

Fall 2022 Adult Bible Studies



We are excited to be able to offer a great variety of Bible Studies this Fall! Some are in person, some are on Zoom, and they are all led by amazing people who are on this same journey to learn more about God and our wonderful Catholic Faith!

NEW What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith: Meets <u>Tuesday Mornings</u>, from <u>9 a.m.</u> - <u>11 a.m.</u> in the Gathering Space and the Library; 10 Sessions, starts **September 20**, ends **December 6** - Cost: \$35

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe? The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

Epic: A Journey Through Church History: Meets Tuesday Mornings, from <u>9 a.m.</u> - <u>11 a.m.</u> <u>in the Youth Center, Lower Level, Room B</u>; 20 Sessions (will continue into next year), starts **September 20**, ends **March 7**- Cost: \$30

This is our story, our family. As Catholics, we are the inheritors of holy men and women who over two thousand years built a great civilization and spread the gospel throughout the world. The history of the Church is not just the recitation of popes and saints; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. In this study you will learn about the important people, places, and events in over two thousand years of Church history. You will discover the true stories behind the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, and the Protestant Reformation. You will also learn about the massive persecution of Christians in the twentieth century. Throughout, you will be gaining an understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit in our Church. The better we know our history, the better prepared we will be to face the future.

Matthew: The King & His Kingdom: Meets <u>Tuesday Nights</u>, from <u>6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in</u> <u>the Youth Center (Long Ave.) Lower Floor, Rm. B</u>; 24 Sessions (will continue into next year), starts **September 20**, ends **April 4** - Cost: \$40

This study shows how Jesus fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth. Through references to the Testament promises of God to his people and the messages God sent them through the prophets, this Bible study provides the key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan. Matthew portrays Jesus as the true King who fulfills the Law the people of Israel have failed to keep and who introduces the new law that will accompany the New Covenant. In this 24-part study of Matthew's Gospel, Jeff Cavins explains how Jesus is challenging and empowering us

to a new level of holiness and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live it.

Life Eternal: Meets on <u>Wednesday Mornings</u>, from <u>9 a.m. - 11 a.m.</u> in the Lower Level of the <u>Youth Center</u>; 7 Sessions, starts **September 21**, ends **November 9** - Cost: \$20

The biblical promise of eternal life appears late in Scripture, but it blossoms into fullness with the resurrection of Christ. Explore the growing nature of the hope of those who have called upon the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the past, and the crystallization of our hope for eternal life in the victory of Christ over death. Those with some familiarity with Scripture will find it both inspiring and informative as the hope of eternal life develops and crystallizes through the sweep of salvation history.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come: Meets <u>Thursday nights on Zoom</u>, from <u>6:30 p.m.</u>; <u>8:30 p.m.</u>; 11 Sessions, starts **September 22**, ends **December 8** - Cost: \$30

Perhaps no book of the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied it, especially from a Catholic perspective. *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Explore the Church's teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.

<u>SURVIVING DIVORCE</u>: Meets <u>Monday nights</u>, from <u>6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</u> in the lower level of the Youth Center, Room C (1080 Long St, Richland); 12 Sessions, starts **September 12**, ends **December 12**

Come join others who have experienced separation and divorce. In this video series, Rose Sweet, Catholic author, speaker, and pastoral counselor, tackles the pain and suffering of divorce from her own experience and that of the Catholic Church. Joined by a group of distinguished priests and professionals who have dedicated their lives to helping people understand and cope with loss and grief, they will guide you through the shock, anger, denial, and emotional upheaval of separation and divorce. **Questions? Or to sign up, contact** *Meggin Sanner (541-571-8402) or <u>ckadultre @gmail.com</u> or Elizabeth at 509-420-4509.*

<u>Virtual Monday Night Faith-Building Studies</u>: (ongoing with different topics) This is a virtual Bible study that meets online on Monday nights at 7 p.m. throughout the year. They go through a variety of studies that are usually free, meant to help deepen one's faith and love of God. To join this bible study, please contact <u>Cathy Exarhos at cathyex@gmail.com</u>.



CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP): Four sessions on Saturdays, Oct. 22 until Nov. 12, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Youth Center on Long Ave. Sponsored by Couples for Christ. For more information or to sign up, contact Winnie Magdangal, (714) 785–4545, <u>wmagdangalcfc@gmail.com</u> or Meggin Sanner. (541) 571-8402, <u>ckadultre@gmail.com</u>

COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC) is a Catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian Family Life. CFC couples have committed themselves to the Lord and to one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfill their primary vocation of raising families grounded in Christian values. We believe that Christian family renewal can best be achieved by inviting Jesus to be the Lord of our homes and by allowing the power of the Holy Spirit to lead our family lives for the service and love of God.

Christian Life Program (CLP) is an integrated course to welcome participants to the ministry of CFC that is intended to lead them into a renewed understanding of God's call to live a life as a Christian couple or individual. The goal of the CLP is to bring us into a stronger relationship with God by discovering and living more fully the power of the Holy Spirit. CFC Members will have a renewed commitment to the Christian family that will strengthen and revitalize community life and service in the parish.

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