



# REEL TALK

## A Film-Lover's Discussion Group . . .

**This year is the 11th season of Reel Talk. One Friday each month offers an opportunity to get together with people who love to both watch and talk about films. Come casual and bring a snack if you like. We meet in the church library on the first floor near the Division Street entrance., but enter on Bonnie Brae. Come early since films begin promptly at 7:00. For more information contact Grace Lutheran Church -River Forest at 708-366-6900. If you wish to be put on our e-mail list, contact Carla Jankowski at [cjankowski@comcast.net](mailto:cjankowski@comcast.net).**

### September 11 – Casablanca

Set in unoccupied Africa before the “surprise attack which would launch America into World War II, an American expatriate meets a former lover, with unforeseen complications. This classic film which stars Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and a cast of wonderful actors still hold up as great entertainment almost 70 years later. **Come at 6:30 and watch a short documentary about the making of this great film.** (1943)

### October 16 – Man on Wire

This award-winning documentary takes a look at tightrope walker Philippe Petit's daring, but illegal, high-wire routine performed between New York City's World Trade Center's twin towers in 1974, what some consider, "the artistic crime of the century." His perseverance in pursuit of a goal is inspiring. (2007) *English and French*

### November 13 – Knowing

A teacher opens a time capsule that has been dug up at his son's elementary school; in it are some chilling predictions -- some that have already occurred and others that are about to -- that lead him to believe his family plays a role in the events that are about to unfold. The film stars Nicholas Cage. (2009)

### December 11 – Ratatouille



HOLIDAY DINNER *(More information will come later)*

This popular animated film takes you into an entirely new and original world where the unthinkable combination of a rat and a 5-star gourmet restaurant come together for the ultimate fish-out-of-water-story. French Food will definitely be on our menu. (2008)

### January 8 - Doubt

Set in 1964, this film centers on a nun who confronts a priest after suspecting him of abusing a black student. He denies the charges, and much of the play's quick-fire dialogue tackles themes of religion, morality, and authority. This film was nominated for several Academy Awards last year including Best Actor for Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Best Actress for Meryl Streep. (2008)

### February 12 – Lars and the Real Girl

A delusional young guy strikes up an unconventional relationship with a doll he finds on the Internet. However, the real story is how is family, friends, church, and the entire community react. (2007)

### March 12 – Gabbeh

In this mythical film from Iran, an elderly couple go about their routine of cleaning their gabbeh (an intricately-designed rug), while bickering gently with each other. Magically, a young woman appears, helping the two clean the rug. This young woman belongs to the clan whose history is depicted in the design of the gabbeh, and the rug recounts the story of the courtship of the young woman by a stranger from the clan. (1996) *Persian*

### April 9 – Dan in Real Life

Dan Burns is a single father who dedicates his life to his children, but one day he meets Marie at a bookstore. They get to know each other, but then Dan finds out that Marie is actually dating his brother, Mitch . . . and the whole family is getting together for the weekend. This romantic comedy stars Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche, and Oak Park's own John Mahoney (2007)

### May 14 – Pray the Devil Back to Hell

This inspiring documentary chronicles the remarkable story of the courageous Liberian women, both Christian and Moslem, who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. (2008)