



Taste of Faith Sharing

January 31, 2023

FAITH Alive!

Welcome and Introductions

Faith sharing team:

- Deacon Mike Fletcher
- Kelly and John Hamilton
- Barb and Gene Schaefer
- Gerri Riedel
- Joe Deloy
- Henry (Hank) Nieto
- Joe Dunn
- Gabby Erwin
- Mary Engle and Mary Erwin (Synod liaisons)

Opening Prayer –
Gerri Riedel



Synod Background – Mary Engle and Mary Erwin

... We recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands ...

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Why are you
here?

We'd like to hear your thoughts and
expectations...



Faith Sharing Materials/Program



Formed Opening the Word is offered because:

COTM has invested in it to provide to the Parishioners.

The format is time-tested and available/free to us.

A process is in place to deliver materials to your email weekly.



Groups can decide to follow other programs (Formed offers many).

Faith Sharing Session Summary – John Hamilton

Gather: 10 – 15 minutes

Opening prayer: 2 minutes

Readings and Gospel: 5 – 10 minutes

Reflection: 2 minutes

Video: 5 – 10 minutes

Discussion: Up to 30 minutes

Business (next session location and assignments): 5 minutes

Closing prayer: 2 minutes

Suggested Ground Rules for Groups



Decide days/times, location, frequency



Start/end on time



Engage all members in discussions



Confidentiality



OK to agree/disagree



See handout



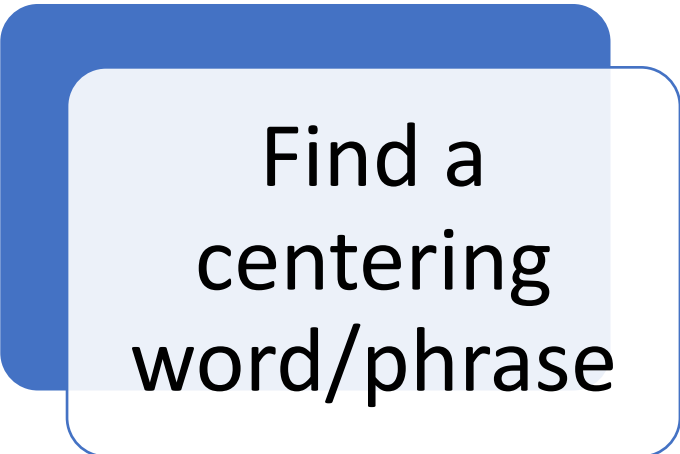
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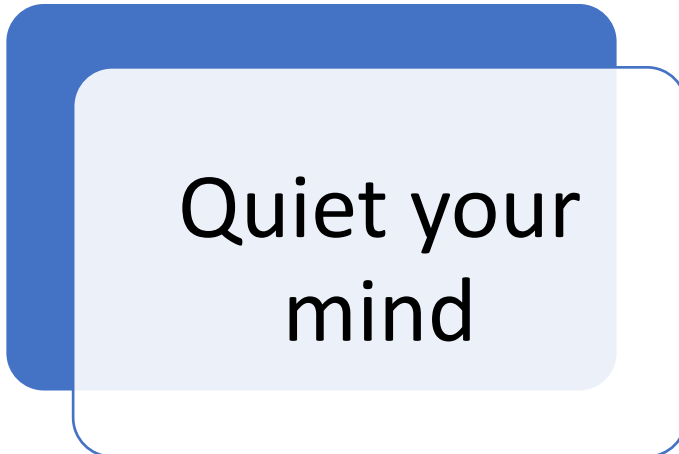
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Prepare for Reflection after Gospel Reading



Find a
centering
word/phrase



Quiet your
mind



No
judgement

Gospel Reading –
Joe Deloy





Reflection/Lectio Divina

Video



Formed website: formed.org – link will be provided



Must have TV and video connection available if viewing as a group



Recommended to view prior to meeting

Discussion questions – Kelly Hamilton

St. Louis University
questions will be
provided weekly

Main focus – how
does the Gospel
apply to you
personally?

5 Pillars of Faith Sharing

- Worship
- Education
- Fellowship
- Service
- Group Maintenance



Resources for your groups

- [FAITH Alive!](#) page on COTM website. Look under resources.
- [Formed](#) website.
- [St. Louis University](#). Note that updates for current year have been suspended.
- [Opening the Word](#) Videos and Leader and Participant guides - click the "Show More" button several times to reveal guides.





Next Steps

- Complete **FAITH *Alive!*** interest cards:
 - Can indicate who you'd like to be paired with.
 - Please tell us if you'd like to be a leader.
- **FAITH *Alive!*** Team will match people with similarities and/or specific pairing requests.
- Mid-way meeting – middle of March
- Identify leaders
- Starter Kit for leaders
- Group formation (up to 12 people each)
- Groups meet!

Next Steps Calendar

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February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1/31 *** Faith sharing information session	1 Faith groups form	2 Faith groups form	3 Faith groups form	4 Faith groups form
5 Faith groups form	6 Faith groups form	7 Faith groups form	8 Faith groups form	9 Faith groups form	10 Faith groups form	11 Faith groups form
12 Faith groups form	13 Faith groups form	14 Faith groups form	15 *** Faith groups formation complete	16 Each faith group decides when/ where to meet, etc.	17 Receive Opening the Word (OTW) email for 1 st Sunday of Lent	18
19 Each faith group's members complete review of OTW materials for 1 st Sunday of Lent	20 Faith groups meet for 1 st Sunday of Lent: Option 1	21 Faith groups meet for 1 st Sunday of Lent: Option 2	22 Lent Begins Faith groups meet for 1 st Sunday of Lent: Option 3	23 Faith groups meet for 1 st Sunday of Lent: Option 4	24 Receive OTW Email Faith groups meet for 1 st Sunday of Lent: Option 5	25 4:30 Anticipatory Mass - 1st Sunday of Lent
26 1st Sunday of Lent Review OTW materials for 2 nd Sunday of Lent	27 Faith groups meet for 2 nd Sunday of Lent: Option 1	28 Faith groups meet for 2 nd Sunday of Lent: Option 2	3/1 Faith groups meet for 2 nd Sunday of Lent: Option 3	3/2 Faith groups meet for 2 nd Sunday of Lent: Option 4	3/3 Receive OTW Email Faith groups meet for 2 nd Sunday of Lent: Option 5	3/4 4:30 Anticipatory Mass - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Other Faith Sharing Programs

- Chosen Season 2 has been suggested:
 - Contact Chad Reno if interested.
 - See sign-up in back.

Q&A



Closing
Prayer – Joe
DeJoy

