

Education Commission Meeting Minutes November 25, 2025

Present: Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, Nicole Kiefer

Committee Reports

SEPA Event Dates

- Cookies and Cocoa (open to parish) will take place on December 5th.
- Music Trivia Night (2/7) tickets are now on sale
- SEPA Facebook page (closed page – only open to verified school parents) is now active.
- Santa Shop will take place on December 11/12 for school families
- Daddy/Daughter Dance – January 31st – Save the date – open to parishioners

School Committee

- STEM Night took place on November 18th and had 58 children and 46 adults that attended. Families took part in “space-themed” interactive science stations.

School

- Parent/Teacher Conferences took place on November 5th and 6th and were well attended.
- 8th grade continues fundraising for Washington DC. They asked for donations at Mass on November 15/16, made and sold rosaries, and continued with their ongoing pop can collection.
- Mrs. Kelly continues her weekly Social/Emotional lessons with classes focusing this month on topics such as recognizing emotions, emotional management, and gratitude.
- Current funds (as of 11/25) raised for school security officer is \$9,700. Interviews are ongoing.
- 6th grade will lead the next family class mass on December 6th.
- 6th grade also presented the “rights and responsibilities” of Catholic social teachings on November 21 at an all-school assembly. November’s Eagle of the Month awards were also presented for each grade during the assembly. Kindergarten leads on December 17th with the Nativity pageant.
- School Christmas concert will be on December 18th.
- School re-enrollment for the 2026-27 school year has begun. Tuition assistance opens on Dec. 15.

Religious Formation News:

- RE Classes will be covering Empowering God’s Children lessons Dec. 7/8 and 14/15. These lessons are mandated by the AOD. This year we cover lessons 5 and 6. Parents are notified and given the option to teach the lessons at home, opted their children out of the lessons, or catechists teach the lessons like normal.
- There are no RE classes scheduled for the following dates: Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 21, 22, 28, and 29. Classes resume in the New Year Jan. 4/5.

Adult/Family Parish Formation:

- Dec. 6th is the next Pizza dinner and Dec. 7th is the next Spaghetti Dinner. Members of Grief Share and the Mentor program from school will be joining us for dinner on Dec. 7th.
- The final meeting for Divorce Care was Nov. 24th. Sessions of Grief Share began Sept. 9th - Dec. 2nd and Sept. 27th – Dec. 13th.
- Women's Bible Study meets Thursday mornings from 9:45-11:45 AM. On Oct. 15th an evening study began for young women aged 18-40 and beyond at 7-8:30 PM.
- Fishers of Men Prayer Group meets Saturdays at 8 AM in the AV Room. Women of Faith Prayer Group meets Saturdays as well at 8:30 AM in the Fireside Room.
- Children's Nativity Pageant held their first practice on Nov. 22nd. 25 children showed up, and all parts were filled. Additional practices are Dec. 6th and 13th with the pageant set for Dec. 20th.
- The annual Ladies Advent by Candlelight is on Dec. 2nd in the Hall. Linda Kramer is the speaker, and the theme is "By the Grace of God".

OCIA

- Sessions run on Wednesday evenings in the Fireside Room at 7:00-8:30PM.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 1/27/26 at 5:30 pm in the RE office.