

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



Sept 16, 2026

In-Person

6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council in Attendance: Cory Anshus, Mary Botsford, Denise Haussy (Chair), Terry Malloy, Rebecca Porter, Jim Stamatakos, Deb Steppe, Donna Van Wynsberghe, Barb Webber, Tanya Gross sitting in for Bailey Haussy

Excused: Cathy Markwiese, Judeen Schulte

Opening Prayer: Cory Anshus, Reflections on Hope

Parish Director's Report:

- Automatic doors for church and hall installed 9/17
 - Cindi Roark, OLOL's Stewardship Assistant, is retiring in February. The open position is posted on OLOL's website, Archmil's website and will be mentioned by Deb in an upcoming bulletin article. The position is part-time and Cindi has graciously offered to train her replacement and serve as a resource.
 - Emma Kate Porter finished her comprehensive report identifying OLOL committees and groups, what they do and who is the appropriate contact person. After Deb reviews it, she may bring questions or topics of discussion related to the report to the Council.
 - Deb has become aware that the Guest House (a Milwaukee non-profit that serves people who are experiencing homelessness) distributes about 340 sandwiches a day. They are struggling to keep up with demand. Deb would like to start a sandwich making project...interested people would meet monthly at OLOL to "make sandwiches with the parish director" pending finding a volunteer to coordinate the effort. Council members have ideas about some people to approach with this volunteer opportunity. (There may also be an option to make sandwiches at home and bring them to OLOL).
 - There are still some photo directories that need to be distributed. Deb will send an email to recruit Council volunteers for help after Masses.
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New Business:

- Parish Vitality: The Archdiocese is offering a new meeting for parish leaders to get together to learn and share (may be Archbishop Grob's re-imagining of the meetings formerly known as the Deanery meetings) The first gathering will be held October 27 at 8 AM at St. James (7219 S. 27th St., Franklin, WI 53132) The meeting runs 8 am to noon. The Council thanks Donna V. and Mary B, who have volunteered to represent the parish
- Pastoral Council & Training: This is another Archdiocese offering. There is virtual option October 8 at 6 pm and an in-person option on October 28 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Hales Corners. Register online at the Archmil website.
- Parish Mission: OLOL and St Matthias are collaborating in offering a Parish Mission. Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ will be our presenter March 15 and 16. Plans are in place to offer book groups in preparation for the Mission. More information will be available as we draw closer to the date.

Interviews/Discernment/Commissioning

- We interviewed a candidate nominated for Council.
- We prayerfully discerned the candidate; Camille Mortimore was invited to join the Council.
- Commissioning of the full Council will take place at the October meeting

Old Business:

- Spotlight Articles: No Spotlight or Unsung Disciples articles will run until November, as Oktoberfest will be the main feature of bulletins until then. Therefore, we are slightly ahead of deadlines.
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Committee Reports:

- Oktoberfest: Barb Webber - About 41% of volunteers spots are filled, 21 artists are registered
- Social Justice: Mary Botsford – extensive minutes have been provided. Highlights include:
 - October 28 11 AM tour of the newly refurbished St. Joseph chapel at the School Sisters of St Francis convent on Layton Blvd. All are welcome. More information will be forthcoming
 - November 10 at 6:30 pm -Native American heritage speaker Richard Gonzalez, a member of the Oneida tribe will speak about the contributions made by the League of Iroquois Nations in the history of the US.
 - February 2027 – we will once again invite the All Saints choir to perform at OLOL during Black History Month.
- Formation: GIFT started 9/13 with a great turn-out. 89 adults were present. We have 35 youth registered in 7th grade through confirmation (which is up from 20 last year). We have 9 people interested in OCIA, 8 children registered for Penance and First Communion. Our next baptism is scheduled for October 25. Steve encourages all Council members to use the parish library and challenges each Council member to read at least 1 book about Faith this year.
- Discipleship Institute: See the website for a listing of offerings and resources. Also, the OLOL podcast. Disciples on the Journey – new episodes drop on the 15th of each month.
- Marketing & Communications: Jim Stamatakos – nothing to report
- Youth Council: Bailey Haussy will be commissioned as our new Youth representative to the council. Tanya distributed the notes from the Youth Advisory Council.

Dream Time: Tabled until next meeting

Next meeting: October 21. 2026

Opening Prayer (Commissioning Service): Cory Anshus

Closing Prayer: Deb Steppe

Respectfully submitted, Cory Anshus
