

## 2024 Small Group (PECS) Calendar & Descriptions

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30 AM – Praising God Together	2 6:00 PM Young Adults 18-30 7:00 PM Men's Club *	3 6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *	4 11:45AM Fatima Pray 10:30 AM You Are Not Alone 6:30 PM – Lord, Hear Our Prayer	5 9:00 AM Quilters 6:30 PM * Community of Sojourners * 6:30 PM Our Spanish Community /Rosary	6 3:30 Confessions
7	8 9:30 AM – Praising God Together	9	10 6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *	11 6:30 Parish Council	12 6:30 PM Our Spanish Community /Rosary	13 3:30 Confessions
14 3:00 PM* Young Families *	15 9:30 AM – Praising God Together	16 6:30 Watchmen* St. John/St. Jerome *	17 6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *	18 6:30 Liturgy Mtg 10:30 AM You Are Not Alone	19 9:30 AM Lord, Teach Us How to Pray 6:30 PM Our Spanish Community /Rosary	20 3:30 Confessions
21	22 9:30 AM – Praising God Together	23	24 6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus * 4:15 PM Finance Mtg	25 6:30 PM On the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	26 6:30 PM Our Spanish Community /Rosary	27 3:30 Confessions
28 3:00 PM* Young Families *	29 9:30 AM – Praising God Together	30	31 6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *			

### FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

#### Color Code:

Blue: Weekly  
 Green: Twice-A-Month  
 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ) or (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> )  
 Red: Monthly  
 Black: Reserved Times

#### Symbol:

Asterisk (\*): Not in the Church

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**NOTE:** Dates and Times may change to meet the needs of the PECS group!

### **Weekly Meetings:**

**Group Name: Praising God Together. A group open to all!**  
**(9:30AM Mondays)**

This small group will follow the outline from the Archdiocese. We will come together and offer praise to God, have time for personal sharing of what God has done for you or what you have done for God during the past week. We will read the Gospel reading for the following weekend Mass using the Lectio Divina format. There will be time to share what the needs of the group are. All these things will bring us closer to God and each other. We will be there to offer each other support, a shoulder to lean on, and a prayer warrior in your corner. This group won't be a waste of time or an extra thing to do; it will be a bright spot in your day/week! May God bless you. This group meets every Monday at 9:30 am in the middle lower church and starts 2/19. Led by Cathy Deiman and Monica Walton

**Group Name: Road to Emmaus. Geared toward those in health care professions, but open to all.**  
**(6:30PM Wednesdays)**

This small group is geared for those in the health care professions. We have a special calling that is very rewarding but can be, at times, quite trying, both emotionally and spiritually. The Road to Emmaus story can be found in the Gospel of Luke, who was a physician. Like the disciples on the road, I hope this group will continue to discover and foster our relationship with Christ while supporting each other in our professional calling. My plan is to meet weekly. While it is geared to health care professionals, it is not limited to that group. If you have a friend or family member that would like to attend but who is not in health care, please bring them! Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8 pm, Caribou Coffee at White Bear Ave and County Rd D. Group leader is Tim Bertsch.

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### **Weekly Meetings (Cont.):**

**Group Name: Our Spanish Community**  
**(Time & Date: TBD)**

“Come & See” our Spanish Community as we join together in prayer, faith sharing, learning, and community. Welcome and get to know others as we share our hopes and fears for our community. The leader for this group will be Daisy Carlson. Date and Time to be determined by the group. First meeting 6:30 Friday, February 16, at St. Jerome Church.

