

Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2026

1. Call to Meeting and Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by Bryan Bichler

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

Absent (excused): Gary Feider, Chad Keller

2. Guest Comments: Bill Jensen attended the meeting. Bill will serve as the new Trustee replacing Gary Feider. He is excited for the opportunity to serve the parish in this role.

3. Committee Report Highlights (see website for recent minutes):

A. Prayer and Worship- Bobby Slocum

*There will be adoration at St. Nicholas Chapel on the second Sunday of the month through November from 1:30-3:30 PM.

*There will be no Memorial Day Mass

*The Feast of the Assumption is on a Saturday this year. Although this day is a Holy Day of Obligation, because it is on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated (waived).

B. Christian Formation/Evangelization- Amy Schmit

*See joint minutes for updates

*Confirmation was celebrated on May 17, 2026 at Our Lady of the Lakes.

*LPI is working to have a Living Nativity in conjunction with the Evening of Lights in December in the OLL gym. The hope is for this to occur on the years opposite of the Night in Bethlehem.

C. Human Concerns - Marilyn Sabec

*The blood drive on April 27, 2026 collected 31 units of blood.

*21 Easter cards were sent to homebound parishioners.

D. Stewardship/Outreach- Leon Jacoby

*Easter eggs with small trinkets were passed out to residents at Gables during the Easter season.

*The parish continues to search for an Outreach Coordinator.

E. Finance- Lina Vorpahl/Jenny Schwab

*Several improvement projects are underway including:

-Reshingling the steeple at St. Nicholas chapel

-Potential tuck pointing at St. Nicholas chapel

-Weather proofing the Sacristy door at Random Lake

- Fixed pipe at St. Nicholas chapel
- Shelving installation at OLL Parish Center for the Quilting ministry
- *The school building at St. Nicholas will be demolished.
- *The Outhouse at St. Patrick's (Adell) will be repaired by a donor. *Addendum- After the meeting, the Adell building and grounds decided to remove the outhouse and it has been razed.
- *Bill Jensen will serve as the Trustee for the parish, so a new Committee chair will be necessary.
- *Divine Savior Catholic School will see a rate increase for the 2026-27 school year. The tuition will increase from \$2900 to \$3500 per year. Families that committed during Catholic Schools week will have the 2025-26 tuition rate. This rate increase remains comparable with other schools in the area while maintaining affordability.

4. Old Business-

- *Bobby Slocum will serve as the DSCS School Liaison representative from the OLL Council.
- *March meeting minutes were approved. Marilyn Sabec motioned to approve with Lina Vorpahl seconding the motion. Motion approved by the council.
- *As a reminder to all parishioners- any letters or correspondence sent to the parish must be signed. Unsigned or anonymous correspondence will be discarded.

5. New Business:

- *The Discernment process for 2026 Pastoral Council elections will be held on May 19, 2026. At this time, there are 3 open positions.
- *Discussion about adding a Mass at St. Nicholas chapel on or around December 6 was discussed. This would be an Advent Mass and not directly related to the Feast of St. Nicholas. There would be the opportunity for hospitality after Mass.
- *The opening and closing prayers will be assigned on a rotating basis starting in September.
- *The July meeting is an abbreviated meeting where the council has an opportunity to reorganize. There is hospitality amongst the two councils after. This year, the councils agreed to meet followed by desserts/appetizers. OLL is providing refreshments this year.
- *There is one candidate interested in the Outreach Coordinator position. The interview will occur in June.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27 at 6:30 PM at Divine Savior.

7. Prayer- the council prayed the closing prayer.

8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Sabec, seconded by Jenny Schwab . Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup / OLL Pastoral Council Secretary