

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



September 17, 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, Deb Steppe, Donna Van Wynsberghe (Chair), Barb Webber, Christine Yatchak

Opening Prayer: Deb Steppe – Let Your light shine!

Parish Director's Report:

- Interviewed three great candidates for Maggie's position; the process is on-going.
- Deb has participated in several meetings at the Archdiocese and continues to be impressed with Archbishop Grob. Many Council members spoke to how powerful they find the Archbishop's weekly blog, *The Branches*. The link to receive **The Branches** is <https://www.archmil.org/TheBranches>

Chair Report:

- Terms: Jackie Dombrowski, Mary Alston, and Denise Haussy have each renewed their commitments to another 3-year term on the Council.
- Safe Environment Training: All current members are up-to-date in their training.
- Councils/Staff Retreat: January 21, 5:30 to 8:00pm

Interviews/Discernment/Commissioning

- Interviewed candidates nominated for Council
- Prayerfully discerned the candidates; Mary Botsford was invited to join the Council.
- Commissioning of full Council will take place at the October meeting

Committee Reports:

- Oktoberfest
 - Grateful for the commitment of the core team, for all those who reached out to corporate sponsors for prizes and for Denise Haussy for coordinating the gratitude board.
 - Both our volunteer coordinator and kitchen coordinator are "retiring" so we need to recruit new volunteers for each of those positions for next year.
 - Both basket donations and beer donations are little behind last year.
 - We currently have 21 artists registered with room for a few more.
 - Emails signs and posters have been delivered to neighboring parishes. An email to all OLOL parishioners will also be sent.

Next meeting: October 15, 2025

Future meetings: Always the third Wednesday of the month with no meetings in December, July and August. Future dates we meet: Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17.

Opening prayer for October meeting: Cory Anshus

Closing prayer: Deb Steppe

Respectfully submitted, Cory Anshus