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### Twice-a-Month (Bi-Monthly) Meetings:

**Group Name: You are Not Alone. A group open to all.**  
**(10:30AM 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)**

At certain times in our life, we may feel like we are all alone, With God in our life, we are never alone. This group is for those who like to pray to God in the company of others. We gather, praise God through word and music, and discuss God in our everyday lives. We pray together for others and learn a small lesson each session. We will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 10:30 am to noon in the lower middle church starting February 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can join me! Led by Anita Kennedy

**Group Name: Young Families**  
**(3:00PM 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

Getting in group faith formation when you have a young family can be hard. Our goal with this small group is to connect young parents in the parish as well as allow them an opportunity to grow deeper in their understanding of the Word. We will format the small group such that one week, the women can breakout to study the Bible while the men watch the kids. The next meeting, the roles will be flipped. We intend to meet bi-monthly on Sunday afternoons in either the Huddleston household or in the school depending upon group preference. Start date is 2/25 at 3 pm. Led by Preston and Emma Huddleston

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### Monthly Meetings:

**Group Name: Young Adults 18-30**  
**(6:00PM 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)**

We are the church! We are the future of the Catholic Church. How do we build on the faith we learned as young children? How does the Holy Spirit work in our daily lives? There are different ways we evangelize in our daily lives that we aren't even aware of. We can learn different ways how to show how important God, our church and community is to the world. Meets once a month starting 3/5/24 at 6 pm in Ludescher Hall. Led by Jeanette Weldon

**Group Name: Lord, Hear our Prayer. A group open to all.**  
**(6:30PM 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)**

Philippians 4:6 states "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." Let us come together on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the lower church to offer praise for the many gifts we have been given and to turn over our troubles, concerns, and sorrows as well to God. Coming together as a group to pray will draw us closer and make us more connected to our brothers and sisters. Let's multiply our joy and divide our sorrows by sharing them with one another.

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### Monthly Meetings (Cont.):

**Group Name: On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day. A group for the science-minded or science-curious  
(6:30PM 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, God created land and water (paraphrased from Genesis). This monthly series of presentations and discussions and prayers are for the science-minded or science-curious. It will explore God's marvelous creation through the lens of MN geology and geologic processes. The sessions begin and end with prayer, and include discussion of pertinent scriptures, opportunities to share and intercessions for others. Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month starting 2/22 at 6:30 pm in Ludescher Hall. Your leaders are Mark Jirsa and Rosann Klutzke.

**Group Name: Lord Teach Us How to Pray. A group open to all.  
(9:30AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**

Come join Fr Victor in a faith sharing and growing group exploring and learning more about our faith and prayer life. "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray" explores the different forms of prayer. Reflecting what Jesus said and did to pray, we learn and are given the opportunity to share our experience and thoughts about prayer as a form of connecting our souls to God. This group is an hour and a half, meets monthly with the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 2/16 at 9:30 am in the lower church.

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### **Monthly Meetings (Cont.):**

**Group Name: Community of Sojourners. A group open to all Asian immigrants.**

**(6:30PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday)**

A sojourner refers to someone living in a country where he/she is not a native citizen or naturalized, a resident foreigner, a lodger, an emigrant, or a stranger; it is a person who lives as a foreigner temporarily in a place that is not his/her permanent home.

Sojourners.... You are not alone in this country! You belong to the Catholic Church founded by Jesus, our Savior. Come and Join Us! Let us journey together as one community, singing songs of praise and worship.

Jesus reiterated God's stance on treating everyone with dignity and care, emphasizing the importance of looking after those in need, including strangers living in our midst, in Matthew 25. He stated, "For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me... Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me" (Matthew 25:42–45).

Just as Jesus identified with those in desperate situations, so too are we to identify with others in their need. Sojourners, we can become more empathetic by remembering that we live as sojourners in this world, longing for our eternal home as citizens of God's heavenly kingdom.

To experience God's presence and to continue the communion of sojourners, the group will have the following activities:

- a. Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month starting March 1<sup>st</sup> at 630 pm. The prayer service will consist of songs of worship, praying the Holy Rosary, gospel reading, sharing and prayer intentions.
- b. Visita Iglesia or Church visit is a pious practice of Filipinos during Holy Week to visit at least 9 Catholic Churches to pray. (dates and Churches to visit TBD)