

**Biblical Institute of Joliet**  
**WHAT WE STUDY: FOUR-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY**

<i>Books</i>	<i>Some Themes and Topics Covered</i>
<b>Year 1—Old Testament Foundations: Genesis through Kings</b>	
<i>Pentateuch:</i> Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	Approaches to reading; Old Testament geography, history, culture; Creator/creation; God as Redeemer and Revealer; Exodus as theme; people of God; covenant/law/Torah; promise; the Land
<i>Deuteronomic History:</i> Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings	Charismatic leadership, kingship, prophecy, Israel's relationship with God, Israel's history to the exile
<b>Year 2—New Testament Foundations: Jesus and Discipleship</b>	
Mark, Luke, Acts, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Galatians, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Philemon, Romans, Colossians, Ephesians, John, Revelation	Approaches to reading; New Testament geography, history, culture; nature of gospels and epistles; New Testament apocalyptic writing and theology; the many facets of Jesus; Holy Spirit; Christian living; discipleship; Church; eschatology
<b>Year 3—Old Testament Continued: Exile and Restoration</b>	
<i>Prophets:</i> Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, Zechariah 1-8, Joel, Malachi	Approaches to reading; Old Testament geography, history, culture; prophecy and prophetic vocation; social justice; marriage of God and Israel; destruction of Temple; exile
<i>Other:</i> Lamentations, Ezra, Nehemiah, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ruth, Song of Songs, Psalms	History writing in the Old Testament; Hebrew poetry; exile; rebuilding/renewal after exile
<b>Year 4—Both Testaments Concluded: The Word in the Hellenistic World</b>	
<i>Wisdom Literature:</i> Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, Wisdom	Approaches to reading; priest/prophet/sage; Creator/creation; living God's way; virtues; problem of suffering
<i>Other Old Testament:</i> Habakkuk, Jonah, Esther, Tobit, Baruch, Zechariah 9-16, 1 & 2 Maccabees, Judith, Daniel	Approaches to reading; Hellenistic history, geography, culture; nature of teaching stories; Old Testament apocalyptic writing and theology; martyrdom; resurrection
<i>Other New Testament:</i> Matthew, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, James, Jude, 1, 2, & 3 John, 1 & 2 Peter, Hebrews	Approaches to reading, role of Peter and the apostles, the many facets of Jesus, discipleship, Christian living, early Church

We use the revised edition of the Catholic Biblical School (CBS) curriculum published by Paulist Press. The CBS curriculum has been used in dioceses, deaneries, and parishes across the country for over 25 years. It was originally developed in the Archdiocese of Denver by Sr. Macrina Scott, a pioneer in Bible study for Catholic adults, with the assistance of teachers who taught the curriculum there. Staff of the Catholic Biblical School of the University of Dallas School of Ministry who have taught the curriculum for several years prepared the revision.