

Schedule for Forming Small Groups in a Parish for Lent 2020

Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020

September 2019

- Inform parish about the Lenten program by putting information in bulletin and website



October 2019

- Continue to put information in bulletin and website

November 2019

- Continue to put information in bulletin and website. Shake it up by publishing different short statements about small groups, faith sharing, or Lent.
- "The best way to meet Christ is to share faith."
- The best-kept secret in the Catholic Church is faith sharing in small groups.
- Begin to include a petition for the Lenten program in the Sunday intercessions.
- Call together the core team to organize and plan for the Lenten program.



December 2020

- Call small group leaders and parishioners who have offered their homes for the weekly meeting of *Disciples on the Journey*. Ask them if they are willing to commit again this year.
- Continue to put information in bulletin and website and pray for the success of the Lenten program



January 2020

- Continue to promote the program in bulletin and website
- Intensify prayers for the program. See website for the *Disciples on the Journey* prayer which parishioners can pray together or individually.
- **1st Sign-Up Sunday - January 12, 2020**
 - Make a pulpit invitation for all to sign for a small group for Lent
 - Have parishioners who have participated in small groups to give a pulpit witness talk about their experience encouraging all to join a faith sharing group this Lent.
 - Have sign-up forms available for those who are ready to sign up to participate in the parish Lenten program.
 - This week begin to sort out and organize the returned slips.





- **2nd Sign-Up Sunday - January 19, 2020** (Repeat first sign-up)
 - **pulpit invitation, witness talk, sign up forms, etc.** Continue to organize groups

Week of February 2-8, 2020

- **Order materials:** on website, call toll free 1-866-590-3688, or download and mail order form. (Allow 5 to 7 working days for delivery.) It is helpful to have materials for the training session for leaders of small groups.

Week of February 3-6, 2020

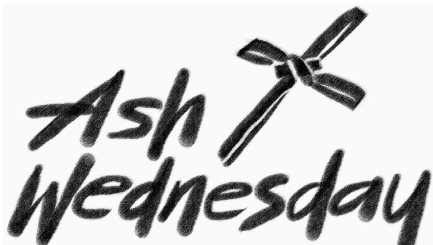
- **Train small-group leaders.** Go to www.disciplesonthejourney.org for a suggested agenda for a meeting to train leaders of small groups or for a refresher for those who are veteran group leaders. If you have not do so, give materials to small group leaders to use during the training and to distribute to their group. You can have participants pick up their book after Sunday Masses or at the parish office during the week.

Week of February 10-15, 2020

- You may offer a second small-group training for those who could not make the first meeting. Continue to distribute books. Leaders can come to parish and pick up books to give to their group or parishioners can pick up their book at the parish.

Week of February 23 - February 29, 2020

- All small groups in the parish meet this week in preparation for the first Sunday of Lent, March 1th 2020.



**First Sunday of Lent
March, 1, 2020**

February 26, 2020