

Parish Involvement Notes

Date: 1/20/2026

Time: 6:30 – 8:00

Location: Parish Center Rm 201

- Attendance: Nancy and Tim Shank, Brenda and Michael Popp, Tom Fackender, Suzane Printy, Fr. Mike, Patty Muhlbaier, Julie Fessler, Sarie Taylor, Julie Fessler, Lou DiPaolo
- Lou led opening prayer.
- Julie read the Gospel, and we shared our reflections.

Topics of Discussion

- **Ministry Interest Survey**
 - Sarie has sent reminder notifications to ministry contacts and reached out to survey respondents interested in ministries needing support. This will be an ongoing effort.
- **Advent Dinner Feedback**
 - The Advent Dinner was well attended by Good Shepherd Parishioners, with an estimated 170 participants. Advent activities such as the photo booth and Christmas card signing were popular. Brenda and Michael Popp delivered the cards to nursing homes, which held their own Christmas card events for residents. Adoration attendance was low; we discussed offering gifts to children afterward in the vestibule to encourage greater participation. The Knights of Columbus have showed interest in leading the Advent dinner in 2026.
- **Small Christian Community:**
 - The Parish Involvement Ministry fully supports the Small Christian Community Ministry, which has been facilitated by Debbie and Phil Bonadonna. We will commence collaboration with them to develop a strategy for reaching out to former small Christian community leaders and members to gather feedback, as well as to establish a sign-up process for both new and current participants. Our objective is to encourage parishioners to join a small Christian community group, scheduled to begin during the Lenten season.
- **Relay for Life**
 - We have agreed to form a Relay for Life team again this year and will distribute the message and team link to encourage participation from parishioners. This year's event will be held at the Florida High School track on Saturday, April 25, 2026.
- **Parish Engagement Day**
 - Tom scheduled a Sleep in Heavenly Peace bunk build for Saturday, 6/6/2026. We will use this date for our annual Parish Engagement Day, which may also include church clean-up, Carol House clean-up, and potentially a road clean-up, pending coordinator confirmation.

Next Meeting Tuesday 2/17/2026