Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee Meeting on June 9, 2026

Attendance: Fr Ryan Ackmann, Christopher Naber, Ellie Schultz, Megan Cash, Colleen Schiltz

Ongoing Business:

Pastoral Council- Megan: Updates included:Human Concerns would like representation from sub-committees at meetings. Pastoral Council Retreat preparation has begun and will be influenced by our new pastors. At St. Mary, handicap parking at the front of church is being requested. Safety and Security is a continued concern; St. Joseph is re-keying their buildings. BCS capital campaign was introduced.

Retreat Resolutions:
Ways to make it easier to invite people to events.
Walk with One
Develop the OCIA inquiry stage

REP-Ellie: Our religious education calendars and Registration will be on the website soon. This is our preparation time for next school year. Rita is bringing five students on the Love Begins Here Mission Trip (middle school). Vacation Bible Camp preparation is underway! We have enough adult help and encourage families to sign up soon (limit of 60 students).

OCIA/OCIC-Colleen and Ellie: Discussion of marriage situations, sponsor choices, and calendars. We will use Symbolon again this year but are reviewing Ascension's program (received the participant guide so far): Ascension OCIA program

Come and See: This Saturday, we have the last one at St. Joseph Parish Center at 10:00 a.m. The May event went well and a couple new people attended. Discussion of how to help connect people to resources for their situations.

Hispanic Ministry- Pentecost confirmations went well. Laura Flores started a Tuesday women's group called Emmaus Women (they have formation and then go to help community members).

Adoration schedule: Catholic Central is moving some events to Tuesdays and those might impact the schedule starting in the fall.

Free Pamphlets/Materials: The St. Mary Parish Library in the St. Sebastian room has been sorted by Fr Ryan. Ellie will finish this project to leave two open book shelves for groups that meet in that room to store supplies. Parishioners are welcome to borrow books but there will be no system or 'librarian' to manage the collection. The plan is to slowly give books away in the 'free' shelves at the church entrance and keep a small selection for the "read and return" shelves. All future book donations should go to St. Charles (Jackie Heiligenthal) for that Parish Library. Bill Peterson has some guidelines for monitoring St. Joseph outdoor lending libraries.

Features of our Faith: Another idea for this focus is to offer church tours around a certain theme (historical, saints, Eucharist, etc). The previous idea was Holy Water. This initiative is paused for now and we will discuss it with our new committee members.

Budget: no update

New Busineess:
Catholic Social Teaching
Faith in our Future Trust
Walk With One flyer

Discussion of College Ministry with Christopher Naber (UW Madison). Groups for men and women meet regularly for study and then large group worship and fellowship events. He has started a men's bible study for this summer and will invite parishioners to join. We recognize that young adult ministry is a strong need in our parishes and discussed possibilities.

Lenten Mission dates will be February 28, March 1 and 2. There is no 5pm mass scheduled (it is not a Life Night).

Update for UW Whitewater Warhawk Ministry: Campus Chaplain will be Father Redmond Tuttle. Fr Tuttle has helped us here and will be a positive impact on their program. Is there a good way for us to help promote this ministry?

Next Meeting- August 11, 2026