

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Meeting Minutes January 8, 2026**

**Present:** Mary Yank, Karen Streich, Margaret Kelley, Terry Falk, Emily Kane, Kevin Kane, Patti Sereno, Sr. Margaret Kruse, Sr. Dianna DeBruin, Steve Szymanski, Cherie Esposito, Jim Gill, Mary Botsford, Pat McKay

The meeting opened with an Epiphany musical selection followed by intercessions and a concluding prayer. Jim Gill guided this meditation.

Steve shared copies of the Archdiocesan action recommendations in case of an ICE visit. A discussion followed, and Steve advised to seek help from Deb or a staff member if they are present. Pat will post the recommendations on the SJ bulletin board.

### **Nonviolence Group Report:**

In recognition of the Season of Nonviolence, there will be a series of prayer services on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm during February and March. Patti, Cherie, Mary B., Karen, Mary C., Steve, Jim, and Pat will help to plan the services. Mary B. has submitted an announcement of the series for the bulletin.

The group will offer an interactive presentation focusing on nonviolence at GIFT on Sunday, January 11.

### **MLK Memorial Service**

All Saints Church, Saturday, January 17, 1:30 pm. "Facing the Challenges of a New Age," Archbishop Grob presider, Combined choirs of All Saints and local churches.

### **Black History Presentation- All Saints Choir**

At OLOL, Friday, February 27, 6:30 pm. Free concert with hygiene items donation. We will make arrangements for the presentation to be projected on the screens in church. Plans for refreshments after the concert will be finalized at the February meeting.

### **Possible Speaker(s)/Events**

Kevin will contact a reporter that he knows who may be willing to speak about current tribal situations in Wisconsin. We would like to follow up that presentation with inviting OLOL parishioners to the Congregation of the Great Spirit for Mass.

Terry shared information on how a Black Seder is conducted with the possibility of either attending one or having one at OLOL.

## **Catholics for Peace and Justice**

Jim gave a brief history of this organization since its beginning in 2001. A group of five meet the first Wednesday of the month to set up the monthly newsletter. Steve sent a link to the website so that all SJ members can receive the newsletter which contains articles on current events and also lists upcoming events sponsored by various groups/churches in the area.

## **Milwaukee Riverkeeper Park Clean-up – April 25, 2026**

Steve will look into changing the date for GIFT so that families can once again participate. Registration is not open yet. More plans to come.

## **Voter Lists**

It was reported that several states, including the Wisconsin Election Commission, have refused to submit voter lists to the federal government.

## **All Saints Meal Program**

On January 6, 702 meals were served. The next date is January 27 – 4 people have volunteered. Inform Pat if you want to be included on the list to help serve.

## **Announcements**

- January 18, 3 pm – Ecumenical Prayer Service at OLOL
- January 17, Nonviolence Training, First Unitarian Society (Astor Street)
- January 22, 6:30-8:30 pm, “Bridges to Understanding,” School Sister of St. Francis, Committee for Nonviolence, 1501 S. Layton Blvd.

**Open Wide Articles:** Feb., Karen; March, Eileen; April, Mary Y

**Next Meeting:** February 12 Opening Prayer - Margaret Kelley

**Closing:** Prayer for the Homebound

**Adjourned:** 7:35 pm