

Adult Faith Formation Minutes of 10/21/2026 meeting

Attending- Lori Carlson-chair, Sharon Brabson, Lee Levoy, Jan Liss, Angela Packard and Lynn Polacek

Opening- Reflection on the Fruits of the Spirit and prayer led by Jan

Approved minutes from 9/19/26 meeting, with correction that Fr. Pastors did not attend our meeting.

Creating the Culture of Stella Maris—Spiritual Maturity—Discussion identified words and ideas that describe the desired parish culture. These included the five parish values—Welcome and Hospitality, Prayer, Share the Joy, Break the Silence, and Allow the Holy Spirit to Guide and Work Through Us—as well as listening (Psalm 85:8, “Let me hear what you have to say”), sharing one’s story, and accompaniment. The group explored how to build a parish culture rooted in faith values rather than traditional programs. The goal is a lasting integration of these values into parish life. The group agreed to continue this discussion and to place the Five Parish Values along with mission and vision at the top of meeting agendas.

Morning of Reflection- One possible theme idea came during the above discussion, Joy. Folks could be invited to share what brings them joy.

Prayer Partners- Decided to introduce prayer partners through a soft launch in the November bulletins, explaining the purpose and how to participate. Lynn will revise the working draft for Sharon’s bulletin articles, will include a contact for questions or clarification. Jan will place announcements. The group agreed that the program should not feel overly prescriptive or intimidating. Promotion through Advent small groups and Entrust Alumni events could be helpful, along with periodic gatherings where partners can share their experiences. Discussion will continue.

Entrust Alumni- Planning next Alumni event for January; some possible agenda ideas shared, other ideas can also be reviewed at next meeting. Share Prayer was mentioned as a nice tie in the Prayer Partners.

Advent Small Groups- Leaders are Lynn- Gills Rock, Angela-EH, Dixie -SB, Linda Cummer- Serenity Springs, Heather-BH, Sharon via zoom, and Diane on WI. Sharon will promote in some November bulletins, Jan will place announcements

Pester the Pastor- Lori will chat with Fr. Jerry to glean his thoughts on this.

Recruiting New Members- Deacon Dave has agreed to join our committee.

2026/27 Calendar Planning-

Eucharistic Adoration

Consider a Women’s group- Alpha, CHRP or other study group

Advent/Lent small group studies- Ongoing

Entrust reimagined- Angela next steps

Prayer Partner Revival

Entrust Alumni quarterly- January

Prayer Walks- Tabled until May

Ellison Bay parade- June 2027

Women’s Morning of Reflection- Lee, Lori and Lynn will plan.

Monthly calendar- bulletin insert, website

"Formed" as a parish resource- Discuss at Dec. meeting

Next Meeting: Friday, Nov. 20 at 2PM via zoom

Closing- Prayer led by Sharon

Respectfully submitted by Jan Liss 10/21/26