



# St Louis Catholic Bible Fellowship 2024-2025

Please join us as we begin our new year with the studies

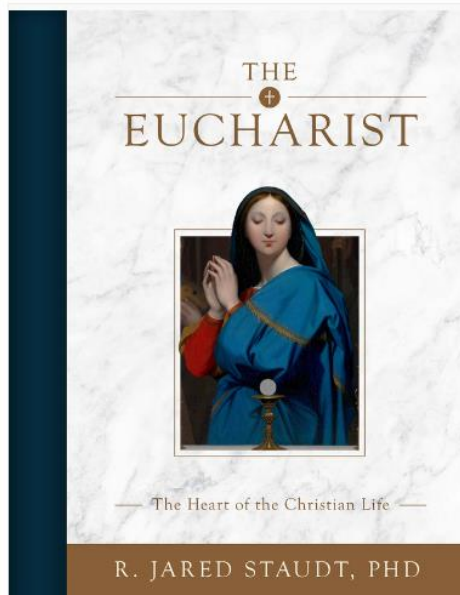
## *The Eucharist: The Heart of the Christian Life and Daniel: Apocalypse of the Old Testament*

Participants will receive two study books, one for each study. There are evening and morning meetings, on Wednesday evening from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm and on Thursday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Childcare is offered for the Thursday morning sessions.

The participants may connect via Zoom or meet at St. Louis Catholic Church to attend the sessions. The sessions include praise and worship, opening prayer, an introduction by the program director, discussion in small groups and educational video-lectures by the authors, R. Jared Staudt, Ph.D., and Paul V. Niskanen, Ph.D.

### Content Description

#### The Eucharist: The Heart of the Christian Life - Author: R. Jared Staudt, Ph.D.



#### The Eucharist: The Heart of the Christian Life

A 12-week Eucharistic study that will transform you! The Eucharist distinguishes Catholic life more than anything else, providing the foundation for sacred worship and belief in Christ's living presence within the Church. The course will lay out the teaching of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist and the Mass and how they lead into a robust expression of the Christian life in the world. The Eucharist forms the soul in the holiness of Christ, which inspires believers to work for the transformation of the world through the spiritual power it bestows.

The Eucharist shapes the Christian life, forming a whole way of life or culture that flows from the grace it bestows. The encounter with Jesus at the Mass should make our own lives a continuation of His presence in the world. The Eucharist changes the world from the inside out, becoming an oasis of truth, beauty, and love in a fallen world.

Using the great Saints of the Church, Dr. Staudt guides us through a systematic study of the Eucharist, its biblical foundations, its centrality in the lives of the saints, art, culture, devotions and prayers of the Church, and how to live in holy communion in an unbelieving world.

*For Love's sake receive what Love alone can give. The tender Savior gives Himself as our food to unite Himself to His faithful ones."*

*- Saint Francis de Sales, Introduction to the Devout Life*

# Daniel: Apocalypse of the Old Testament - Author: Paul V. Niskanen, Ph.D.

## Symbols of Divine Providence

On the surface, the Book of Daniel tells a powerful story of God's faithfulness and constancy, even in the midst of great trial. Understanding the book's symbolic language and images, however, requires research. Join us in the study written by Paul Niskanen, Ph.D. as he explains Daniel's content and symbolism, revealing the book's rich significance to the New Testament and to modern Christians.

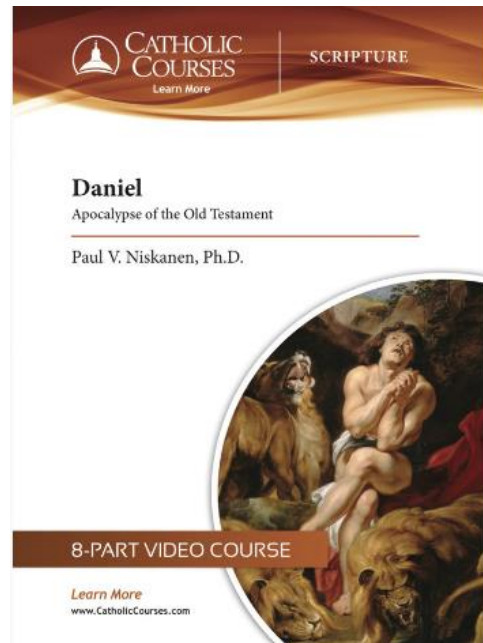
## Echoes of Revelation

Daniel is considered a work of apocalyptic literature. Its contents are primarily symbolic. The book presents real historical figures, and takes place during real historical events. Over eight weeks, Dr. Niskanen explains the relationship between history and symbolism in Daniel, making sense of key figures and themes:

- The close relationship between religion and politics in ancient Israel
- Meaning and significance of Daniel's dreams and visions
- God's hand and the role of free will in human history
- Daniel as a bridge to the New Testament

## Why Study Daniel?

Today's Christians can feel intimidated by society's increasing disdain for religion, something which Daniel understood all too well. God's faithfulness to Daniel during his persecutions and sufferings is the same faithfulness he offers us today. Daniel is thus a very timely book, reminding us of the unchanging nature of God's love and fidelity, even in the midst of darkness. Daniel reverberates throughout the New Testament by illuminating the symbolism and connecting the dots between Daniel and Jesus Christ.



Registration forms available at the welcome table on the main Sanctuary, at the parish office and in the St Louis Catholic Church WEB page

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We will be at the rotunda on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm mass, and 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> after every English Mass to answer questions and assist you in registering