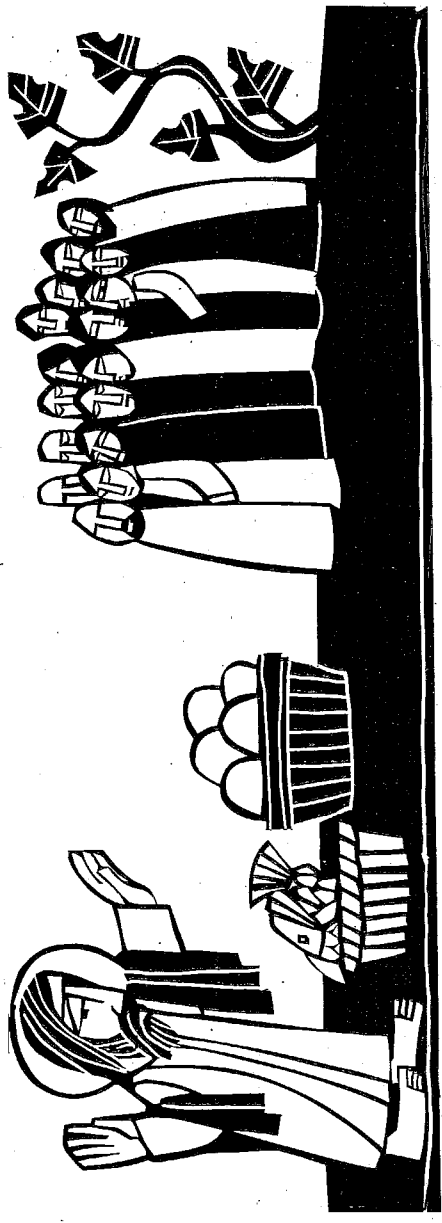
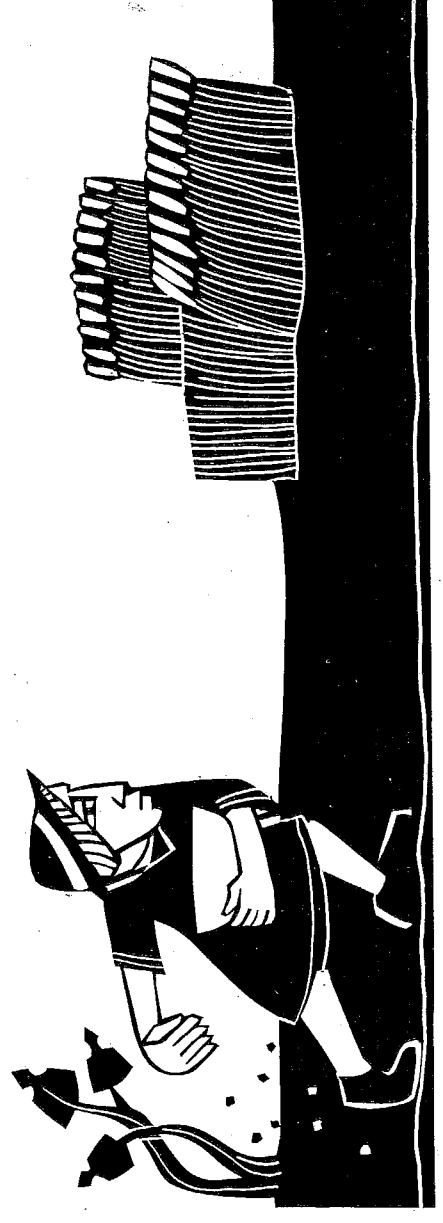
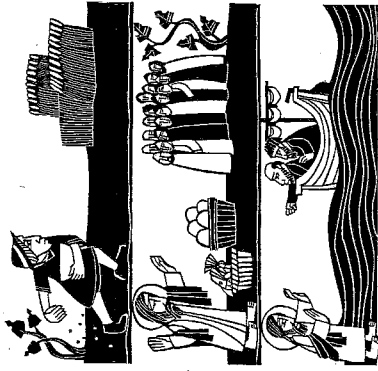


