



Dinners for Eight (or 7)



What is Dinners for Eight?

It is a wonderful fellowship opportunity where you are placed in a group of seven to eight adult parishioners who meet four times for meals over the course of the calendar year. It's a great way to make new St. John's friends and/or reconnect with those you may already know.



How are Groups Formed?

Your coordinator will group new participants with past participants, working to ensure everyone is meeting new people. Each group has a captain who has participated before who will help guide new participants.

How often does each group meet?

Groups meet four times during the calendar year. To make the most of your gatherings be sure to consider everyone's schedules.



Where does each group meet?

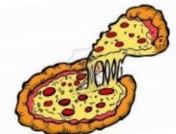
Most often groups meet in each other's homes, although that is not required. Based on individual comfort level, your meal might be a potluck, a sit down dinner, a bbq on the patio, or even a picnic in the park. Keep it as simple as a pot of chili or spaghetti – or go gourmet. And you are not tied to "dinner". If it's easier to meet on a weekend afternoon – no problem! It's all about keeping it easy and fun for everyone!

Is Dinners for Eight just for new members?

No Way! While it gives new members a fun way to meet a small group of parishioners in a comfortable setting, with all of our different services even the longest term parishioners don't know everyone. Your coordinator will make certain to group new members with past participants to help guide the new members.

Can we bring our kids to our outings?

That is up to you. If you prefer a Family Friendly group, please indicate this preference when signing up.



Dinners for Eight vs. Progressive Dinner

Please note that this group is often mistaken for the Progressive Dinner. The *Progressive Dinner* is a one-night-a-year event that allows you to socialize with around 100 parishioners in one evening. **With Dinners for Eight, you are with the same group of 8 adults for the calendar year.**

If you are interested

in joining this great fellowship opportunity, please contact **Peggy Burrows**, the coordinator, by **Sunday, December 10th** at **pego.b@verizon.net** or **410-203-0740**. Also, watch for her in the Upper Commons throughout the fall. Cheers!



an opportunity for new friendships