

OLL Outreach Committee Meeting
Our Lady of the Lakes
Jan. 20, 2025
2pm, parish center

Present: Karen McCabe, Leon Jacoby, Bonnie Steffen, Stevie Ritger, Jennifer Schwab, Lina Vorpahl, Deb Hamm

Stevie opened the meeting with prayer.

Opening prayer

My church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of BEING all the things that I want my church to be.

Prayer intentions followed including for those listed in our bulletin.

Report from Deb on our open Outreach Coordinator position: Discussion centered on whether or not this should be a Cluster or an OLL parish position as in the past. Deb felt 90% of what was offered was open to the Cluster. We also reviewed the current job description for the OLL position and made some suggestions. Looking to hire for a start day of July 1.

Disadvantages of a Cluster position: Our Parishes are located in two different counties, different villages, each Parish community has its own unique identity which is important. OLL covers a big area in Southern Sheboygan County, stretching to Plymouth. It would be a big geographic area for someone to be visible in the "greater area" of the two communities. Time management may be difficult. Susan right now is the only OLL Parish staff.

Advantages: The two Parishes would have the ability to share in the cost. A potential hire may like more of a challenge.

It was the strong consensus of the OLL Outreach Committee that the Outreach Coordinator remains an OLL Parish position.

Deb suggested we email her with any other thoughts or questions on this subject. The Pastoral Council will discuss this at their January 27 meeting and the Finance Council will meet mid-February.

Hospitality dates: Kris Bemis and Kelly Merten have volunteered to organize! Hospitality date for February will be on February 23. Prayer and Worship committee will help with the February hospitality and will be honoring longtime retiring organist Sally Hammen. Other dates are not yet finalized. There was a discussion at the last Pastoral Council Meeting about asking the various committees of the parish to rotate to volunteer to help them. This could be done in place of a ministry fair. As part of Catholic Schools week, DSCS will be singing at the 8:15 am Mass February 2. The Youth Mission Trip group will be hosting a bake sale and coffee, after the 8:15 Mass on February 2.

Excerpt from Parish Councils manual on Stewardship was reviewed: Our Parish committee has used the title Outreach. Not just about money but time, talent and treasure. We need to be intentional about welcoming and inviting members to become more involved in life of the Church. Wedding, baptisms, funerals and in times of sickness are a good opportunities to be welcoming and inviting. Are we doing enough for funerals and weddings? Those are times when "visitors" are likely to be present. Should we be more involved with funerals? Helping out with welcoming as people arrive? Handing out the mass programs? It was felt we do a good job with Baptisms. Almost all are held during Mass. DSCS sends out birthday cards.

Next meeting date: Monday, March 17, 2025 10:00 am

Meeting ended at 3:45 pm

Closing prayer: Heavenly Father, we pray that we never become content with our outreach mission, but help us continuously strive to do better.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen