

Catholic Book Discussion Group

Are you looking to deepen your faith, grow in knowledge, and engage with fellow parishioners?

Join our Discussion Group!

We will meet twice a month, on the first and third Wednesdays at 10:00 AM to explore a selection of books that challenge, inspire, and enrich our spiritual lives. Each book offers unique insights into faith, literature, and the human condition.

What are We Reading?

See our Fall reading schedule on the reverse side of this page.

Why Join?

- **Spiritual Growth:** Deepen your relationship with God, strengthen your prayer life, and get to better know the saints through thoughtful discussion and reflection.
- **Intellectual Formation:** Develop a habit of growing in knowledge and engaging in deep thought about significant issues.
- **Community Building:** Connect with fellow Catholics in a supportive and engaging environment.

For for information, please contact Father Jacob.

We Look Forward to Seeing You There!



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WEDNESDAYS
OF THE MONTH



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FELLOWSHIP HALL



Book Discussion Group Fall Schedule

September and October: *Dracula* by Bram Stoker

This classic Gothic novel is more than just a tale of horror; it's a profound exploration of good versus evil, the relationship between faith and superstition, and the power of Christ. The Ignatius Press Critical Edition includes essays and commentary that provide a Catholic perspective on the themes within the story. Join us as we uncover the spiritual and moral lessons embedded in this literary masterpiece.

Meeting Dates:

September 18, 2024: Read chapters 1-9 (pages 1-172 in this edition)

October 2, 2024: Read chapters 10-18 (pages 173-332 in this edition)

October 16, 2024: Read chapters 19-27 (pages 333-496 In this edition)

ISBN: 978-1586174941 (Feel free to get any edition of the unabridged work – there are many to choose from– but this is the Ignatius Press version that contains an introduction and commentary from a Catholic perspective).

November: *Saved in Hope (Spe Salvi)* by Pope Benedict XVI

In this profound encyclical, Pope Benedict XVI explores the Christian understanding of hope, especially the ultimate hope of eternal life and how this hope shapes our present actions. Reading this encyclical in the month of November, as we reflect on eternal life and pray for our deceased friends and relatives will be especially fitting (and will help us to focus on those “eternal things” rather than get too caught up in the political landscape!).

Meeting Dates:

November 6, 2024: Read paragraph numbers 1-31

November 20, 2024: Read paragraph numbers 32-50



ISBN: 978-1586172510, also available for free online. Scan the QR Code or visit:
https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20071130_spe-salvi.html

December: "Homilies in Praise of the Blessed Virgin Mary" by St. Bernard of Clairvaux

As we begin Advent and prepare for Christmas, enter into the rich Marian spirituality of one of the Church's great mystics, St. Bernard of Clairvaux. His homilies are a beautiful testament to the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in salvation history and the rich language that Christians have traditionally used to describe her. This book will enrich your devotion to Mary and offer profound insights into her role as the Mother of God and our Mother, a most fitting reflection for this time of year. It is also a lighter reading assignment for this busy time!

Meeting Dates:

December 4, 2024: Read Homilies 1 and 2 (pages 1-31)

December 18, 2024: Read Homilies 3 and 4 (pages 33-58)

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