Fall 2025 Bible Studies

To register for any of these Bible Studies, please e-mail or call <u>Meggin Sanner</u> at <u>ckadultre@gmail.com</u> or 541-571-8402. Purchase of book(s) for these bible studies is optional. If you wish to attend the study without purchasing a workbook, please let me know.

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players- The Word on Fire Institute- 12 Sessions- <u>Tuesday</u> <u>Mornings, 9AM- 11AM, Gathering Space</u>; <u>Starts on Sept. 9th</u>; Led by several experienced Facilitators; Cost of Workbook: \$40

Join Bishop Barron on the journey to unlock the truth behind the most influential people of the Catholic Church. You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where St. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church-Ascension Press- 20 sessions- Tuesday Mornings, 9AM- 11AM, CK Library; Led by several experienced Facilitators; Starts on Sept. 9th (will cont. into Spring 2026); Cost of Workbook: \$45

This study is a dynamic, video-based program filmed across 40 locations in 11 countries on 4 continents, taking you to the places where our faith was explained and clarified by Church councils, the Church doctors, and the saints. This study is a spiritual pilgrimage that will transform the way you understand Catholic teachings and live the Catholic Faith. Led by renowned educators, this comprehensive study walks you through the Catechism from beginning to end, unpacking its rich insights and showing you how to apply them to your daily life.

Lectio: Peter- Augustine Institute- 10 Sessions- Tuesday Mornings, 9AM- 11AM, Youth Center, RM B, Lower Level; Led by Karen Evans; Starts on Sept. 23rd; Cost of Workbook: \$30

The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives.

The Parables of the Kingdom: Part 1- Little Rock Scripture Study- 6 Sessions- **Tuesday Nights on Zoom, 6:30PM- 8:30PM**; Led by John Propson; <u>Starts on Sept. 23rd</u>; (Part 2 will be in the Spring) **Cost of Workbook: \$20**

Some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus were delivered as parables and are found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (the Synoptic Gospels). Lesson One begins with acquainting participants with the important characteristics of a parable, and how they use images familiar to the audience and draw on common experiences that nevertheless challenge the audience to see things in a new way. Subsequent lessons look at the parables found in Mark's Gospel, where the disciples are a privileged audience to Jesus' private explanations of the parables. Lessons four and five explore the ways Matthew uses the same parables but gives them a slightly different twist.

Lectio: Philippians- Augustine Institute- 6 Sessions- Wednesday Mornings, 9AM- 11AM, in the Youth Center, RM B, Lower Level; Led by Sandy Evans; Starts on Sept. 24th; Cost of Workbook: \$30

Toward the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. The Philippians were not only Paul's sons and daughters in the Faith but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. With his words and the example of his life, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ, to live a life worthy of the Gospel, and, by God's grace, to gain Christ.

The Infancy Narratives- Little Rock Scripture Study- 3 Sessions- Wednesday Mornings, 9AM-11AM, in the Youth Center, RM B, Lower Level; Led by Sandy Evans; Starts on Nov. 5th; Cost of Workbook: \$25

The Infancy Narratives of Jesus explores the stories of the conception and birth of Jesus in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. With clear and insightful commentary, Stephen Binz helps readers understand the Old Testament background of these texts, the distinct themes and events of the two gospel accounts, and the continuing relevance of these stories for us today. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming as you encounter Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us."

15 Days of Prayer with St. Pier Giorgio Frassati- Focolare Media- Thursday Mornings, 9AM- 11AM, in Youth Center, RM D, Upper Level; Led By Dot Redmann; Starts on Sept. 4th; Cost of Workbook: \$20

Pier Giorgio is one of those fiery, passionate souls who keeps his eyes fixed firmly on the prize. His life is a testament to the truth that holiness is not just for the saints of the past, but for each one of us. Despite his family's lack of understanding, he amazed everyone not just with his selfless generosity and humility, but with his infectious joy and boundless energy. At the tender age of twenty-four, just as he was about to finish his studies in engineering, Pier Giorgio contracted polio and passed away suddenly on July 4, 1925. This book will introduce you to the life of this remarkable young man, through his writings and the pivotal moments that defined his life of service.

Why Do We Do That? A Walk Through the Mass- Deacon Ross & deacons in training- 7 Sessions; Tuesday Nights, 7PM- 8PM; Sanctuary of the Church; Starts on September 16th; No Cost

Join us for an up-close and personal walk through the Roman Catholic mass. For seven sessions, we'll go into the sanctuary and take a close look at what happens during the mass, what each person's role is, and why we do what we do. Get answers to such things as: What is that first procession all about? Why do people splash themselves with water when they arrive and when they leave? What about those bells? The incense? Is that really Jesus up there...or is it just a symbol?

Surviving Divorce- Ascension Press- 12 Sessions- Monday Nights, 6:30PM- 8:30PM, in the Youth Center, RM B, Lower Level; Led by Elizabeth Weiss; Starts on Sept. 1st; Cost of Workbook: \$25

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them answer their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, Surviving Divorce features experts such as Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., and Christopher West.

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation- Ascension Press- 8 Sessions- Tuesday Nights, 6:30PM-8:30PM, in the Art Rm of the School; Led by Rick Traub; Starts on September 23rd; Cost of Workbook: \$30

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the time it was written. Presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, this study provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans—salvation. This fascinating book reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life. In Jesus Christ, all the hopes and expectations of Israel are fulfilled, leading to the universal ("catholic") family of God. This study will help you to make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. Above all, it will help you to enter into a more meaningful relationship with Christ.