

Adult Faith Formation Minutes of 9/29/2026 meeting

Attending- Fr. Pastors, Lori Carlson-chair, Lee Levoy, Jan Liss, Angela Packard and Lynn Polacek

Opening-Prayer to the Archangels and the opening prayer from 2nd Vatican Council led by Angela

Approved minutes from our last 8/25/26 meeting, with correction from Pastors to Pastor to "Pester the Pastor" under the agenda item Fostering Spiritual Maturity within the Parish.

Spiritual Maturity- Jan shared reflections from a podcast with Juliann Stanz on "Spiritual Maturity for your Parish; Spiritual Maturity is not about involving more people but about being attuned to where people are at, avoiding "spiritual arrested development" among "good "members where complacency can come from safe, easy programming and being welcoming in a way that makes people feel they belong. We can create the culture we want. Discussion included the need to reach fallen away Catholics though all agreed we need to have a parish culture for them to come back to that meets their needs. Angela shared that the ministries growing the most at the parish are hands-on; SVdP, pantry, EM's and environment. Lynn suggested having current children's books available at mass. Lori asked that to create the culture we want for FF, **we each bring three words to our next meeting that explain the culture we want.**

Morning of Reflection- Reviewed the Sept. 1 Woman at the Well event, 21 attended. The group agreed the varied attendance demonstrated the day met needs of those attending. Lee, Lynn and Lori will plan next year's morning of reflection. Sharon brought up the idea of creating a woman's program similar to CHRP, which provided faith sharing experiences. Discussed also having a men/women combined program.

Entrust Alumni- Thirty- five attended the Sept. 14, "Spirituality on the Ice Age Trail" by Becky Nash, with several non-members attending. The event was listed in the Coming Events in the Pulse. Will plan the next Alumni event for January; **Jan will distribute some possible ideas to use**, for discussion at an upcoming meeting. Others ideas can also be reviewed.

Advent Small Groups- Leaders are Lynn- Gills Rock, Angela-EH, Dixie -SB, Linda Cummer- Serenity Springs, Heather-BH, Sharon via zoom, and possibly Diane on WI. "Advent-Season of Divine Encounter" from Little Rock has been chosen. **Sharon will get the book to Diane K on the island for review. Jan will gather an approximate # of books needed and Angela will order the books;** she mentioned that our committee is budgeted \$50/month. **Jan will gather meeting dates/times for Sharon to include in November bulletins, Jan will place announcements**

Prayer Partner revival- Angela confirmed that "33 Days of Miracles, Wonder and Grace" by Matthew Kelly will be gifted to parish at Christmas. We plan to promote Prayer Partners in Nov. and Dec. using this book as a kickoff for Prayer Partners in January, clarifying that any book can be used and providing a suggested book list. **Lynn will draft a bulletin article on "What is a prayer partner" and email it to the committee for edits. Promo could include "What having a prayer partner has meant to me". Agreed the name could also be Faith Partners, Partners in Faith etc. Lori asked us to bring some suggested book titles to our next meeting;** Lee shared "Braving the Thin Places" by Stanz would be excellent

Parish website- **Angela will check on the new location of MSP on the parish website.**

Pester the Pastor-Fr. Jerry is willing to participate in a session where anonymous questions are submitted in advance relate to the faith and parish, for him to answer. This could be done via the bulletin or during in-person events. As this could be more than just an FF program/event, agreed that Lori will bring up at the next Pastoral Council meeting.

Recruiting New Members- One has expressed interest; Lori will follow up with her and with Deacon Tony related to potential men's names. Sharon has two she will invite.

2026 Calendar Planning-

- **Eucharistic Adoration-** July 21- 40 attended- Sharon suggested this for the next meeting agenda, for planning another.
- **Advent/Lent small group studies-** Ongoing
- **Ongoing Scripture study group/s** -Follow up with Sylvia in September
- **Entrust Alumni quarterly-** January
- **Entrust small groups**
- **Prayer Partners-** Promote in Nov/Dec, begin in January
- **Prayer Walks-**
- **Morning of Reflection-** Lee, Lori and Lynn will plan.
- **Monthly calendar-** consider as we plan next events

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 9AM via zoom

Respectfully submitted by Jan Liss 9/29/26