

Everything
(almost) you want
to know about...



- ◆ Our parish is beginning *ARISE Together in Christ*, a process of spiritual renewal presented by RENEW International. All parishioners are welcome to join.
- ◆ What is *ARISE Together in Christ*? *ARISE* is a three year parish centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization. The *ARISE* process is one of the most recent among those that RENEW International offers.
- ◆ How will *ARISE Together in Christ* help this parish? *ARISE* enables people to:
 - Deepen their faith
 - Develop a closer relationship with Christ
 - Grow in community
 - Reach out in service to others
- ◆ Why are all parishioners asked to participate in *ARISE Together in Christ*? To come together to form a renewed community of faith, to welcome back those who may have been distanced from the Church and to spread the good News through active commitment to charity and justice.
- ◆ The *ARISE Together in Christ* process began with a period of formation for the *ARISE* Parish Team, a group of 8-10 parishioners chosen to lead the parish through this process of spiritual renewal. In a few weeks there will be an opportunity for parishioners to participate in small faith-sharing communities that meet in homes and other locations throughout the parish over the course of six weeks. Over the next three years we will have the opportunity to reflect on basic Gospel themes such as:

<i>Season 1 - Fall 2022:</i>	Encountering Christ Today
<i>Season 2 - Lent 2023:</i>	Change Our Hearts
<i>Season 3 - Fall 2023:</i>	In the Footsteps of Christ
<i>Season 4 - Lent 2024:</i>	New Heart, New Spirit
<i>Season 5 - Fall 2024:</i>	We Are the Good News!

Would you like to join an *ARISE: Together in Christ* small faith sharing community but don't know how to fit it into your schedule?

This is no small challenge! In fact, for many of us it would be impossible to add-on anything more to our already bursting schedules! We are doing the best we can to balance family, friends, work, community, and church.

So, maybe instead of adding-on, we could re-think, re-vision, or re-shape some of the time we have already carved out in order to include a small faith-sharing community in our lives. Here are some suggestions:

- What if we (adults, young adults or teens) took our Friday night out and changed dinner and a movie to pizza with friends (existing or yet-to-be made) who are in an *ARISE* small faith sharing community?
- For those who are free during the day, while the kids are at school, maybe we could take the time we've set aside for catching up with friends and include an *ARISE* experience instead?
- If we have pre-school children at home, perhaps we could share a babysitter with other parents and give ourselves the gift of an *ARISE* community.
- If we have an exercise routine with others, could we re-fashion it to include an hour of *ARISE* with our exercise buddies?
- Is it possible that a book club become an *ARISE* community for the six weeks of a particular season?
- Is *ARISE* a way to commit to more family time with siblings, cousins, aunts or uncles?

Bringing Families Together in Christ ...

... with Family Sharing Pages for *ARISE Together in Christ*



A friendly, easy way to explore important faith themes at home and in class. Designed especially for children in Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, and their families.

Using the Family Sharing Pages strengthens bonds within the family and to the parish:

- ◆ creates meaningful family time as parents and children engage in faith-filled discussion
- ◆ offers catechists a fresh way to present important faith themes and biblical topics

