

2024 Small Group (PECS) Calendar & Descriptions

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 st	9:30 AM – Praising God Together	7:00 PM Men’s Club *	6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *	11:45AM Fatima Pray 10:30 AM You Are Not Alone 6:30 PM – Lord, Hear Our Prayer	9:00 AM Quilters 6:30 PM * Community of Sojourners * 6:30 PM Our Spanish Community /Rosary	3:30 Confessions
2 nd	9:30 AM – Praising God Together	6:00 PM “The Chosen” series	6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *	6:30 Parish Council	9:30 AM Lord, Teach Us How To Pray 6:30 PM Our Spanish Community /Rosary	3:30 Confessions
3 rd	9:30 AM – Praising God Together	6:30 Watchmen* St. John/St. Jerome *	6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *	6:30 Liturgy Mtg 10:30 AM You Are Not Alone	6:30 PM Our Spanish Community /Rosary	3:30 Confessions
4 th	9:30 AM – Praising God Together	6:00 PM “The Chosen” series	6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus * 4:15 PM Finance Mtg	6:30 PM On the 3 rd Day	9:30 AM Lord, Teach Us How To Pray 6:30 PM Our Spanish Community /Rosary	3:30 Confessions
5 th	9:30 AM – Praising God Together		6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *			3:30 Confessions

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Color Code:

Blue: Weekly

Green: Twice-A-Month
(1st & 3rd) or (2nd & 4th)

Red: Monthly

Black: Reserved Times

Symbol:

Asterisk (*): Not in the Church

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Saint Jerome Parish Small Groups (PECS – Parish Evangelical Cells System)

The Archdiocese’s formal definition of PECS – Parish Evangelization Cells System

The Parish Evangelization Cells System is a concrete vision for relational evangelization that is rooted in the parish and empowers the faithful to share the Gospel with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers through small groups called “Cells”. ... Indeed, through praise, sharing and the teachings of the pastor, the Cells become a place “where the faithful can communicate the Word of God and express it in service and love to one another; these communities are true expressions of ecclesial communion and centers of evangelization, in communion with their pastors” (Statutes, Ch. 1, Art. 1, Par. 2).

St. Jerome Small Groups (PECS)

Each parish in our Archdiocese is being encouraged to implement their small groups in a way that best meets the needs of that parish community. In the Spring of 2024, St Jerome’s began with 10 small groups for people of all ages. We have groups for young adults, young families, Spanish speakers, those employed in healthcare, those who like science, the Filipino/Asian community, retired folks, and the list goes on. Our group leaders would love to have more people in their groups. Additionally, the Parish would like to add more groups to meet the needs and interests of all our parishioners.

What happens in a small group? We start with prayer, and then share what God has done for us or what we have done for God during the week. We have a short church teaching moment along with a discussion about it. We pray for others in our lives and in our small group who need assistance. Most groups limit meetings to 90 minutes. Groups meet weekly, twice-a-month, or monthly. That is what a small group is.

If you would like more information, please visit the parish website: <https://stjerome-church.org/> “Home” page and scroll down to the “Small Group Signup” section. Feel free to stop by any small group and sit in and see if it is something you would like to be a part of. We welcome guests! This Parish website includes a calendar listing when the different groups meet, a description of each small group with the location of the meeting and the small group’s leaders, plus this information.

If you wish to sign up for a small group, start up a new small group, or have questions, please contact one of the following:

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Note: Each small group must be approved by our pastor.

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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!
(9:30 AM Mondays)
Middle Lower Church

Leader: Cathy Deiman
Co-Leader: Monica Walton
Group Status: **Full**

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 watch a video series each week. 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.

Group Name: Road to Emmaus. Geared toward those in health care professions, but open to all.
(6:30 PM Wednesdays)
Caribou Coffee at White Bear Ave and County Rd D

Leader: Tim Bertsch
Group Status: **Open**

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.

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Weekly Meetings (Cont.):

Group Name: Our Spanish Community
(6:30 PM Fridays)
St. Jerome Church/Ludescher Hall

Leader: Daisy Carlson
Patron: Fr. Victor Valencia
Group Status: Open

“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. Meetings are weekly on Fridays at St. Jerome Church. The meetings begin at 6:30PM with the Rosary.

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

**Group Name: “The Chosen” series
(6:00 PM 2nd & 4th Tuesdays)
Ludescher Hall**

Leader: Jeanette Weldon

Group Status: Open

Join us as we watch the award-winning series, *The Chosen*, about the life of Christ and the apostles. We will watch the video together and have a short discussion at the end. People who have watched this series rave about it. Each season has 8 episodes. We will also have time for prayer as well as your intercessions. Please join our group leader Jeanette Weldon in watching and discussing the life of our Lord.

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

Leader: Anita Kennedy

Group Status: Open

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 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:30 am to noon in the lower middle church. I hope you can join me!

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Twice-a-Month (Bi-Monthly) Meetings (Cont.):

Group Name: Young Families
(3:00 PM 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Huddleston Family Home (Note: can vary to meet group's needs.)

Leader: Preston Huddleston

Co-Leader: Emma Huddleston

Group Status: Open

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. At the next meeting, the roles will be flipped. We intend to meet bi-monthly on Sunday afternoons in the Huddleston household.

Group Name: Lord Teach Us How to Pray. A group open to all.

(9:30 AM 2nd & 4th Fridays)

Ludescher Hall

Leader: Fr. Victor Valencia

Group Status: Open

Come join Fr Victor in a faith sharing and growing group exploring and learning more about our faith and prayer life. 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. Faith topics will be chosen from the Archdiocese suggested topics from its Synod program offerings. This group is an hour and a half, meets bi-monthly on the 2nd & 4th Friday mornings at 9:30 am in the lower church.

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Monthly Meetings:

Group Name: Lord, Hear our Prayer. A group open to all.
(6:30PM 1st Thursday)
Ludescher Hall

Leader: Dora Burns
Co-Leader: Florence Amenya
Group Status: Open

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.

Group Name: On the 3rd Day. A group for the science-minded/science-curious
(6:30PM 4th Thursday)
Ludescher Hall

Leader: Mark Jirsa
Co-Leader: Rosann Klutzke
Group Status: Open

On the 3rd 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. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Ludescher Hall.

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Monthly Meetings (Cont.):

Group Name: Community of Sojourners. A group open to all Asian immigrants. Leader: Ramel Vigonte
(6:30PM 1st Friday) (Can vary based on group's needs.)

Family Home Rotation

Group Status: Open

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 1st Friday of the month at 6:30 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)