

## Learn the Bible!

### Join the Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet to...

- Study the Bible as a whole and in its parts—from a Catholic point of view, and within a Catholic learning and faith community.
- Grow beyond parish Bible studies with an experienced Bible teacher and a structured program.
- Bring deeper knowledge and appreciation of Scripture into your parish ministry, your family life, and your professional life.
- Develop your relationship with Jesus Christ and learn to hear the Word of God in all the books of the Bible.
- Learn to pray with Scripture and bring its wisdom into all aspects of your life.
- Learn to read and appreciate the difficult sections of the Bible.



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of Joliet

### Tuition and Fees

Tuition is \$500 a year, which pays for our instructor and for BIDJ administration, and assists our host parish in supporting BIDJ.

We accept tuition in two payments, by September 15 and December 1.

If you need to make other payment arrangements, please call.

Book costs vary by year of the program, typically ranging from \$50-\$100 a year.

### Location, Day, Time

In 2009/2010, BIDJ will meet at St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield on Saturdays from 9-11 a.m.

As long as the class stays viable and the parish can host us, BIDJ remains at a parish site for the entire program.

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# BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

## Catholic Bible Study for Adults



A program of the  
Diocese of Joliet  
Religious Education Office

## Our Students

The Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet (BIDJ) serves everyone who wants in-depth study of the Bible and prayerful reflection on Scripture within a Catholic faith community.

- **Parish Bible study facilitators** lead groups more confidently as they learn the Bible as a whole and how to use Bible study resources.
- **Parish catechetical leaders and pastoral ministers** bring Scripture more fully into their ministries as they build on the Bible study of their ministry formation programs.
- **Deacons** find it's easier to prepare homilies as they expand their knowledge of the Old Testament and their understanding of its relationship with the New Testament.
- **Catechists of children, youth, and adults** gain confidence in using Scripture in their teaching and answering questions about how Catholics approach the Bible.
- **Lectors and Ministers of Care** deepen their proclamation and prayer of God's Word.
- **Any adult** seeking to deepen a relationship with Christ or bring Scripture into family or personal life, can find learning and transformation.

## Our Program

In BIDJ, we cover the entire Bible in four years. We divide the program into two phases and ask new students to commit to the first two years.

### Basic Biblical Studies: Years 1 & 2

In this phase, we focus on methods of study and praying with the Bible, the basics of the Catholic approach to Scripture, and systematic study of the major books of the Old and New Testaments.

**Year 1:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings

**Year 2:** Mark, Luke, Acts, Pauline Letters, John, Revelation

### Advanced Biblical Studies: Years 3 & 4

In this phase, we cover every other book of the Bible and develop the basic methods learned in the first two years.

**Year 3:** The Prophets, Psalms and other books of the Old Testament

**Year 4:** The Wisdom books and other books of the Old Testament, Matthew, New Testament letters, Hebrews

Participation in BIDJ can be applied to catechist certification in Knowing/Scripture. Students who fully participate in each phase of BIDJ receive certificates in basic/advanced biblical studies from the Diocese of Joliet.

Anyone can join! No specific academic or Bible study background is needed.

## Our Approach

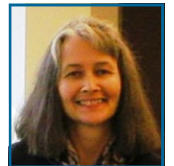
BIDJ equally emphasizes learning *and* the formation of faith.

- Lectures and readings give students the basic biblical scholarship they need to understand the Bible as contemporary Catholics.
- Homework, small group discussions, community prayer, and instructor guidance promote the deepening of each student's faith experience.

Classes meet weekly for two hours, September-May.

## Our Instructor

**Carol Kloss** knows the curriculum used in BIDJ as both student and teacher. She graduated from the Denver Catholic Biblical School, a similar program, and then went to Catholic Theological Union for M.A., Biblical Studies/Theology.



For several years, Carol taught in and directed the Chicago Catholic Scripture School of the Archdiocese of Chicago, another four-year Biblical school. She now serves as Scripture consultant for the Diocese of Joliet.

Carol brings a background of business, art, writing, and family life to her Bible teaching. She enjoys helping Catholics encounter the power of God's Word.