

## New Adult Formation Opportunities at St. Aloysius Beginning Fall 2018

St. Aloysius parish is embarking on a six-year series of studies based on the US Bishop's document, **"Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States."** The Bishops teach that the mature Christian life requires cultivation in all its dimensions: **knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, belonging to community, and missionary spirit.** Each dimension is vital for mature discipleship and provides an opportunity for Encountering God.

**Year One: Knowledge of Faith: "Encountering God in Scripture" 2018-2019**

- **Fall Study**

**Great Adventure Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**, an eight-week small group study featuring Jeff Cavins of Ascension Press that uncovers the story woven throughout Scripture, helpfully clarifying the "big picture" of salvation history

*Registration will take place after Mass the weekends of August 18 and 25*

*Small groups will begin meeting the week of September 9, with morning and evening options*

- **Fall Speakers (after 5:30PM Sunday Mass)**

**September 16:** Stephen J. Binz will inaugurate our speaker series, considering "The Grand Narrative of Scripture"

**October 14:** Brian Pedraza, PhD, will introduce **Dei Verbum**, the Church's Teaching on Divine Revelation

**November 4:** Mark Christian will explore the Lectionary readings for Year C, focusing on the Gospel of Luke

- **Winter Study**

**Great Adventure Bible Study: Follow Me – Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** follows the same eight-week format as the fall study and features Edward Sri, who guides participants into a renewed friendship with Christ and deepened discipleship

*Registration will take place in early December*

*Small groups will begin meeting the week of January 14, with morning and evening options*

- **Winter Speakers**

**January 13:** Fr Eddie Martin and Fr Randy Cuevas will describe the rich Scriptural basis of the Mass

**February 10:** Mark Christian and Ken Thevenet will consider the role of the Psalms in the NT and in the life of prayer

- **Lenten Mission, March 9-14**

Fr Gregory Plata, OFM will deepen our experience of **Encountering God in the New Testament**

In the coming years, we will continue to develop this pattern of study, **Encountering God in...**

<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>Liturgical Life</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Prayer</b>
<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Moral Formation</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>Community</b>
	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>Missionary Spirit</b>	

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