

## Lenten Longings

## Bulletin Announcements

Please feel free to write your own announcements. It is helpful to reserve place in the parish bulletin for announcements about *Lenten Longings* so that people will know where to look. If you provide information about *Lenten Longings* two to four weeks ahead of time, people are ready for the invitation when it comes on Sign-up Sunday. The idea is to whet appetites and let parishioners know something wonderful is coming and that they won't want to miss it. You can adapt these to suit your parish; put a contact name and number as well.



### MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, NOT WHAT YOU DON'T DO!

During the coming Lenten season, instead of depriving yourself of some type of food or some form of entertainment, join a small community for six weeks and participate in *Lenten Longings*, an opportunity to read Scripture and share your faith with some of your fellow parishioners. Small groups will meet for 90 minutes once a week at someone's home. It's a great way to make Lent a more meaningful season as you prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

Watch this bulletin for more information or call \_\_\_\_\_.

### WHY JOIN A SMALL COMMUNITY FOR LENT?

Maybe you'd like to meet new people. Maybe you'd like to spend more time sharing your faith with others and hearing them express their own faith. Maybe you'd like to grow spiritually. Maybe you'd like to deepen your relationship with God. Whatever your reason – it's the right one.

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### PAUSE AND REFLECT

Lent is an opportunity to rearrange our priorities. What could be more important than preparing ourselves to experience this Holy Week and Easter in a way that deeply affects our lives? A good way to do that is to join a small Christian community and take part in *Lenten Longings*. You will meet other members of your parish once a week to reflect on Scripture and talk about how our faith applies to our everyday lives. It's a good way to prepare for our observance of the Paschal Mystery — the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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## WHY NOT NOW?

Have you ever wished you had more time to think about the more important things in life? Why not make that time during this Lent? Why not join one of the small groups of 8 to 10 people in our parish who will meet once a week for six weeks starting the week of Ash Wednesday? When we gather, we will read Scripture, pray, and share our faith. This experience will provide more than you can imagine; it could make this the most memorable Lent in your life. Sign up for a day and time of the week that works for you.

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## A TIME FOR QUIET AND PRAYER

Lent is a time to renew our faith — something that requires prayer and reflection. In a small community we can see how Jesus himself, although he was often on the move and often engaged with crowds of people, always took time for silence and prayer; we realize how important it is for us to do the same. ***Lenten Longings*** will provide the opportunity. Why not take the time this Lent for quiet, prayer and sharing in a small community? Sign up for a day and time of the week that works for you. The change you experience will be well worth the time.

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## WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

The experience of people who have joined small Christian communities shows that we all come from different places on the faith journey but that, when we share, we find we are all heading in the same direction. Why not join eight or ten of your fellow parishioners this Lent and add something special and fruitful to your preparation for Easter? Journey with us in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture. It's called ***Lenten Longings***. We believe you will be richer for the experience.

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