

St. Mary Bible Study Options – Spring/Summer 2018

Lectio Divina Bible Study

This *Lectio Divina Bible Study* is fashioned after Stephen Binz brochure *The Secret of Making Scripture Come Alive*. Guided by the Holy Spirit we come with open minds and hearts to this ancient Biblical prayer/study within its five structured movements: Listen, Understand, Reflect, Pray and Action. A richly rewarding way to study the Word of God. Sessions focus on the upcoming Sunday readings.

- Morning sessions offered on Tuesdays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Sessions are held in one of the meeting rooms at the Parish Center.
- Preparation: Each session takes less than an hour of commitment study on participants' part. You may use any Bible. The William Barclay's Catholic Study Bible(s) are helpful and are available through the parish.

Lectio Divina Bible Study with additional study

The evening LDBS group has a strong academic component and uses additional resources for those who would like to explore the meaning of the readings more deeply.

- Sessions held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30- 8:45 p.m.
- Meetings are held in the Hospitality Suite or one of the meeting rooms at the Parish Center
- Participation: Participants in the evening group will need to spend a bit more time preparing for the study and are encouraged to use additional commentaries on a weekly basis. Bring your Bible and commentaries and join us.

General notes for all Lectio Divina group studies:

- All are welcome. No Bible study experience is necessary to participate in any group.
- You are welcome to observe any of the groups to see if they are right for you.
- Each of the LDBS groups are flexible and you may attend any group if you need to adjust your schedule.

Other Scripture Study options:

Exploring the Sunday Readings

- Printed materials available in the wooden kiosk in the parish narthex
- May be used for personal study and reflection at home or email the Adult Faith Formation ministry if you are interested in joining a small group for weekend discussion.

Threshold Bible Study on various topics are available for small groups or individual study.

Group Scripture Study Planning:

St. Mary will soon begin planning for 2018 group studies. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study Committee to help select and plan the next St. Mary study, please use the contact information below for the Faith Formation Ministry.

If you have question or to register for a group contact:

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