FOUR-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY IN THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL		GENERAL ISSUES
UNITS	BIBLICAL BOOKS	THEOLOGICAL THEMES
<b>FIRST YEAR: OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONS – GENESIS THROUGH KINGS</b>		
UNIT 1	Exodus Leviticus Numbers	People of God Covenant Desert
UNIT 2	Deuteronomy Genesis	Promises/The Land Creation/Sin
UNIT 3	Joshua Judges 1 & 2 Samuel 1 & 2 Kings	Charismatic Leadership Kingship Prophecy
<b>SECOND YEAR: NEW TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONS – JESUS AND DISCIPLESHIP</b>		
UNIT 1	Mark Luke Matthew 1 and 2	Discipleship Holy Spirit Infancy Narratives
UNIT 2	Acts Pauline Letters	Church Gifts of the Holy Spirit
UNIT 3	John and Johannine Letters Mark 13, Luke 21 Matthew 24–25 Revelation	Sacraments Eschatology
<b>THIRD YEAR: OLD TESTAMENT CONTINUED – EXILE AND RESTORATION</b>		
UNIT 1	Amos Hosea 1 Isaiah Micah Zephaniah Nahum Jeremiah	Social Justice Prophetic Vocation Marriage of God and Israel
UNIT 2	Lamentations Obadiah Ezekiel 2 Isaiah Haggai Zechariah 1–8 3 Isaiah Ezra Nehemiah	Destruction of the Temple Meaning of the Exile Renewal after Exile Community Rebuilt around the Word
UNIT 3	1 & 2 Chronicles Joel Malachi Ruth Song of Songs Psalms	Rebuilding a People Importance of the Law Historical Writings of Old Testament Hebrew Poetry Jewish Liturgy
<b>FOURTH YEAR: THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS CONCLUDED – THE WORD IN THE HELLENISTIC WORLD</b>		
UNIT 1	Proverbs Habakkuk Job Ecclesiastes Sirach Wisdom	Creation Emphasis Problem of Suffering Priest, Prophet, and Sage
UNIT 2	Jonah Esther Tobit Baruch 1 and 2 Maccabees Judith Daniel	Martyrdom Resurrection Deuterocanonical Books Hellenism
UNIT 3	Matthew Pastoral Letters Catholic Letters Hebrews	Role of Peter/Apostles New Testament as Fulfillment of Old Testament Christianity as a New Form of Religion in the Roman World



# The Diocesan School of Biblical Studies— Series VI (2019-2023)





# Just what is the Diocesan School of Biblical Studies?

The Diocesan School of Biblical Studies (DSBS) is a serious study of all seventy-three writings in the Catholic canon of scriptures, joining the best of contemporary biblical scholarship with a desire for personal spiritual enrichment and a love for the use of the scriptures in the Church. Based on a design pioneered in the Archdiocese of Denver and revised by the University of Dallas, the Bible School has run successfully in the Diocese of La Crosse for twenty years. The "average" class day runs from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM, on one Saturday a month, through a nine-month academic year. Three hours of lecture by seasoned faculty are balanced with three hours of small-group discussion based on the students' responses to focused study questions.

If interest in each area is sufficient, the School's sixth cohort operate at parallel sites in the Wausau (generally the second Saturday of the month) and La Crosse (on the fourth Saturday of the month) areas. Participants in the program who have conflicts on a given weekend at their primary teaching site are able (well, frankly encouraged) to travel the extra distance to "make up" the session at the other teaching location.

Already in the first two years of study, participants will have encountered the most important literary styles in the Bible, while completion of the whole four years of study will give them a college-level introduction to the whole of God's word. On the back of this brochure you will find an outline of the sequence of books and themes for the four-year course of studies. Up to four (4) college credits in religious studies can be earned from Viterbo University for successful completion of the four years of work. Periodically, the faculty will offer study trips abroad to biblical lands.

## Who is this for?

Any hungry person of faith will benefit from DSBS—parish catechists, school teachers, permanent deacons, Diocesan Lay Formation Institute grads, and regular bible readers looking for something beyond the basics. While the course of studies is taught by Catholics, and for Catholics, Bible readers of nearly any Christian background will find the study rewarding, and are most welcome to join us.

## Who are the teachers?

Michael Lopez-Kaley (PhD – Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI) –  
Viterbo University, La Crosse  
Fr. Mark Pierce (STL – Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, MA) –  
St. Michael Parish & Church of the Resurrection, Wausau

## What does it cost? How do I enroll?

The annual tuition of \$300 covers teaching stipends, facility costs, and the noon meal. Additional book costs will range from \$30-80 per year. Some scholarship monies are available. If an application form and calendar for the 2019-2020 sessions do not appear with this brochure, they can be downloaded from the DSBS website [<https://diocesanschoolofbiblicalstudies.weebly.com/>] or can be gotten by calling or writing Fr. Mark Pierce:

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