

Lenten Longings

Bulletin Announcements

Please feel free to write your own announcements. It is helpful to have a regular place in the bulletin so people 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 them know something wonderful is coming and that they won't want to miss it. You can adapt these to your parish; put a contact name and number as well.

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DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE OR DESSERT THIS LENT!

Instead join a small community for six weeks during Lent to participate in *Lenten Longings* to read Scripture and share your faith. Small groups will be meeting once a week for 90 minutes at someone's home.

Watch this bulletin for more information or call _____.

WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO JOIN A SMALL COMMUNITY FOR LENT?

Maybe you'd like to meet new people. Maybe you'd like to spend more time learning about your faith from others. Maybe you'd like to grow spiritually. Maybe you'd like to improve your relationship with God. Whatever your reason – it's the right one.

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ONE MAN'S EXPERIENCE!

"Although my wife and I are both involved in various ministries at our parish, we are usually on separate tracks. Since we find ourselves in the same small community I have noticed a difference in our sharing at home. We are each reading Scripture more and very naturally discussing this with each other as well as within our group at our weekly session. I never thought it would make a difference in our lives but I'm finding it has. I encourage you to join a small community this Lent and enter into the faith sharing on *Lenten Longings*. I believe that once a week for six weeks will be well worth your effort."

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FOR WHAT OR FOR WHOM ARE YOU LONGING?

“Is that all there is?” says the song of the ‘60s. It is a fact that so many are longing for more – more time, more peace, more health, etc. What is it that you long for? Lent is a time when Catholics traditionally have fasted and prayed with the hope that they would have time to think about the more important things in life. Why not try something else this Lent? In our parish, we will have the opportunity to gather in small groups of 8 to 10 people, 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. Sign up for a day and time of the week that works for you. You will be happy you did!

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IS YOUR HEART READY TO BE CHANGED?

Lent is a time to change one’s heart. That is not an easy thing to do. In a small community we see how Jesus, in the midst of activity, always took time for silence and prayer, and we realize how important it is for us to do the same. Why not take some 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?

People’s experiences in a small community shows that we all come from different places on the faith journey, but when we share we find we are all heading in the same direction. Why not join us this Lent? 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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