the Arabian countries there are three million Catholics. After a foundation on the history and conditions in the Gulf countries, this talk explains who our Catholic brothers and sisters there are, what they do, and how much the faith means to them.

Tools for Evangelization

Jesus sends out his disciples today to evangelize all nations. That's us! What personal resources can we draw on to accomplish this mission? What outside helps are available to us? This presentation explores both kinds of tools that help us build the kingdom of God on earth. Our task involves introducing people to our Catholic faith and inviting Catholics who have strayed from the faith to come home.

Mary: Star of Evangelization

Available from ACTA Publications and me.
(\$10.00)

My First Novel!

The Fisherman's Wife is the story of St. Peter's spouse, the long-suffering but delightful woman who puts up with Peter and his obsession with the itinerant preacher named Jesus. Through her we meet Peter, Jesus, and other biblical characters. In Capernaum she witnesses Jesus' healings and hears his words. The book is based on the Gospels, legends, and what is known about first-century Jewish women. The rest is sheer imagination. Order directly from me FOR AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY at kglavich@ndec.org.

A Bit of Humor

A Slow Student During indoor recess, the third and fourth graders were playing school. Taking part in the game, the teacher, Sister Janet, sat at a child's desk. Adam, who was playing the teacher, came up to her and asked, "And just how many years have you been kept back?" (from "Why Is Jesus in the Microwave?")

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Mary was the first Christopher, or “Christ-bearer.” We can look to her for inspiration and methods as we work to bring Jesus to the world and the world to Jesus. With Our Lady as our model, we will be more successful in doing our part to infuse society with the faith that leads to hope and peace.

The Art of Writing

Sister Kathleen explains how she became an author to her surprise. She also offers several suggestions for would-be writers about the process of writing and getting published.

For Catechists & Schools

Getting the Faith into the Home

These days the Church is focused on the family. This presentation offers strategies for catechists to help parents nurture the faith at home in the family, the “domestic church.” Besides the strategies, it provides examples for family blessings, prayers, rituals, and ways families can celebrate the liturgical seasons . . . material that DREs and catechists can send home.

27 Ways to Teach about Mary

Looking for creative ways to teach about the Mother of God? Mary of Nazareth is not a goddess but a flesh-and-blood woman. The faith she showed in responding to God’s call and in facing the challenges of her extraordinary vocation is a model for us. This talk offers realistic views of Mary based on a thoughtful reading of the Gospels as well as the findings of archaeologists and historians. It also suggests surefire ways for catechists to teach students that Mary is not only the Mother of God and the first and best disciple . . . but their mother.



Leading Students into Prayer

This talk presents ways to teach prayer. It includes shaping attitudes toward prayer, cultivating habits of prayer, and introducing different prayer forms. Teachers of various grades will find something to incorporate in their lessons as well as to enrich their own spiritual lives.

About the Sisters of Notre Dame, Chardon, Ohio

The Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio, belong to an international congregation of more than two thousand apostolic women religious. We are one in mind and one in heart for the transformation of the world in Christ.



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Discipline Made Easy

This talk provides catechists with tried and true techniques for maintaining classroom discipline and instilling in students an inner discipline. It shows how to teach students with organization, smoothness, and a tender tenacity so that the lesson goes according to your plan, not theirs.

Saints Alive!

Why and how to teach young people today about the saints, our friends in high places who show us that the Christian life is possible. Bring the saints into your classroom and introduce your students to their extended family, the Communion of Saints. This talk presents creative ways to teach that the saints were once like us and now are our friends, models, patrons, and heroes—certified winners. Also learn what saint-making (canonization) involves.

Teaching Scripture with Pizzazz!

This entertaining and very practical talk presents many creative activities and examples that entice students to read Scripture, enable them to understand and love it, and teach them to use God's Word in prayer. Ideas can be adapted to any age level.

The Eucharist: Heart of Christian Life

The Eucharist is an incredible gift. This talk leads to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Mass. It provides teachers with methods and techniques for presenting the Eucharist in such a way that students are more apt to cherish it and participate in it more wholeheartedly.

Reinforcing Faith through Art

We remember what we do more than what we hear or read. In this talk dozens of art projects are suggested that can leave a lasting impression on students. Photos of finished products are shown in a PowerPoint presentation.

Creating a Culture of Prayer in a Catholic School

A Catholic school should be saturated with a sense of the sacred, an awareness of Jesus Christ. It is a community of believers where disciples are formed. This talk suggests ways to promote prayer and therefore faith in the school as a whole and in classes.

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Letting Little Children Come to Jesus (for preschool teachers)

This talk offers a rationale for teaching religion to preschool children and ways to plant the seeds of faith in the hearts of God's little ones. It includes practical suggestions for introducing them to God, the Bible, Jesus, and Christian life on their level so that they might become the committed Catholics of the future.

What the Catechism Says to Catechists

This talk presents seven messages found in the Catechism that are specifically for catechists. It offers ways these messages can be taken to heart and implemented in classes so that we become dynamic and effective catechists who draw children and youth more closely to Jesus Christ and form them into the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

How to Translate the Catholic Catechism for Catholic Kids

Our hefty catechism is a challenge for adults to read. This talk offers pointers and loads of ideas for making the truths of the catechism palatable for today's children. In addition it suggests ways that religion teachers (and parents) can use the catechism to deepen their own faith.

For Retreats/Days of Recollection

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Reveling in Scripture: Praying with God's Word (4 talks)

A Personal Letter from God - How God speaks through the Bible



Continuing the Correspondence - How we

respond to the Bible

Sounding the Good News – Lectio divina

Celebrating the Word – Scripture in liturgy

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