

**Sunday, February 12:**

Return Home

*THE STORY Chapter 19*

*The Bible: Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah*

**Sunday, February 19**

The Queen of Beauty and Courage

*THE STORY Chapter 20*

*The Bible: Book of Esther*

**Sunday, February 26**

Rebuilding the Walls

*THE STORY Chapter 21*

*The Bible: Ezra, Nehemiah, Malachi*

**Sunday, March 4**

The Birth of the King

*THE STORY Chapter 22*

*The Bible: The Gospel according to Matthew 1-11*



**Sunday, March 11**

Jesus' Ministry Begins

*THE STORY Chapter 23*

*The Bible: The Gospel according to Matthew 12-28*

**Sunday, March 18**

No Ordinary Man

*THE STORY Chapter 24*

*The Bible: The Gospel according to Mark*

**March 25**

Jesus, Son of God

*THE STORY Chapter 25*

*The Bible: The Gospel according to Luke*

**April 1 Palm Sunday**

The Hour of Darkness

*THE STORY Chapter 26*

*The Bible: The Gospel according to John 1-19*

**Sunday, April 8 Easter Sunday**

No Church School/ No Adult Forums



**Sunday, April 15 Cross of Flowers**

No Church School/ No Adult Forums

**Sunday, April 22**

The Resurrection

*THE STORY Chapter 27*

*The Bible: The Gospel according to John 19-21*

**Sunday, April 29**

New Beginnings

*THE STORY Chapter 28*

*The Bible: The Acts of the Apostles, Romans*

**Sunday, May 6**

Paul's Mission

*THE STORY Chapter 29*

*The Bible: 1 Corinthians through Colossians*



**Sunday, May 13**

**Mother's Day**

Paul's Final Days

*THE STORY Chapter 30*

*The Bible: 1 Thessalonians through Philemon*

**Sunday, May 20**

Revelation (Kids)/ The End of Time (Adults)

