



St Raphael Small Groups

Christ-Centered Theme-Based Parish-Connected

OVERVIEW

What?

Parish-connected Small Groups, which meet in homes, are growing in number throughout the Church. Following the recommendation of our pastor, Fr. Salah, the AFF Coordinator and Team will adopt the best practices of current models and resources, and launch *St Raphael Small Groups* (SRSG) in the Fall of 2018.

Why?

The overall Objective of SRSG's is to become *Disciples in Mission*: to share the Gospel with all in our circle of influence that we might become closer to Christ. Desired outcomes include:

- Extending our welcoming parish spirit to neighbors and friends
- Actively involving all members in parish activities
- Growing in our ability to articulate and share our faith as we apply it in real life challenges.

Who?

Each adult parishioner is encouraged to participate in a St. Raphael Small Group.

Each group consists of **6-10 Participants led by a trained Facilitator.**

[Note: There is no need to belong to more than one Small Group. Some parishioners already belong to a different type of Small Group such as those associated with a National Catholic Movement, e.g., *Teams of Our Lady* or *Domestic Church*.]

Where?

A SRSG generally meets in a **Participant's home**. The Group may agree to take turns **hosting** the meetings. On occasion they may meet at a restaurant or other venue.

When?

Sign-up Sunday (Sept. 8/9) will be followed by Information Night (Sept. 13) Participants choose a SRSG that meets on the Day of the Week and Time of Day they prefer. Each group later decides the specific dates and times for their meetings.

SRSG's commit for the 2018-2019 year and meet October thru June. Each group generally meets 6-8 times in the Fall (Oct-Nov.) in the Winter (Jan-Feb), and in the Spring (Mar-April). Re-commitment to the same Group or to another group takes place the following September.

Coming Soon:

- Sept. 8/9 Sign-up Sunday
- Sept. 13 Information Night
- Sept. 16 Commissioning of Facilitators