

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan Books 2015-16

Year A: From Eden to Exile



Following the tradition of Catholic Scripture scholarship, CBSM utilizes material from a variety of sources for our curriculum. We use Catholic authors when we can, although at this time most Catholic scholarship is focusing on the New Testament. When we use books authored by our Protestant brethren, we always ensure that their teaching does not contradict Catholic theology, and if we find a place of potential confusion, we address it in class.

Required books for Year A:

The Bible Compass: A Catholic's Guide to Navigating the Scriptures by Edward Sri. ISBN 9781934217788. Our summer reading book for year A lives up to its title: a compass gives you direction to find your way, and this book gives students of the Bible what they need to find their way. Written by the very popular Catholic author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri, this book provides simple explanations of what the Bible is, how it came together, the tools you need to start to interpret it, and much more. It's relatively short, easy to read and will make you ready and eager to dive into God's word! 174 pages.

Holman QuickSource Bible Atlas by Holman Bible Editorial Staff. ISBN 9780805495645.

If the summer book is your compass, then this book is your essential map. As you will see, understanding WHERE a Biblical story or passage takes place is crucial to understanding what the author is trying to tell us. The Atlas includes maps; colorful illustrations of important buildings, people and places; helpful charts and graphs; and even historical and cultural background. This is a handy reference book you keep next to you while you read, not one you have to read cover to cover. We will use this book all four years. 400 pages.

Exploring the Old Testament, Vol 1: A Guide to the Pentateuch by Gordon Wenham. ISBN 9780830825417.

When you travel to a new place, it is helpful to have a handbook that tells you about the language, the customs, and the "story behind the story." For new students, reading the first five books of the Bible (the Pentateuch) is like visiting a new place. Wenham provides the basics you need to understand the text and the characters. Like a travel handbook, it can "feel" more informational than inspirational, but the information it conveys will help you to discover this new place and time from a scholarly perspective. 223 pages.

The Bible Timeline Chart by Jeff Cavins. ISBN 9781934217818.

This colorful chart shows how the various books and characters of the Bible make up one continuous story of Salvation History. Created by popular Catholic author Jeff Cavins for his *Great Adventure* series, this chart points out where Biblical events fit into the grand plan of God. This is helpful in all four years of CBSM. Pamphlet.

RSV/NRSV Catholic Bible: The RSV is the standard translation we use in CBSM. If you are buying a Bible for this program, we sell a basic RSV that does not have study notes (ISBN 9780898708332), but you are welcome to use any Catholic version for our Old Testament studies.

Optional books for Year A:

We like to suggest optional books for those students who have the time for and interest in doing more reading. Please consider your own schedule and the length of the optional books when determining whether to order them. The Bible is our primary textbook, and reading the required books takes priority over the optional books.

Walking with God: A Journey through the Bible by Jeff Cavins and Tim Gray. ISBN 9781934217894.

Jeff Cavins and Tim Gray, two leading American Catholic teachers on Scripture, have written an inspirational and informational book that treats the Bible as a single story, showing how the various books work together. The authors make it easy to understand the background behind various events and figures, give keys to reading the text, and explore deeper meanings through a Catholic lens. While this does cover all of Biblical salvation history, about 80% applies to our Year A studies. 298 pages.

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Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: Book of Genesis by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. ISBN 9781586174330. Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch are two popular Catholic authors and teachers of Scripture, and having this book is like having these two scholars with you while you read Genesis. The book includes the RSV translation of Genesis, an introduction to Genesis, notes and commentary from the authors and the Fathers of the Church, catechism references, essays on important themes, and more! 93 pages.

Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: Book of Exodus by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. ISBN 9781586176150. This book is from the same series and has the same features as *ICSB: Genesis* above. 82 pages.

Genesis: The Story We Haven't Heard by Paul Borgman. ISBN 9780830826551. This is a great book for students who are familiar with Genesis but want to take their understanding to the next level. It is also very easy and interesting to read as the author digs into the characters and their psychology. Paul Borgman is a literature professor, so he first helps you see the beauty of the text as a great piece of literature. Then he shows you the deeper reality of what the Lord is saying in His Word. Borgman is not a Catholic, but he provides a good context that almost all Christians can find engaging. 252 pages.

Bound for Freedom: The Book of Exodus in Jewish and Christian Traditions by Goran Larsson. ISBN 9780801046841.

Like the Borgman book, this book is for someone who wants to dive deeper into more serious scholarship on Exodus. Larsson is a Lutheran author whom scholars from many denominations consult for his expertise on Jewish tradition. In this book, he gives readers a deeper understanding of the stories of Exodus, and also some history about how Jewish and Christian communities have reacted to and understood this most important piece of Scripture. This is more informational than inspirational in nature. 368 pages.

Handbook on the Historical Books by Victor P. Hamilton. ISBN 9780801036149.

This is a book our faculty members enjoy for its wealth of research and its application of the historical books to our lives today. Due to the length of some chapters, you may not be able to read everything Hamilton has to say for each class. Yet, this book is a solid reference work and will help you find deeper meaning in some of the most challenging books of the Old Testament. 550 pages.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

We will often reference this compilation of the Church's teaching in class. If you do not yet own it, this is an opportunity to get a copy for your own reference. Multiple versions exist, and we sell the pocket-sized paperback, ISBN 9780385479677.

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Required Titles	Author	Price	Qty	Extended \$
The Bible Compass	Sri	\$13		
Holman Quicksource Atlas	Holman	\$15		
Exploring the OT Vol 1: Pentateuch	Wenham	\$30		
Bible Timeline Chart	Cavins	\$5		

Optional Titles	Author	Price	Qty	
RSV Catholic Bible	Ignatius	\$32		
Walking with God	Cavins & Gray	\$25		
Genesis	Hahn & Mitch	\$12		
Exodus	Hahn & Mitch	\$12		
Genesis: The Story We Haven't Heard	Borgman	\$20		
Bound for Freedom (Exodus)	Larsson	\$30		
Handbook on the Historical Books	Hamilton	\$37		
Catechism of the Catholic Church	USCCB	\$10		

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