

## **Small Faith Groups Sample Pulpit Announcements (after Communion)**

### **Week before Sign-Up Sunday**

Beginning next weekend, you will be invited to sign up for our parish's [program name] experience for Lent. Information about this small group experience can be found in the bulletin. Please prayerfully consider participating.

### **Sign-Up Sunday**

Today you are invited to sign up for [program name], our parish's Lenten small group experience. Please take a moment, if you've not already done so, to fill out the card in your pew and drop it in the marked basket in the vestibule before you leave today. Or you may sign up in the vestibule. Thank you for committing to growing in your faith. You will not be disappointed.

### **Week after Sign-Up Sunday**

Over the past week, you have been invited to sign up to participate in our parish's Lenten small faith groups. We have had an excellent response [state the number of people who have signed up to participate]. If you brought your sign-up card back this week, please drop it at the marked location or visit the information table in the vestibule to sign up.

### **Two Weeks before the First Sunday of Lent**

Thank you for signing up for [program name], our parish's Lenten experience. We have a total of \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ people who have signed up to participate. Please watch your e-mail and mail for your group assignment and meeting time. It's not too late to sign up. Stop by the information table in the vestibule today after Mass.

### **One Week before the First Sunday of Lent**

God is indeed blessing our parish's participation in [program name]. \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ parishioners—adults and teens—have signed up to participate in this small faith group experience. Please keep all the groups in your prayers as they begin to meet this week.

## Small Faith Groups Sample Bulletin Announcements

### For Bulletin Two Weeks before Sign-Up Sunday:

#### THINK LENT

Our parish is offering a special Lenten journey. All are invited to participate in our parish's [program name] experience. This is an opportunity for our parish family to gather in small groups in homes throughout our community during the six weeks of Lent. It will be an opportunity to get to know your neighbors, connect with old friends, meet new people, and grow closer to one another and to God. The purpose of our [program name] experience is to listen, pray, and learn about our faith and to put our faith into action. We will gather in homes as small groups to help encourage one another and to make Lent a time of conversion for us individually and as a parish family. We are better together!

Watch the bulletin next Sunday for more information. Sign-Up Sunday for [program name] is [date], at all the Masses. Please prayerfully consider participating or perhaps even leading or hosting a small group in your home. To learn more, contact [name(s)] at [phone number(s)].

### For Bulletin One Week before Sign-Up Sunday:

Next week, [date], is Sign-Up Sunday for our [program name] Lenten experience.

[program name] is a small group faith sharing experience. As Christians, we are part of a community of believers who need others to support us along the way. A number of parishioners have graciously agreed to host small groups in their homes once a week for the six weeks of Lent. You are invited to join a small group, to make a commitment to set aside just 90 minutes each week to grow in faith and in relationship with your small group.

You can sign up to be assigned to a group randomly, or you can sign up for a group you might share something in common with. For example, we have a group for "empty-nesters," another for married couples, one for high school teens, and more. You can also choose a group based on your availability, as we anticipate having a group that will meet each day of the week to accommodate most anyone's schedule.

It is our hope that all of our parish family, the many different generations and the rich diversity of our parish, will come together to participate. We hope you will use this Lent to assess your relationship with God and your neighbors, to realign your priorities, to make more room for God in your life, and to go forth to do good works from your experience.

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