Imagine a candlelit room, beautifully decorated tables, appetizers, desserts, wine, and coffee complete with fellowship followed by an inspiring talk by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet, authors of *The Friendship Project* and *Divine Mercy for Moms*.

Perfect for Advent and Lenten evenings of reflections or anytime you would like to gather the women of your parish to strengthen and support them in their journey as daughters of God.

Please consider giving the women of your parish this evening of peace, reflection, and friendship!

**How does it work?**

Reserve your parish hall and solicit women to host free tables to be filled with family, friends, and fellow parishioners. Table captains invite their guest and on the day of the event they decorate the table. Everyone brings an appetizer or dessert to share.

As everyone arrives, the women are joined in prayer and share dinner and conversation. After dinner, the candles are lit, the lights are dimmed, and Emily and Michele share a beautiful talk on deepening and developing faith-filled friendships and incorporate ways the women of your parish can get involved in your parish life.

For more information and to book your event visit [thefriendshipprojectbook.com](http://thefriendshipprojectbook.com).
Table Hostess Checklist

- Invite 5-7 guests (think family, friends, neighbors, and other parishioners).
- Provide your guests with details of the event and send them reminders.
- Decorate the table to your liking. This can be as simple or elaborate as you like; just be sure to include at least one candle that can be lit at a special time during the evening. Set up will be from _________________ to _________________ on _________________ (date).
- Disposable table service will be provided. You may bring your own dishes, silverware, or glassware if you wish.
- Table hostesses are asked to provide beverages for their table. Think wine, sparkling juice, lemonade, or tea. Coffee and water will be provided by the parish.
- Please ask each of your guests to bring an appetizer or dessert to share with all the tables.
- Turn in your guest list to _________________ so she will have a master guest list when your guests check in.

Sample Invitation

Please join me for the (parish name) Friendship by Candlelight event. Treat yourself to a special evening in a candlelit room with beautifully decorated tables. First you will enjoy wine, coffee, appetizers, dessert, and fellowship with other women in the parish. Then you’ll be inspired by our guest speakers, Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet, authors of *The Friendship Project* and *Divine Mercy for Moms*. I hope you will give yourself this gift of an evening of peace, reflection, and friendship! Here are the details:

When: ________________________________
Where: ______________________________
Who: ______________________________
Cost: ______________________________
What to bring: ______________________
What to bring: ______________________
Dress: ______________________________

More details will be provided closer to the date, but please mark your calendar for this wonderful event!

Contact ________________________________ for questions.