

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



February 18, 2026

In-Person

6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council in Attendance: Cory Anshus, Mary Botsford, 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

Invited Guest: Tanya Gross

Opening Prayer: Barb Webber – Reflections on 1Peter 5: 1-4.

Parish Director's Report: Deb Steppe

- Listing for parishes looking for pastors is published — OLOL is NOT on it.
- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with anointing went very well and the procedure of using PC members to point out people who wanted to be anointed went well. Several priests asked each other to administer the sacrament to them, which was very powerful to witness. Plans are already in place to celebrate the Feast parish-wide again next year.
- Lent evening prayer on Thursdays at 6:30 pm led by Deacon Bill and Deb
- Reconciliation March 11 at noon and 7 pm
- OCIA details from Tanya during her presentation.
- Julie Petri has identified every committee head /chair in the parish. Deb is going to email committee heads to learn more about their specific ministry: what does the committee do? how do they do it? who are the members? Deb's goal is to get a better handle on all the good work being done by parishioners.
- We continue to grow: 9 new families since the beginning of the year; 53 new families last fiscal year. We are going to do another photo directory, June 1-5; July 6-10. The vendor taking the photos and publishing the directory mentioned they often see more participation when people are allowed to bring their pets...so pets will be welcome!
- Parishioners have started a once-a-month podcast, *Disciples on the Journey*. It is available on Spotify, YouTube and on the OLOL website. The first guest is Deb Steppe, which is up and running.

Old Business:

- Spotlight/Unsung Disciples Article Updates: Judeen Schulte passed around the sign-up sheets for bulletin articles for the rest of 2026. Thanks to all members who volunteered to write.

New Business:

Tanya Gross – Director of Formation Ministries, presented a detailed report on events she has planned and/or implemented, organized around the Pastoral Council's 4 priorities for the year. It is an impressive list for the short amount of time she has been on staff. Highlights include:

- GIFT has 4 more sessions this year
- OCIA – 14 people in total receiving sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil
- Adult Advisory Council established for young families
- 9th and 10th grade retreat upcoming
- Confirmation retreat was February 14 and the 17 year old OCIA candidate also attended
- 7th and 8th grade retreat is at the end of April.
- Amazing Faiths Dialogue Dinner (June 24) sponsored by Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee

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Committee Reports:

- Social Justice
 - Non-Violence Prayer Service Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm through March: each week has a different theme
 - All Saints Choir Friday Feb 27 at 6:30 pm; call the office to register so committee knows how many people to plan for.
- Discipleship Institute
 - Lent evening prayer service, Thursdays 6:30 pm
 - Stations of the Cross on Zoom
 - Sacred Balance in an Exhausting World, Monday, March 23, 6:30 pm, Room 9 – Learn basic health tips that will help you become a healthy, well-rounded disciple.
- Liturgy: no report at this time
- Youth: Emerson Porter talked about a Pray with the Pope link he learned about at school. He will gather more information and write a bulletin article on this later this year.
- Formation: See Tanya's presentation above
- Marketing/Communication: no report at this time

Dream Time:

- Dream 1: Based on the comment from the Photo Directory vendor about pets, perhaps we should put together a Pets of Lourdes calendar
- Dream 2: Mariachi Mass with dinner afterwards to celebrate our Latino community
- Dream 3: Smiling greeters at each door for Masses

Next meeting: March 18, 2026

Opening Prayer for March meeting: Emerson Porter

Closing Prayer: Donna Van Wynsberghe

Respectfully submitted, Cory Anshus
