

Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2026

1. Call to Meeting and Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:52 PM by Bryan Bichler

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

Absent (excused): Gary Feider

2. Guest Comments: Gary Jacoby and Dennis Dimmer were present. Gary presented information about a recently formed Nonprofit organization called the Guardians of St. Nicolas, Dacada. Their mission is to promote and support the history and heritage of the Dacada community through preservation, education and communication. They are hoping to have a mutually beneficial relationship with the Our Lady of the Lakes parish.

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

A. Prayer and Worship- Bobby Slocum

*Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Nicholas in Dacada on Sundays during Lent between February 22 and March 29. See the bulletin for more details.

*Holy Week services are as follows:

April 2- 6:00 PM at OLL

April 3- 1:00 PM at Holy Cross

April 4- 8:00 PM at Holy Cross

April 5- 8:15 AM at OLL

10:00 AM at Holy Cross

11:00 AM at St. Nicholas, Dacada

*First Communion will be celebrated on April 26 at 10:00 at Holy Cross and May 3, 2026 at 8:15 AM at OLL.

*Confirmation will be celebrated on May 17, 2026 at 2:00 PM at OLL.

B. Christian Formation/Evangelization- Amy Schmit

Students are actively fundraising for their upcoming mission trip to Knoxville, TN this summer. They have organized a bake sale for Feb. 1, 2026 after the 8:15 mass. They are also selling Kwik Trip Car Wash cards. Cards are \$36 and are good for 5 car washes.

C. Human Concerns - Marilyn Sabec

*No meeting was held in December or January.

* Stockings were made and distributed for residents at Gables on the Pond for St. Nicholas Day.

*The Advent Giving Tree was well supported. Donations were greatly appreciated.

D. Stewardship/Outreach- Leon Jacoby

*The parish continues to search for an Outreach Coordinator and will renew the listing in the Spring.

*Additional volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School this summer in the absence of an Outreach Coordinator.

*Fr. Guy Gurath is mentioned in the Catholic Herald's Prayers for Priests on Feb. 10, 2026. A card was circulated for council members to sign.

*One idea for outreach is to keep a bulletin handy and share with people who might express an interest in learning more about our parish.

E. Finance- Lina Vorpahl/Jenny Schwab

*No formal meeting was held.

*Bids are being gathered for shingling on the steeple at St. Nicholas. The original bid identified metal shingles and an additional quote for regular shingles is being requested.

4. Old Business-

*Bryan Bichler and Jim Barton organized an usher training on December 4, 2025. At that time, they focused on CPR and medical training. Further trainings are planned.

5. New Business:

- a. Lent in a Bag will be distributed again. Watch the bulletin for more details.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross.

7. Prayer- the council prayed the closing prayer, Prayer to St. Joseph.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Lina Vorpahl and seconded by Marilyn Sabec . Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup / OLL Pastoral Council Secretary