

# Bible Studies & Small Groups

Fall 2025

Holy Family Catholic Community



#### REGISTER FOR SMALL GROUPS ONLINE



#### Sign Up Online

Register for your small group on the Holy Family website. You can scan the QR code above or visit hffdl.org/sm to select your group. Contact Sabina at scarter@hffdl.org or 920-921-0580 ext. 501with any questions.

#### **Group Materials**

We are requesting that participants purchase their own materials, unless noted in the class description. If help is needed, please contact the leader of your group, listed in the following information. Thank you.

## **Co-Ed Small Groups**

Level: Intermediate

#### Acts of the Apostles from Little Rock Scripture Study

Mondays: Sept. 8, 2025 - Nov. 3, 2025

6:30-8:00pm | Holy Family South Hall | Limit 30

Leader: Julie Baltz (baltzj63@gmail.com or (920) 960-4108)

**Materials Needed**: There is no cost for this class. Optional book: New

Collegeville Bible Commentary The Acts of the Apostles \$9.95

The Acts of the Apostles is often referred to the Second Gospel of Luke or the Acts of the Holy Spirit. We will study the Acts of the Apostle and discover how the Holy Spirit acted through the apostles. The class will help you understand how the Catholic Church has grown out of its Jewish roots.

We will follow the Little Rock Scripture Study and video series The Acts of the Apostles. The book is not required. The New Collegeville Bible Commentary The Acts of the Apostles is an optional book to help build an understanding of scripture.

Level: Beginner

#### **Exploring the Sunday Readings**

Tuesdays: Ongoing

9:30-11:00am | Holy Family St. Agnes Library | Limit 2

Leader: Dean Starks (dbstarks@charter.net) or (920) 960-0543

**Materials needed**: Contact Dean to determine if you have or will need the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word for the correct Liturgical Year.

This is a Bible Study for looking at the upcoming Sunday Readings. Each week will use the investigations and comments of Bible scholars to learn the significant insights in each set of Sunday readings. We will further discuss and share how these readings apply to us and add enrichment to our lives. A great way to prepare for Sunday Mass!

#### The Infancy Narratives from Little Rock Scripture Study

Tuesdays: Sept. 23, 2025 - Nov. 4, 2025

6:00-7:30pm | Holy Family St. Agnes Library | Limit 14

**Leaders**: Tom Schuessler (schuess56@gmail.com or 920-210-4990)

and Katy Schuessler

**Materials Needed**: Tom Schuessler will order your workbook. Cost:  $\sim$ \$14 to be paid to Tom.

This group will read and reflect on Matthew chapters 1 and 2, and Luke chapters 1 and 2. In their infancy narratives in these chapters, we see the whole Gospel of Christ. Our reflections will challenge us to follow Mary's example. Mary said "yes" to God and His will. We, too, can accept the Lord's invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we move toward Advent. The commentary by Stephen Binz, The Infancy Narratives, provides insights on the texts and discussion questions for the group. When we meet, we will discuss this Scripture, and we will also pray together and support each other.

Level: Beginner

## The Saint Monica Club - How to Wait, Hope, and Pray for Your Fallen-Away Loved Ones by Maggie Green

Wednesdays: Oct. 8 - Nov.12, 2025

6:30-8:00pm | Holy Family Fireside Room | Limit 18

Leaders: Cheryl Freund and (wait.hope.pray@gmail.com or (920 979-

6648) and Annette Soldner

**Materials needed**: The Saint Monica Club - How to Wait, Hope, and Pray for Your Fallen-Away Loved Ones \$14.95 Amazon or Sophia Institute Press

The participants will purchase their own books.

The St. Monica Club is a club most Catholics don't want to be a member of but probably already are if they have a loved one who has left the Church. St. Monica is a model of both patience and persistence for all of us who have prodigal sons, daughters, friends, and extended

family. She prayed, wept, and pleaded with her son and with God for over fifteen years. The power of her persistent intercessory prayer was indeed answered when her son Augustine became a Christian, and then a bishop. We know him as St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church. We too must persist which it isn't always easy, but it can be a means of developing a deeper prayer life and growing closer to God during the watchful waiting time. We will learn how to be a joyful witness to the Faith by our love for both our loved ones and for God. To be like Christ always proposing rather than imposing the Faith. This book will provide strategies for evangelizing the prodigals in your life, while nurturing your own spiritual needs as you wait in joyful hope for your loved one's return to the Church.

Level: Intermediate

Experience.

#### Mysteries of the Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries Paradisus Dei

Wednesdays: Sept. 17 - Oct. 29, 2025 (no class Oct. 1)

7:00-8:00pm | Holy Family North Hall | Limit 50

**Leader**: Douglas Stadler (<u>stadler.d@gmail.com</u> or (920) 979-1357) **Materials needed**: There is no cost or materials for this class

The Mysteries of the Rosary is an Immersive and Contemplative

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Rome, Lourdes, Fatima and Paris – it's never been done quite like this before! From the Annunciation in Nazareth to the Shepherd's Field in Bethlehem! From the Garden of Gethsemane to the Chapel of the Crucifixion and into the empty tomb! From St. Peter's Basilica to the Pantheon and Catacombs! Praying your Rosary will never be the same.



