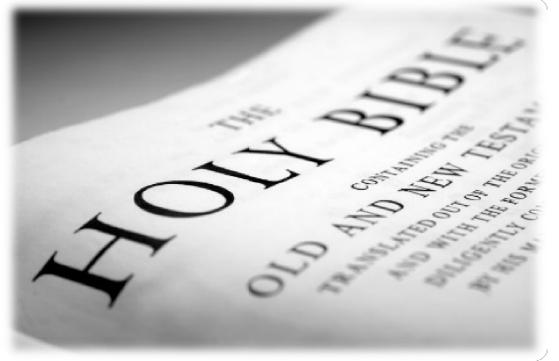


Bible Institute at St. Brendan's



“The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible but to know God.”

More than 50 years ago, the Second Vatican encouraged Catholics to use the Bible in their prayer, worship and devotional lives. In 2010, Jerry Siegmund received the blessing of Father Robert and Father Hector to begin a Catholic Biblical Institute here at St. Brendan's. Jerry brought his vast knowledge of Sacred Scripture and experience teaching the course in other dioceses and parishes.

The four-year course is a comprehensive, in-depth study of Sacred Scripture and students explore all 73 books of the Catholic Bible. Areas of study include learning principles of Catholic interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures which leads to growing in understanding of the Word of God and applying that understanding to daily living. Students earn a Certificate in Basic Biblical studies at the end of two years and another certificate in Advanced Biblical Studies after completing the four-year course.

Our first four-year program graduated 8 students most of whom are teaching or working at St. Brendan's in an area associated with the Bible. Rich Rismiller, a graduate of the first course is now an instructor and is teaching a four-year course with Jerry to be completed in 2018. Jerry began another four-year course in September with 13 students. The next four-year course will begin in September, 2018. Jerry's long-term goal is to train enough teachers to start a new program each year.

Students come from all sorts of backgrounds, most are ordinary Catholics. There are no prerequisites to participate, only a desire to learn and to deepen one's understanding and love for God and His sacred Word.

Our parish is honored to host this impressive course of Catholic study and applaud Jerry, his team, and those who have completed the course or are presently students. Our parish is enriched by your commitment!

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