

2026 Small Group (PECS) Calendar & Descriptions

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 st 3:00 PM* Young Families *	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	9:00 AM Quilters 6:30 PM – Our Spanish Community	3:30 Confessions
2 nd	9:30 AM – Praising God Together		6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *	1:30 PM "The Chosen" series 6:30 Parish Council	6:30 PM – Our Spanish Community	3:30 Confessions
3 rd 3:00 PM* Young Families *	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	3:30 Confessions
4 th	9:30 AM – Praising God Together		6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus * 4:15 PM Finance Mtg	1:30 PM "The Chosen" series 6:30 PM On the 3rd Day	6:30 PM – Our Spanish Community	3:30 Confessions
5 th	9:30 AM – Praising God Together		6:00 PM Music 6:30 PM* Road to Emmaus *		6:30 PM – Our Spanish Community	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 to 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:

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
(1:30 PM 2nd & 4th Thursdays)
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 1st & 3rd Sundays)

St. Jerome School Gym

(Note: may vary to meet group's needs.)

Leader: Preston Huddleston

Co-Leader: Emma Huddleston

Group Status: **Open**

Getting into a faith formation group 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 St. Jerome School Gym.

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Monthly Meetings:

**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.