

Joint Cluster Meeting- 5-18-26
OLL Parish Center

Called to order: 7:05 PM by Bryan Bichler

Members present:

OLL: Natalie Brochtrup, Bryan Bichler, Leon Jacoby, Jenny Schwab, Lina Vorpahl, Amy Schmit, Kari Stone, Marilyn Sabec, Bobby Slocum, Deb Hamm

DS: Rusty Zimmerman, Mary Navis, Hannah Shiningier, Barb Duenk, Tina Wick, Eric Poggeman, Shane Van Roo, Susan Urbaniak, Bob Lallensack, Deb Hamm

Guest: Bill Jensen

1. Opening Prayer: Bryan Bichler led the opening prayer provided by Natalie Brochtrup.

2. Education Home and School report- Lynn Sauer

*Teachers are reviewing math and science standards. The Archdiocese is planning to replace current standards with the Wisconsin State standards.

*Kari Stone was hired as a part-time cleaner. Her position begins in May, 2026.

*DSCS has received a \$110,000 grant from the Bruce Krier foundation to complete safety initiatives. Security doors, new windows and rekeying the building are all projects funded through the grant.

3. Parish Director's Report: Deb Hamm

*The Archdiocese is in the process of reorganizing. New sites are being explored.

*Six new priests have been ordained. The following classes are smaller and the number of retiring priests is outnumbering newly ordained clergy.

*Parish Directors will no longer be assigned to a term, but rather contracts will be offered on a yearly basis.

*The Easter Egg hunts at the parishes were popular.

*First Communion and Confirmation were celebrated in our parishes.

*Fr. Andrew Infanger will be the priest for the Procession of Corpus Christi in Dacada (St Nicholas chapel) on June 7, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

*Fr. Ariel Orozco was recently named as a pastor in Mukwonago and will not be returning to DSCS in the Fall.

*Fr. Don Thimm will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. There will be a celebration on May 31, 2026 following the 10:00 AM Mass at Divine Savior with a pot-luck lunch hosted by the Pastoral Councils.

*Both parishes will have safety cameras installed.

3. Old Business:

*Joint meeting minutes from March were approved. Rusty Zimmerman motioned to approve, seconded by Marilyn Sabec.

*The Mass Ministry database was completed and provided to those serving the parish. Please remember to update if your contact information changes. Please call/text Deb Hamm if you are suddenly unable to fulfill a ministry and can't find a replacement.

*The video thanking our parish volunteers was excellent. Huge Thank You to Darrell Boeck for his outstanding work.

4. New Business:

*There will be an Encounter Night on May 21, 2026. There will not be an opportunity for Reconciliation, but music will be provided.

*On May 30, 2026, there will be an opportunity to participate in Faith and Fitness run by Shane Van Roo from 3:00-4:00 in the basement of the Holy Cross chapel. All are welcome.

*The Divine Savior Picnic will be held on June 20, 2026 at the Belgium community Park with Mass at 4:30 and festivities to follow. See the bulletin for more details.

*Deanery Meeting- Barb Duenk, Mary Navis, Bryan Bichler and Leon Jacoby attended the Deanery meeting on April 13, 2026 at Lumen Christi parish in Mequon. Three topics that were discussed include: Transparency, Catholic Education and Deanery Attendance improvement. The next meeting is September 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Lumen Christi.

*Walk to Mary- Bryan Bichler and his daughter, Sarah, participated in the Walk to Mary from St. Norbert's to the Shrine in Champion. The 22 mile walk was attended by over 10,000 participants. Opportunities to join the walk happen at the 7 and 14 mile markers for those who wish to participate without the entire 22 mile walk.

5. Other New Business:

*The new pastor at the Cathedral is looking to engage more parishes to the cathedral. Any ideas for engagement are encouraged.

*The Faith Formation committee held an end of the year meeting on May 19. Topics included looking at numbers for next year, making final preparations for the Mission Trip youth heading to Knoxville from June 21-26,, 2026 and Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held from July 27-31, 2026 from 9:00-12:00 and volunteers are needed. See the bulletin for more details.

6. Closing Prayer- the councils prayed a closing prayer provided by Kari Stone.

7. Adjournment: motion by Marilyn Sabec

Seconded by: Rusty Zimmerman

Adjournment time: 7:45 PM

Next meeting;

May 18, 2026; 7:00 PM @Our Lady of the Lakes

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Brochtrup

OLL Pastoral Council Secretary