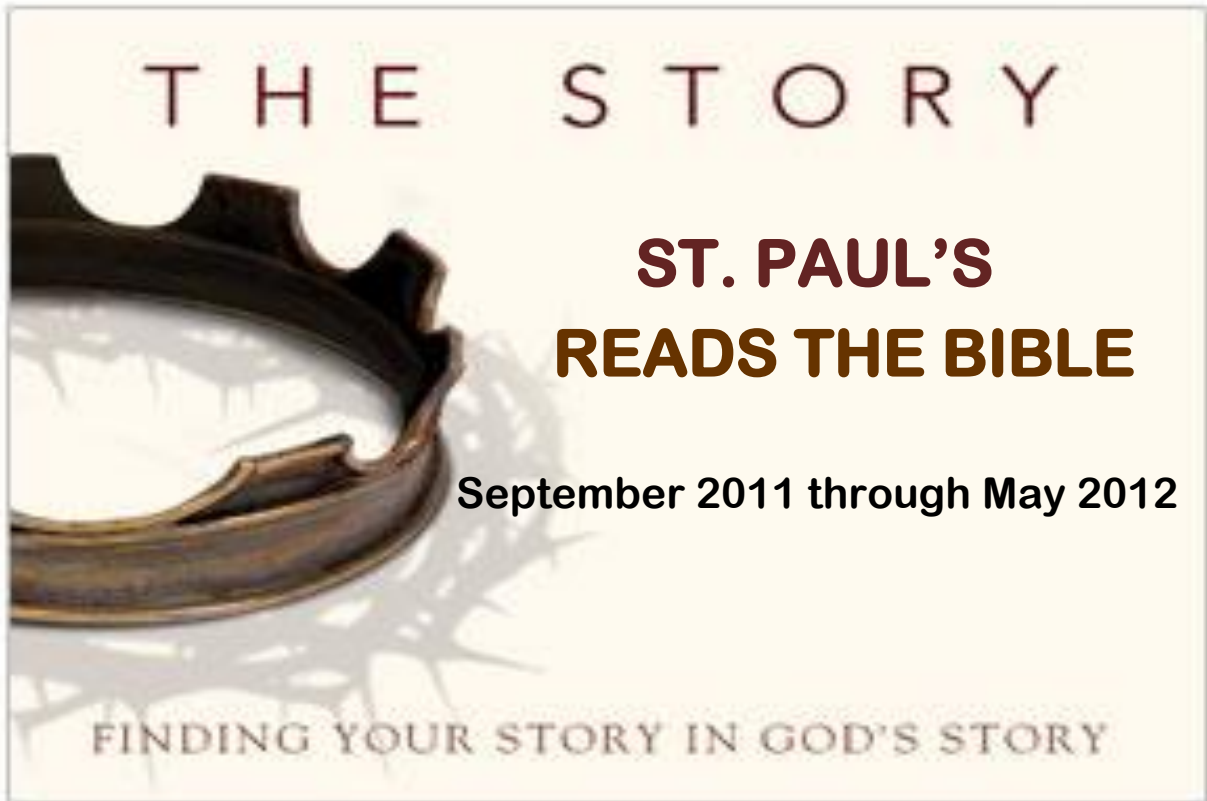
*THE STORY Chapter 31*

*The Bible: Hebrews, I and II Peter, I, II and III John, Jude, Revelation*

**Sunday, May 27**

Celebration of our reading the Bible in community!





*Genesis to Revelation – Stories of Our People*  
**God's Story of Love and Relationship**

*Can we read the whole Bible?*  
**TOGETHER WE CAN!**

**Look inside for more information and a study guide ...**

## What is “St. Paul’s Reads the Bible”?

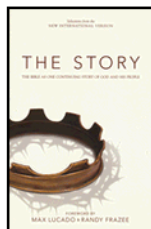
“St. Paul’s Reads the Bible” is our parish’s effort to read the whole Bible together this year—from start to finish. You can join with the rest of the parish in a commitment to read the Bible, starting in September and continuing through May 2012. Each week there will be a reading assignment, and if you do all of them all, you’ll have read the entire Bible. We’ll start at the very beginning (logical, right?) and make our way through the stories of the Holy Scripture.

### Where did this idea come from?

It started with our hearing through surveys and discussion that many of us wanted to learn about the Bible. Our Church School teachers and other leaders concurred that there were chunks of the Bible that not only our students but also most of us hadn’t read. When we realized that 2011 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the printing of the St. James Bible, we decided this was a good time to move forward. This spring, our Rector Fred Reynolds met the Rev. Jay Sidebotham of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, Illinois, where the parish had recently completed their reading of the whole Bible. Jay, enthusiastic about the project, has willingly shared his parish plan. Making it our own, we issue this challenge: Why don’t we all read the Bible together? The whole parish. The whole Bible. The whole year. We actually read the Bible a lot on Sundays, thanks to our lectionary. But the lectionary skips around in ways that often seem perplexing. So this year, we’re going to tackle the whole thing, in the conviction that it is a single story, the story of God’s loving relationship with us.

### How will we do it?

We’re using a book called *THE STORY*. Actually the book is provided in somewhat different formats for children, for teens, and for adults. It’s a kind of *Readers’ Digest*-version of the Bible, breaking the stories into traditional chapters. On Sundays, at church school and during adult forums, we will make our way through *THE STORY* chapter by chapter. Teaching will be done at age-appropriate levels and there will be an assignment each week for you to read on your own.



### How do I join up?

For starters, show up for the *Orientation Breakfast*, Sunday, September 11, 9-9:45 AM, when we will begin this journey. We encourage both adults and kids to buy copies of *THE STORY*. Since there are parts of the Bible left out (abridged), we think it’d be a good idea to have another copy of the Bible on hand. We’d recommend the Oxford Annotated Version because it has helpful notes, and it contains the *New Revised Standard Version*, which

we use in worship. There will be a book table in the Parish Hall Sunday mornings so you can purchase these books.

**What if I miss a week, or go away for a chunk of the year?** Not to worry. That’s why we’re publishing this study guide so you can follow along wherever you are. We’ll also list readings in the weekly bulletin and in the *Epistle*.

### Will it be hard?

Sometimes. Some weeks, you only have to read a little. Other weeks, there’s a lot to cover. And while sometimes the scripture seems crystal clear, other times, it’s perplexing. That’s why we’re doing this together. We’ll be able to help each other learn. That’s why we can provide additional materials and other times during the week for more study and discussion.

### Why do this?

We believe the Bible is a wonderful, rich, sometimes mysterious story, the story of God creating, redeeming and sustaining us, a story of hope. And we believe that the prospect of the whole family reading the Bible together, the whole church listening for what God has to say to us, can only deepen our life together and help us be the people God intends us to be. We need you to be part of it. Finally, we believe that scripture is God’s word, God’s communication to us. As a community of faith, this project will be a faithful act of listening. We hope you’ll get on board, join us as we read God’s Holy Word together this year.

