



ST PATRICK

SMALL

CHURCH

COMMUNITIES

Nurturing our Faith & Spirituality

ALL Members of St. Patrick

Parish ARE WELCOME!

"Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I in the midst of them"

Matthew 18:20

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Vision Statement

St. Patrick

Small Church Communities

SCC

All members of St. Patrick Catholic Parish are welcome and encouraged to become active members of a “Small Church Community”, which are communities of faith. These interdependent communities contribute to the transformation of the larger parish into a stronger community of faith, building up the life of Christ’s greater church.

This vision is consistent with New Testament Scriptures and the traditions of the early church, as well as the newly revised St. Patrick Vision Statement. In these small communities of faith, individuals are able to experience the love, sense of community and support, which encourages living the Gospel in our contemporary society.



What is a Small Church Community?

A Small Church Community (SCC) is a group of (6-12) adults, youth, or families who gather to reflect on their lives in light of the Gospel and to share their Christian faith through prayer, friendship, and service. Like the early Christians, we gather in small groups, most frequently in homes. This experience allows a deep sharing of faith and life, which can lead to action on behalf of others. In this trusted environment, relationships are formed in which sharing, listening, and genuine communication are nurtured. Individuals and families are strengthened in their walk with Jesus by participating in a SCC.

Though each SCC is unique in its leadership, style, and meeting format, they have the following characteristics:

Mutual Support & Faith Sharing

Formation in Scripture

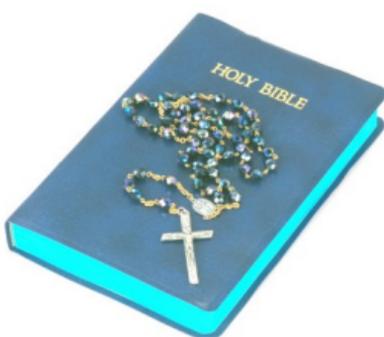
Discussions

Intercessions

Prayers

Snack & Social

Outreach Beyond the SCC



What does a SCC look like?

Most small communities are diverse in membership; singles, married couples, young and old, families, and mixed or inter-generational groups, typically 6-12 people.



Why should I belong to a SCC?

To grow in intimacy with the Lord

To grow in love of one another

To share Jesus with others

To minister in the Body of Christ

To give and receive support

To raise up new leaders

To deepen our Catholic identity

How do I join?

Interested people may become members of a new SCC any time. For information:

- Webpage <http://stpatcs.org/faith-formation/small-church-communities>
- Email at scc@stpatcs.org
- Call the parish office at 719-598-3595
- Check our parish bulletin

When and where does a SCC meet?

The average gathering is twice monthly, usually rotating in the homes of members. Meeting times vary according to the needs of each individual group.

How does St. Patrick support SCCs?

Formats and mentors are available to help get your group started.

SCC information is on our parish website, in the parish bulletin, or heard in pulpit announcements.

Larger gatherings are specifically designed to bring SCC groups together.

SCC Resources approved by St. Patrick will be available to SCC groups.

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Testimonies

"Our Small Church Community is a place where we have experienced authentic Christian fellowship. It has supported us and made us feel connected with this special group. It has been a real gift in our lives."

"Small Faith Communities provide all participants with a rich experience of understanding "The Word" in a very comfortable setting with friends in their homes. It has been wonderful."



From the very foundation of our parish community, St. Patrick Catholic Church has maintained a tradition of growing a parish family and community that is spiritually and physically strong through prayer, faith formation, evangelization, stewardship and fellowship.

We at St. Patrick parish encourage and support the dynamic model of Christian life first described in the New Testament; a tradition of gathering small informal groups of people for the purpose of sharing faith and life together.

“They held steadfastly to the Apostles teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers.”

Acts 2:42

