

Schedule for Forming Small Groups in a Parish for Lent 2017
Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2016

September 2016

- Inform parish about the Lenten by putting information in bulletin and website



October 2016

- Continue to put information in bulletin and website

November 2016

- Continue to put information in bulletin and website. Shake it up by publishing different short statements about small groups, faith sharing, or lent.
- "The best way to meet Christ is to faith share."
- The best-kept secret in the Catholic Church is small faith sharing groups.
- Begin to include a petition for the Lenten program in the Sunday intercessions
- Call together the core team to organize and plan for the Lenten program.



December 2016

- Call small group leaders and parishioners who have offered their homes for meeting. Ask them if they are willing to commit again this year.
- Continue to put information in bulletin and website and pray for the success of the Lenten program



January 2017

- Continue to promote the program in bulletin and website
- Intensify prayers for the program. See website for the Disciples on the Journey prayer which parishioners can pray together or individually.
- **1st Sign-Up Sunday - January 15, 2017**
 - Make a pulpit invitation for all to sign for a small group for Lent
 - Have parishioners who have participated in small groups to give a witness talk about their experience encouraging all to join a group this Lent.
 - Have sign up forms available for those who are ready to sign up
 - This week begin to sort out and organize the returned slips.





- **2nd Sign-Up Sunday - January 22, 2017** (Repeat first sign-up)
 - pulpit invitation, witness talk, sign up forms, etc.

Week of January 22-28, 2017

- Organize groups and prepare to order materials.

Week of January 30 - February 3, 2017

- Order materials: on website, call toll free 1-866-590-3688, or download and mail order form. (Allow 5 to 7 working days for delivery.) It is helpful to have materials for the training session for leaders of small groups.

Week of February 6-11, 2017

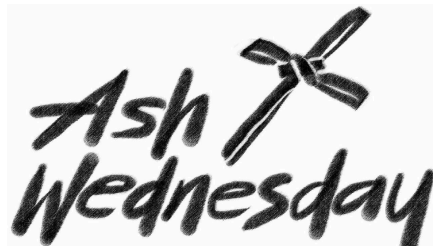
- Train small-group leaders. Go to www.disciplesonthejourney.org for a suggested agenda for a meeting to train leaders of small groups or for a refresher for those who are veteran group leaders. Give materials to small group leaders to distribute or have participants pick up their book after Sunday Masses or at the parish office during the week.

Week of February 13-18, 2017

- You may offer a second small-group training for those who could not make the first meeting.

Week of February 26 - March 4, 2017

- All small groups in the parish meet this week in preparation for the first Sunday of Lent, March 1st.



March 1, 2017