

Sts. Simon & Jude Church

WORD AND FAITH ALIVE

SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING

JOIN A FAITH-SHARING GROUP

Groups meet weekly during Lent to discuss the next Sunday's readings. The Word of God will come alive as you learn more about Scripture, take part in interesting discussions related to your everyday life, and meet and get to know other parishioners. Joining a Faith-Sharing group is a great way to enter more fully into Lent and prepare for Easter.

FAITH-SHARE WITH YOUR OWN FAMILY

Families who want to reflect on the Word of God in their home during Lent will be provided gospel readings, reflection questions and activities to help them read and reflect on the Gospels, share their faith, and engage in fun and meaningful activities to grow closer to God and feel the Spirit within them and their family.

LIVE AS A DISCIPLE WITH A MISSION

Use the insight and enthusiasm generated by your Lenten faith-sharing to become a better witness for Christ in your family, neighborhood, and workplace. Challenge yourself to become more involved in parish activities or ministries. Become aware of faith-related needs and concerns in our community and take action.

How You Can Participate

PRAY FOR US...

During Lent, pray for all those in our parish who are participating in faith-sharing...and know that they are all praying for you and all the members of our parish. Pray the Word and Faith Alive prayer daily (see the back of this brochure. Prayer cards are also available in the Parish Office.) Make your life a prayer by learning about and living the Word of God.

ON SUNDAYS (AND THE REST OF THE WEEK)

In each bulletin during Lent, you will find a brief reflection on the next week's readings and questions to help you "break open the Word". Pay particular attention to the Lenten homilies as these will focus on living and spreading the Word of God and the message and hope of Easter. Attend morning Mass or evening prayer during the week when you can.

CONTINUING TO PARTICIPATE

Continue to participate in a faith-sharing group during the rest of the year. Attend the Parish Reflection Day after Easter to consider the Word and Faith Alive experience and how it can be improved. As we go forward as a faith-filled parish family, help us find ways to live the Word of God in our daily lives, in our parish and in our community.

GOALS OF

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- To bring about such an enthusiasm for our faith that, in living that faith, we freely share it with others.
- To invite all people, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of Jesus Christ so they may come to join in the fullness of the Catholic faith.
- To foster gospel values in our society, promoting the dignity of human person, the importance of family, and the common good of our society so that we are continually transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We are Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ, celebrating Eucharist and welcoming and serving all God's people in the spirit of our brother, Francis of Assisi."

A PRAYER FOR

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Father, you gave us life --
a life overflowing with your love
and abounding with your Spirit.
Let that Spirit turn us toward you in
praise and toward the world in
love.

May we live our lives in the sure
hope of your everlasting kingdom,
and commit ourselves completely
to making that kingdom happen --
here and now.

(adapted from Bastin, M., Finkels, G., and Tchenis, M. (1987).
God Day by Day: Volume One - Lent and the Easter Season.
Paulist Press, New York)

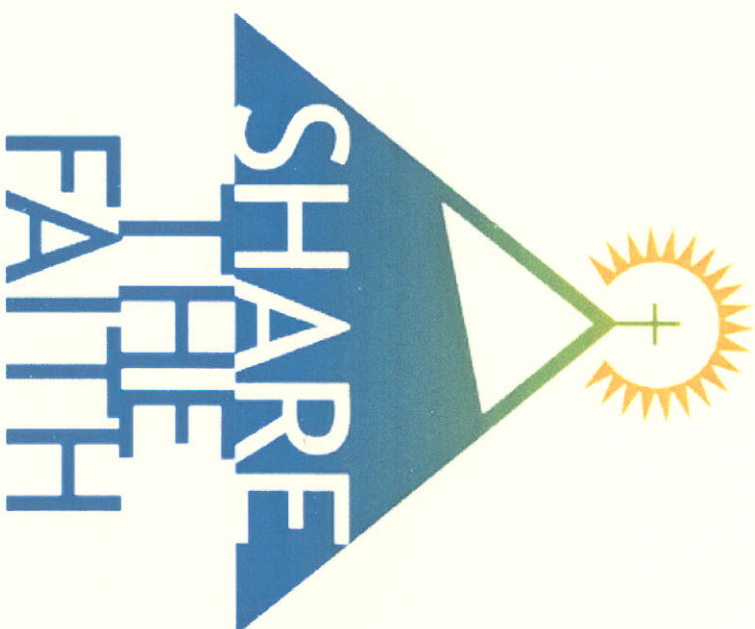


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Word and Faith Alive Mission Statement

To proclaim scripture-based faith
sharing in our community