

**Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee Meeting
March 4, 2025**

Attendance: Colleen Schiltz, Fr Ryan Achmann, Ellie Schultz

Ongoing Business:

Pastoral Council- There will be a one night retreat in August for pastoral council and Julie Mermal welcomes any ideas from this committee.

REP-Ellie: Reconciliation for Life Nights went well for the teens that attended and we will make confessions an annual part of this program. Confirmation went well on February 23 with 41 students. Now we are concentrating on First Communion and we have over 80 students at six masses this year (April 27 and May 4).

OCIA-Colleen: Everything is going well; Fr Ryan will coordinate with Abby for the Easter Vigil. Fr Jim will preside at the Easter Vigil at St. Charles while Fr Ryan will be at St. Joseph for the Spanish Easter Vigil. Colleen and Fr Ryan discussed scheduling the rite of sending and scrutinies. Fr Ryan will communicate with the office staff, Fr Jim and Abby.

Hispanic Ministry- Sr. Janeth: The teen fun night at St. Joseph went well but more advertisements would be good for the next one.

Jesus and Me-Keena Vos will hopefully join us for our April meeting

Eucharistic Revival

Adoration monthly ideas: We should set some dates by our May meeting.

“Made to Worship” Series- Bill Peterson

Lenten Mission- March 16-18: Everything seems to be going smoothly with the planning. Fr Steven Weller should have his outline to us this week (for Fr Ryan to communicate the ideas to the Hispanic community and the Life Night catechists to develop a listening aide for the teens).

It was unexpected for the Knights Corned Beef and Cabbage with the Trivia Night to be scheduled the night before the Mission. It seems like we are having a lot of events clustered together. How are events approved? Perhaps Safe Environment could be part of it so that it is clear which events are cleared for student volunteers. The Safe Environment rules can be confusing to event planners and an approval process would be a good way to clarify any requirements and also coordinate between the calendars of three churches (plus BCS and CC).

Small Group Formation-Colleen: The small group at St. Joseph did not work out after the holidays so it has stopped meeting.

Budget: Discussion about the budget was finalized and will be sent to Sue Vrzan.

Bible: Fr Ryan is planning on a weekly series for 4-6 weeks during the end of summer, maybe “Sunday Nights of August” as a title. Details are still being decided, but there seems to be interest in a simple Bible series.

Next Meeting- April 8, 2025 at 5:30pm (time moved from 6:30pm allow for participation in th 7pm Stations of the Cross at St. Mary)