**How will I feel in May once I’ve read the whole Bible?**  
Great!

## St. Paul’s Reads the Bible!

### Ways to join in ...

1. Bring your child to Church School.
2. Take part in adult forums at 9 AM or 4 PM to learn about and discuss the Bible passages.
3. Take part in other discussions at Church – at committee meetings and during coffee hours.
4. Talk about the passages in your household or with your friends.
5. Join or start a small group to meet or have meals together for deeper Bible study and deeper fellowship.
6. Email your questions to group leaders.
7. Invite friends to read with you and join the discussion.
8. Show up at St. Paul’s!

# ST. PAUL'S READS THE BIBLE

## Study Guide for Adults, Teens and Children

### THE STORY and THE STORY FOR KIDS

September 2011 through May 2012

Read chapters for Sundays as indicated. Participants can either read ahead to prepare for the discussion or read the assignment after they learn from the discussion.

#### Sunday, September 11

All-Parish Breakfast—9-9:45 AM  
Welcome and Orientation

#### Sunday, September 18

Creation: The Beginning of Life as We Know It  
THE STORY Chapter 1  
The Bible: Genesis 1-11

#### Sunday, September 25

God Builds a Nation  
THE STORY Chapter 2  
The Bible: Genesis 12-36



#### Sunday, October 2

Joseph  
THE STORY Chapter 3  
The Bible: Genesis 37-50

#### Sunday, October 9

Out of Egypt (Kids)/  
Deliverance (Adults)  
THE STORY Chapter 4  
The Bible: Exodus 1-15

#### Sunday, October 16

##### Stewardship Ministry Fair

##### No 9AM Adult Forum

New Rules (Kids)/  
New Commands &  
New Covenant  
(Adults)  
THE STORY Chapter 5  
The Bible: Exodus 15-40



#### Sunday, October 23

##### RAIHN

Wandering  
THE STORY Chapter 6  
The Bible: Leviticus, Numbers,  
Deuteronomy

#### Sunday, October 30

##### RAIHN

The Battle Begins

#### THE STORY Chapter 7

The Bible: Joshua

#### Sunday, November 6

##### All Saints

A Few Good Men...and Women  
THE STORY Chapter 8  
The Bible: Judges

#### Sunday, November 13

The Faith of a Foreign Woman  
THE STORY Chapter 9  
The Bible: The Book of Ruth

#### Sunday, November 20

Food Ingathering  
Messages from God (Kids)  
Standing Tall, Falling Hard  
(Adults)E STORY Chapter 10  
The Bible: 1 Samuel I-16

#### Sunday, November 27

##### Thanksgiving Weekend, Advent I

No Church School/  
No Adult Forums  
Catch up on what you've missed or  
read ahead.

#### Sunday, December 4

From Shepherd to King  
THE STORY Chapter 11  
The Bible: I Samuel 17 - II

#### Sunday, December 11

A King Makes Bad Choices  
Kids)/The Trials of a King  
(Adults)  
THE STORY Chapter 12  
The Bible: I Samuel 1- 24

#### Sunday, December 18

The King Who Had It All  
THE STORY Chapter 13  
The Bible: I Kings 1-11

#### Sunday, December 25:

Christmas Day  
No Church School/ No  
Adult Forums  
The Bible: Psalms 1-75



#### Sunday, January 1

##### New Year's Day

No Church School/ No Adult  
Forums  
The Bible: Psalms 76-150

#### Sunday, January 8

A Kingdom Torn in Two  
THE STORY Chapter 14  
The Bible: Book of Job, Proverbs,  
Song of Solomon

#### Sunday, January 15

God's Messengers  
THE STORY Chapter 15  
The Bible: I Kings 12-22, II Kings 1-  
13, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah,  
Micah

#### Sunday, January 22

The Beginning of the End  
THE STORY Chapter 16  
The Bible: II Kings 16- 25

#### Sunday, January 29

Annual Meeting  
The Kingdom Falls  
THE STORY Chapter 17  
The Bible: Isaiah, Jeremiah,  
Lamentations

#### Sunday, February 5

Daniel in  
Exile  
THE STORY  
Chapter 18  
The Bible: Ezekiel, Daniel

