

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



**March 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, Jim Stamatakos, Deb Steppe, Donna Van Wynsberghe (Chair), Barb Webber

**Excused:** Judeen Schulte, Christine Yatchak

**Opening Prayer:** Emerson Porter – Prayerful reading of Matthew 14: 25-33; shared reflections

**Parish Director's Report:** Deb Steppe

- New microphones have been installed: choir mics are working and there is a monitor there, ambo mic has been replaced.
- Archdiocese of Milwaukee has distributed directives on what to do if ICE comes into facility; guidelines posted around the building. In summary, have agents wait in Deb's office, remind them that we have cameras everywhere in the building, contact Deb.
- Common Ground is a diverse group of nonpartisan, proactive, everyday citizens in Southeastern Wisconsin, dedicated to identifying pressing social problems facing our community and bringing about positive solutions. Several staff members have expressed interest in this group with the possibility of joining.
- The Wednesday Faith Group is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary May 13; inviting all former staff including its founder, Fr. Stanfield.
- Triduum
  - Holy Thursday 7 pm
  - Good Friday: noon prayer service, 2 pm Greendale St. Luke's Cross Walk, 7 pm Lord's Passion
  - Holy Saturday: 7 pm Easter Vigil. NEED VOLUNTEER(s) to COORDINATE RECEPTION
  - Easter Sunday: 8 am Mass; 10:30 am Mass
- Deb will coordinate a date for Pastoral Council to receive AED Training offered by the Fire Dept.
- Deb will be on retreat the week that our Pastoral Council meeting falls in April. She will submit a written report in advance of the meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Spotlight Articles: April/May:
  - Judeen sent the schedule via email and writers are aware of their deadlines.
- Subcommittee report on youth and young families: Christine Yatchak
  - Emerson, Jim and Denise are members of the committee—In light of Tanya Gross's presentation at our last meeting, this group will pivot from starting something new to focusing on how they can support what Tanya already has planned/initiated. A formal sub-committee may no longer be needed. They will report back after consulting with Tanya.
- Subcommittee report on men's spirituality and retreat: Jim Stamatakos
  - Date to kick off is April 9; convene a men's spirituality group to reflect on coming week's Scripture readings. Current plans around creating social events for families, thereby building relationships, and then after gaining some traction, plan a retreat. Trying to bond before jumping into a retreat.

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**New Business:**

- Budget for 2026-2027 for Pastoral Council:
  - Proposed budget read by Donna, totals \$450.  
In the past we have had minimal expenditures – mostly copying of council manuals.
  - Input: what would make us a better council? Suggestions: perhaps an outside speaker for retreat
  - Consensus: we will tell finance we can get by with \$250 because of the gifts and talents that we have available to us. (Namely Rebecca Porter's wisdom and knowledge regarding strategic planning, Tanya and Steve for formation experiences, Deacon Bill and Deb for leadership and prayer and everyone else around the table for sharing their own gifts and talents.)
- Which committees post minutes on website?
  - Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Social Justice are all posted regularly.
  - Discipleship Institute: Jim Wielgosz will get these posted after their next meeting.
  - Liturgy minutes will not be posted (not good to show the show before the show).
  - Formation – all info appears under GIFT on the website.
  - Buildings and Grounds should also be posted but Committee has not yet been consulted.
- Committee liaisons:
  - Social Justice: Pat McKay
  - Discipleship Institute: from minutes
  - Liturgy: Deb Steppe
  - Finance: Rebecca Porter
  - Youth: Emerson Porter
  - Formation: Jackie Dombrowski
  - Marketing and Communication: Jim Stamatakos
- PC members will be outside church entrances on May 2/3. Jackie Dombrowski and Barb Webber will prepare A-V and signs for this.
- Volunteers for foot washing: Terry Malloy, Cory Anshus (Donna as Back up)

**Committee Reports:**

- Social Justice: Favorable reviews from All Saint's Choir event – contributions in support of All Saints very appreciated. (see minutes for other highlights)
- Discipleship Institute: discussion of a spirituality retreat for women May 16 and men's retreat Late summer/early fall. The second podcast is now available, new ones drop on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month
- Liturgy: Triduum coming soon. (See Parish Director's report)
- Formation: No report
- Finance: Contributions through January are ahead of what we budgeted
- Youth: No report
- Marketing and Communication: Proposal will be prepared to get a screen in the back of church for those on the sides and in the sanctuary. This proposal may be very costly.

**Dream Time:**

- How to make new parishioners feel welcomed and assimilated in OLOL.

**Next meeting:** April 15, 2026; Mary Botsford will lead opening prayer

**Closing Prayer:** Terry Malloy

**Respectfully submitted, Cory Anshus**

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