

Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, November 24, 2025

1. Call to Meeting and Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by Bryan Bichler

Members present: Natalie Brochtrup, Bryan Bichler, Lina Vorpahl, Leon Jacoby, Jennifer Schwab, Kari Stone, Bobby Slocum, Deb Hamm

Absent (excused): Gary Feider, Chad Keller, Amy Schmidt

2. Guest Comments: No guests were present

3. Committee Report Highlights (see website for recent minutes):

A. Prayer and Worship- Bobby Slocum

*There will be a candlelight observance during Adoration on the last Thursday in January (January 29, 2026) from 6:45-7:00 PM

*Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2025) are at 8:15 AM in Fredonia and at 6:00 PM at OLL (Random Lake)

*Christmas Mass Schedule is:

- Christmas Eve- 4:00 at Holy Cross
- 5:00 at OLL
- 10:00 at St. Nicholas in Dacada
- Christmas Day- 9:00 at OLL
- New Years Day- 9:00 at Holy Cross

B. Christian Formation/Evangelization- Amy Schmit

*No report at this time

C. Human Concerns - Marilyn Sabec

*42 Units of blood were collected at the recent Blood Drive.

*The Eternal Life Tree was on display during the month of November at Mary's Altar and will be taken down on Wednesday Nov. 26.

*Gift bags will be prepared for St. Nick's Day on Dec. 6, 2025. Stockings will be made for 30 women and 11 men at Gables on the Pond and for 16 homebound parishioners. Thank you to Deb Hamm for making the stockings and for the donations from parishioners.

*The Advent Giving Tree will be set up and parishioners are invited to take a tag and purchase the items on the tag. Divine Savior Catholic School, Mary's Room, and the Random Lake Food Pantry will benefit from receiving donated items.

*Suzanne Biedenbender will send Christmas Cards to homebound parishioners.

D. Stewardship/Outreach- Leon Jacoby

- *There was no Outreach Committee meeting since the last Council meeting.
- *The parish continues to search for an Outreach Coordinator.
- *Additional volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School this summer in the absence of an Outreach Coordinator.
- *Approximately 70 people attended All Souls services.
- *Leon Jacoby is looking for volunteers to go to Gables on the Pond on Wednesday to visit residents.

E. Finance- Lina Vorpahl/Jenny Schwab

- *The work on the holding tank at the Dacada chapel is ongoing. The ground was filled, and there is a trench around the area. It is hoped that hay bales can also be placed around the trench as an additional safety barrier.
- *Audio/visual equipment upgrades are being completed. Thank you to Darrel Boeck for his continued work to fine-tune the equipment.
- *Bids for safety items for the Parish Office are being collected. Safety items such as cameras, buzzer entry, etc. are being evaluated and will be covered by the Love One Another grant as ongoing safety concerns.

4. Old Business-

- *No Old Business was discussed.

5. New Business:

- a. The Annual Meeting was held on Nov. 9, 2025 following Mass in the chapel. Minutes were approved by the council.
- b. A biography of Fr. Ariel will be in an upcoming bulletin. He will be spending approximately 4 hours per week interacting with the school children and the children in Faith Formation programs.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM at OLL. Amy Schnmidt will provide the opening prayer and Natalie Brochtrup will provide the closing prayer.

7. Prayer- the council prayed the closing prayer.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jenny Huiras seconded by Lina Vorpahl and Bobby Slocum . Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup / OLL Pastoral Council Secretary