

St. Paul Parish Scripture Study Ministry

The St. Paul Scripture Study Ministry brings together parishioners in groups of eight to ten people to read, reflect on, and pray with the Scriptures so as to better discern the Word of God in our lives.

The study groups are involved in two studies each year, one in the Spring (Feb./March start) and one in the Fall (Sept. start) Each study delves into either a book of the Bible or a Biblical theme and entails six to nine bi-weekly meetings that take place in the Parish Center or Sacred Heart Rectory.

Bible Study

Come to the water.

Learn how to hear
the Word of God
speak to you.
Join together in
Bible study!

We follow the curriculum of *Little Rock Scripture Study* (littlerockscripture.org). It is designed to have each person do a **personal reading** of the assigned chapters, **reflect** on it with some suggested questions, and then **meet with your small group** to pray and share those reflections.

At the conclusion of each study Father Michael provides the entire group with a wrap-up summary lecture in the Church Hall. The readings at Mass take on a whole new perspective as we come to know the books' authors, their intended audience and the connections between the Old and New Testaments.

We completed our study of *St. Paul's Letter to the Romans* this past May and are looking forward to our Fall '26 Study on ***Angels in the Bible***.

Angels in the Bible is a thematic study of passages in the bible about angels who are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. They worship God and deliver God's judgment. In *Angels in the Bible*, we will examine some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our own spiritual lives. Because angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included. This study involves six lessons.

Information/Registration Meeting:

We will hold an Information/Registration Meeting at 7:00pm on **Tuesday, August 25** in the St. Paul Church Hall at which you can learn more, register and collect your study materials. You can also register and collect your study materials at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm from August 17-24. Look for the posters at the church entrances for dates and times of the group meetings. We welcome you to join us this fall!



Contact Mark Chasse with any questions at mchasse1@comcast.net or call the Parish Office at 860-828-0331.

SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. PAUL PARISH

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE? The foundation of our Catholic faith is in the scriptures. The Bible is the book of the Church. The more we know the Bible, the better we are able to understand the readings at Mass, explain our faith to others, teach it to our children and use it to form our lives.

HOW DOES IT WORK? We use *Little Rock Scripture Study Program*—an improved way to study the Bible with fellow Catholics which consists of:

- ◇ Personal reading and reflection of scripture
- ◇ Small group meetings of 8-10 for discussion, sharing and prayer
- ◇ Instructional online lectures
- ◇ A wrap-up lecture by Father Michael at the conclusion of our study

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT THE BIBLE? The manner in which this program is designed will appeal to those who have never studied the Bible before, as well as those who have been reading the Bible for quite a while. You do not need to worry if you lack understanding or experience. We will all be learning together and supporting one another in this holy endeavor.

WHEN IS THE NEXT STUDY? The next study, *Angels in the Bible*, is a thematic study which will begin in September 2026 and consist of six biweekly meetings plus the wrap-up lecture with Father Michael. You can choose between a Monday or Wednesday evening meeting which will be either in the St. Paul Parish Center or at Sacred Heart Church Rectory from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We also have a Tuesday afternoon meeting option in the St. Paul Parish Center from 2:30-4:00 pm.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS AND HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Join us for an **informational meeting on August 25th** in the Church Hall at 7:00 pm to learn the details, ask questions and register. Also check the bulletin for more information.

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Go to littlerockscripture.org for resources and information on studying the Bible.