

Joint Cluster Meeting- 9/28/26
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, Leon Birenbaum, Kari Stone, Marilyn Sabec, Bobby Slocum, Bill Jensen, Deb Hamm

DS: Rusty Zimmerman, Mary Navis, JoAnn Karpin, Mason Thill, Tina Wick, Eric Poggeman, Shane Van Roo, Susan Urbaniak, Deb Hamm

Additional Staff: Lynn Sauer, Terri Schueller

1. Opening Prayer: Bryan Bichler led the opening prayer.

2. Education Home and School report- Lynn Sauer

*DSCS received a Love One Another Grant to help replace three interactive TV's.

*Carla Schomer is working on wrapping up her gardening grant projects. She has created a fun space for students to learn, grow, and get messy.

*DSCS, will be writing for a Love One Another Grant to add a library space.

*DSCS is always looking for substitute teachers.

*Cindy Widish was hired as a new math and science teacher.

Kari Stone has accepted a part-time student support position along with her cleaning position.

*DSCS received a \$110,000 Bruce Krier grant to help finish up some safety initiatives. The remainder of the security doors, installation of new windows and rekeying the building are projects being completed.

*The theme for the 2026-27 school year is Made for More! Students will be learning more about their faith, service, love, leadership, community, joy, forgiveness, and patience.

3. Parish Director's Report: Deb Hamm

*The Archdiocese of Milwaukee offices are moving to Oak Creek. The move is expected to be finalized in late spring or early summer.

*The Ham Dinner at Our Lady of the Lakes will be held on October 4th, 2026.

*The handicapped parking area at Holy Cross is finished, it just needs to be striped. Parishioners need to push the handicap button to enter the building.

*Deb emailed a presentation about priest planning to council members. The archdiocese plan is to create bigger parish clusters with one Priest and supporting Parochial Vicars. The Archdiocese wants to keep some smaller clusters within the diocese. Currently, there are five clusters in the archdiocese that use the parish director model.

*There will be a meeting on October 21, 2026 to discuss clergy needs and concerns at Lumen Christi in Mequon.

*Deb is asking for prayers for Deacon Gerry Maleugs as he battles health concerns.

4. Old Business:

*In an effort to improve efficiency, Terri Schueller will create systems for the sharing of minutes between Parish Councils. Council members will be notified when minutes are available for review.

5. New Business:

*Terry Schueller discussed the parish event policy. This is a procedure developed for advertising parish events and information. Approval will be needed for all artwork. All artwork should contain the appropriate Parish Logo.” Forms for communication and guidelines are available on the Parish Website under the Forms tab.

*Joint Prayer and Worship committee notes (Bobby Slocum):

-See website for complete minutes.

-Important Dates:

All Souls Day- Nov. 1 regular Mass schedule

All Saints Day- Celebrated on Nov. 1. See bulletin for service options

Thanksgiving Mass- Thursday, Nov. 26, 2026 at 9:00 AM

St. Nicholas Mass- Dec. 6, 2026 at 11:00

Immaculate Conception- Dec. 8, 2026 @ 8:15 AM-Fredonia and 6:00 PM-OLL.

Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve- 4:00 PM @Holy Cross, 5:00 PM @OLL,
10:00 PM @St. Nicholas

Christmas Day- 9:00 AM @Holy Cross

New Year's Day- 9:00 AM at OLL

Lenten Series Dates: Feb. 16, Feb. 23 and March 2 at the OLL Parish Center.

More information to follow.

*Deanery Meeting- Bryan Bichler, Kari Stone and Mason Thill attended the Deanery Meeting at Lumen Christi on September 14, 2026. There was limited attendance from parishes (7 out of 22 parishes represented). The Archdiocese is researching and examining the age of Sacrament celebrations (specifically Confirmation). The next meeting will be held in Spring, 2027 at Lumen Christi.

The Archdiocese reminds parishes to remain visible within their communities.

There has been a trend towards more traditional practices within Mass, and guidelines should be developed for the use of such practices.

*Faith Formation- JoAnn Karpin presenting for Terri Riesselman

Classes have started for the 20206-27 cycle. The theme is “Attitude of Beatitudes”.

There was a Mass of Promise for First Communicants and a Mass of Commitment for Confirmation candidates. Currently, there are 24 First Communion Candidates and 11 Confirmation candidates. Please pray for them as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments.

16 students are interested in the Mission Trip for the upcoming summer.

There will be a NET retreat on Oct. 11 for 7th-10th grade students.

6. Event Reminders:

- *TMIY has begun. Sessions are held on Wednesday mornings at 6:00 AM @Holy Cross
- *OLL Ham Dinner- Oct. 4 from 9:30-1:30 @OLL Parish Center
- *OLL Blood Drive- Monday Oct. 12 from 1:00-6:00 PM
- *Grief Share support group- Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM @OLL community room
- *Smarty Pants Trivia Night- Saturday, Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30 at DSCS (Fredonia)
- *Fundraising benefit for Katie Cramer- Saturday, Oct. 17, 11:00 AM Globe Lanes, RL
- *I Still Do Date Night- Saturday, Oct. 24 @6:00 PM at Pacifico (Sheboygan)

7. Closing Prayer- the councils prayed a closing prayer provided by Bryan Bichler.

3. **Adjournment:** motion by Marilyn Sabec
Seconded by: Mason Thill
Adjournment time: 8:04 PM

Next meeting;

November 23, 2026- 6:00 PM OLL council meeting, 7:00 Joint meeting, 7:45 DS council meeting @Divine Savior

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup
OLL Pastoral Council Secretary