

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting**



May 21, 2025

In-Person

6:00 – p.m.

Pastoral Council in Attendance: Mary Alston, Cory Anshus, Jackie Dombrowski, Denise Haussy, Terry Malloy, Cathy Markwiese, Pat McKay, Emerson Porter, Rebecca Porter, Judeen Schulte, Jim Stamatakos, Donna Van Wynsberghe (Chair), Christine Yatchak

Excused: Deb Steppe, Barb Webber

Opening Prayer: Cory Anshus - The Magnificat

LOL Annual Budget Review:

- Patricia Fabian and Jerry Beine, Chair of Finance Council, presented the 2025-2026 parish budget.
- Patricia mentions how much ownership of the parish our congregation takes, which is great!
- Highlights: Projects a positive net income for the year; 3% raise for staff, a ladder CD to maximize earnings on previously received bequests.

Parish Director's Report: (submitted in writing)

- Staff Calendar is complete for the upcoming fiscal year. Highlights: We will offer the New Year's Eve potluck once again; We will be hosting the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Unity on January 18. Based on what we learned from Prayer-palooza this year, next year we will have an All-parish Mass and Brunch separate from a GIFT session.
- Grateful to the group who completed the budget.
- LOL continues to grow. We had 7 new registrations in the month of April.
- Jim Wielgosz will be working as our full-time director of worship ministries starting June 1. We are grateful to Nancy Short for stepping in during our time of need. Chris Deily will be staying through the end of June to help Jim get acclimated. Both Nancy and Chris will continue to be parish volunteers.

Consideration of All Saints' needs: Fr. Michael Wolfe, pastor of All Saints, made an impassioned plea for funds at their Annual Spaghetti Dinner. All Saints is an oasis in the central city serving the poor. In addition to funds for general parish operations, \$1500 per month is needed for their meal program which serves 1050 meals per month. The Social Justice Committee is interested in becoming more of a sister parish for All Saints and supporting them financially in a more systemic way. More discussion will be forthcoming.

Spotlight Articles update: We are covered through August.

Dream Time and New Dreams:

- Denise Haussy's dream is to establish a small LOL scholarship fund. Applications would include an essay and a strong presence in the parish as a leader or committee member. Could incentivize people to become ushers, servers, readers, etc.
- Jim Stamatakos's dream is for LOL to have a presence at Pride Fest as we are an inclusive congregation.

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- One of Christine Yatchak's dreams is that we find ways to be more mutually sharing with our friends at All Saints. More than just us financially supporting them, perhaps we can find ways to have a true sharing of perspectives.

Committee Reports:

- Octoberfest: no report
- Social Justice: Darryl Morin is coming to speak on Immigration June 19. There will be a bulletin flyer. Our summer dates to serve the meal at All Saints are July 8, 10, 22 and 24, and August 5 and 7. Eight people are needed for each date. Sign up at the All Saint's website.
- Discipleship Institute: no report
- Liturgy : Jim Wielgosz is going to be working full time starting June 1, 2025.
- Formation: Jackie Dombrowski – filed a written report
- Youth Representative: Emerson Porter - highlighted that our All Saint's discussion is a real-life example of OLOL showing preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.
- Marketing/Communication: No report

"New Council Members" Committee: Cory, Jim, Denise, Judeen and Emerson will serve as the committee. Donna recommends having info out to the parish in the middle of summer. We need to know nominees' information before the September meeting. We should consider filling the vacancy left by Lorie Skeff's resignation. Further discussion about the timing for solicitation of nominations will occur at the next meeting.

Picture: Pastoral Council group photos Sept/Oct.

Next meeting: June 18, 2025

Opening prayer for June meeting: Denise Haussy

Minutes for the next meeting: Christine (Cory will be absent/excused)

Closing Prayer: Terry Malloy, Gaelic prayer

Respectfully submitted, Cory Anshus