#### **Interior Freedom by Fr. Jacques Phillippe**

Thursdays: Sept.4-Oct.23, 2025 | Limit 15

6:30-8:00pm | The Endejan Home N6442 Jones Drive, Eldorado

**Leader**: Martha Endejan (mendejan527@gmail.com or (920) 948-0979) **Materials needed**: Interior Freedom by Fr. Jacques Phillippe | Price

will vary \$13.95-\$18.95.

Interior Freedom leads one to discover that even in the most unfavorable outward circumstances we possess within ourselves a space of freedom that nobody can take away, because God is its source and guarantee. Without this discovery we will always be restricted in some way and will never taste true happiness.

Author Father Jacques Philippe develops a simple but important theme: we gain possession of our interior freedom in exact proportion to our growth in faith, hope, and love. He explains that the strength between these three theological virtues is the heart of the spiritual life, and he underlines the key role of the virtue of hope in our inner growth.

## **Married and Engaged Couples**

Level Beginner

#### The Choice Wine from Paradisus Dei Steve Bohlman

Tuesdays: Sept. 16- Nov. 4, 2025

6:00-7:45pm | Holy Family North Hall | Limit 25 couples

**Leaders**: Mike Immel (makimmel@att.net or (920) 579-0122) and Kathy Immel.

**Materials Needed**: There is no cost or materials for this class.

For couples engaged or married, this program will help to awaken their relationship and commitment to each other and God. Steve does a great job bringing our faith into our marriage. It is eye-opening and anyone who wants a better loving and lasting relationship would benefit. Participants will watch a 55-minute video and then break up into small groups to discuss.

## Men's Small Groups

Level: Intemediate

#### Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart 2.0 |

Men Only

Wednesdays: Sept. 10 - Dec. 10, 2025

5:30-7:00am (no class Nov. 26) | Holy Family North Hall | Limit 50

No Registration Required, Join anytime!

Leaders: Mike Frydryk (mjfrydryk@gmail.com or (920) 602-0155) and

Al Nicolai (ajnicolai731@gmail.com)

Materials Needed: \$10 suggested donation if interested in a

workbook

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

## **Self-Study Programs**

#### Self Study on Formed.org

#### **FORMED**

Through video series, podcasts, movies, and more, there are many different resources that make it easy to dive deeper into our faith on Formed!

Go to https://hffdl.formed.org/click 'Register Now, 'enter information (Holy Family Catholic Community/Fond du Lac) to create an account or sign-in.

## Women's Small Groups

Level: Beginner

#### Walking with Purpose: Discovering Our Dignity

Women Only

Fridays: Sept. 19 - May 15, 2026 following SMSA school schedule 8:15-10:00am | St. Mary's Academy | Limit 20

**Leaders**: Allison Geiger (kageiger@att.net or (920) 810-7868), Laura Rector, and Katelynn Schneider

**Materials needed**: Walking with Purpose: Discovering Our Dignity by Lisa Brenninkmeyer | Cost: \$45.00 plus shipping

Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Discovering Our Dignity will allow you to learn from their experiences and uncover ways to deal with unwanted circumstances and deferred hopes. Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest, and loving way—woman to woman—with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from two sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.

Learn how God worked in the lives of Biblical women:
Sisters Leah and Rachel overcame jealousy when they learned that God offered all that they really needed. Abigail's faith was so strong she didn't despair, no matter how unpleasant life was with her husband.
Deborah had been given grace by God to act as His prophet, for the good of her people. Mary's "yes" to God—her fiat—changed everything. How else did her words and deeds influence Jesus and vice versa?
A series of talks accompanies this 22-lesson Bible study.

Level: Advanced

### Choosing Christ in the World: Lightworks One by Joseph Tetlow, SJ Women Only

Wednesdays: Sept. 10, 2025 - Oct. 8, 2025

11:15am-12:30pm | Holy Family Fireside Room | Limit 4

**Leader**: Gina Loehr (ginaloehr@yahoo.com or (920) 539-4725) **Materials needed**: There is no cost or materials for this class.

Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola (Annotation Eighteen), the Lightworks program created by Father Joseph Tetlow, S.J. will lead "retreatants" through four weeks of daily prayer and weekly group spiritual direction. Rather than a book study, this program offers an at-home "retreat" format with three assigned Scripture readings per week, and reflections to accompany them. This group will be a good fit for women who already have an established habit of daily prayer and can commit to thirty minutes of prayerful reflection on the material five days a week for the duration of the program. The group meetings will involve sharing the fruits of prayer for the week and discerning God's voice within the prayer experiences. The sessions will be led by a certified spiritual director who has been trained in administering the program. (The reason the group needs to be very small is because of the nature of the sharing and discernment that goes along with the prayer material.)

## Weekly Class Schedule

Overview of Classes Available Each Day

#### **Monday**

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#### Save the Date

#### September 10, 2025, Wednesday

Family Night Potluck Sacred Heart School

#### September 11, 2025, Thursday

Women's Ministry Event Holy Family Church and Hall

#### September 24, 2025, Wednesday

Cor Unum Award Ceremony Holy Family and SMSA

#### October 8, 2025, Wednesday

Domestic Church Family Night with potluck Sacred Heart School

#### October 18, 2025, Saturday

The Living Rosary Holy Family Hall

#### November 12, 2025, Wednesday

Domestic Church Family Night with potluck Sacred Heart School

#### November 15, 2025, Saturday

Women of Christ Conference Brookfield Conference Center

#### December 4, 2025, Thursday

Advent Journey with Jesus Holy Family