Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee Meeting on May 12, 2026

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

Ongoing Business:

Pastoral Council- Megan: Updates from the April meeting.

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

REP-Ellie: The Love Begins Here middle school mission trip has five students heading to Slinger in June. They are in need of a male chaperone. A new opportunity is being offered for middle school students: a fall weekend camp November 7-8th. We hope to send a small group and will start advertising now. Vacation Bible Camp registration has started. (VBC is Aug 3-7 at St. Joseph)

OCIA/OCIC-Colleen and Ellie
Ascension OCIA program is under review as a potential curriculum

Come and See: Heim Hall May 18th, 6:30p.m.
St. Joseph Parish Center June 13th, 10:00 a.m.
The first Come and See went well. There was one person interested in pursuing OCIA.

Hispanic Ministry- Confirmations will be on Pentecost Sunday. Sr Janeth will be leaving parish staff in June.

Adoration schedule: The BCS eighth grade retreat will include Adoration and Fr Ryan reports that BCS is asking for more adoration opportunities.

Free Pamphlets/Materials:
- Book guidelines: Fr Ryan has a good list to aid those that decide which free books to display. It will be shared with the committee and those who sort book donations.

Budget
- Colleen has invited the OCIA team members to the Initiation Summit training from the Archdiocese.

New Busineess:

- Catholic Social Teaching: The Human Concerns committee also covers this area as an ongoing agenda item. Coordination between committees is beneficial.

- Faith in our Future Trust: no update

- Walk With One flyer: no update

- Idea = Features of our Faith: As an idea for the committee, we could choose a new ‘feature of our faith’ to focus on 2-3 times each year. This would be a way to educate our parishioners about some of the Catholic things we do that they might not fully understand. Someone suggested our committee educate about Holy Water because it is a beautiful part of our faith but everyone might not understand what it is and how it is useful. We discussed methods (bulletin, giveaways, etc) and will put this on the next agenda.

Next Meeting- June 9, 2026