

Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, March 23, 2026

1. Call to Meeting and Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM by Bryan Bichler

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

Absent (excused): Gary Feider, Bobby Slocum, Chad Keller,

2. Guest Comments: No guests present

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

A. Prayer and Worship- Bobby Slocum

*No report given

B. Christian Formation/Evangelization- Amy Schmit

*See joint minutes for updates

C. Human Concerns - Marilyn Sabec

*A hygiene drive was held from March 1-15, 2026 to benefit St. Ben's, the Food Pantry and St. Vincent De Paul and was successful.

*There will be a blood drive on April 27, 2026 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lakes

*Easter cards will be sent to homebound parishioners.

D. Stewardship/Outreach- Leon Jacoby

*The parish continues to search for an Outreach Coordinator and will renew the listing in the Spring. Discussion about possible ways to reach candidates took place. Advertising on various platforms will continue. Amy Schmit made the suggestion to attend a Career Fair at local Catholic colleges to promote the position. This is being explored by Deb Hamm.

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 itemized quote for regular shingles as well as repair work has been requested but has not yet been received.

*Audio system updates were discussed at the joint meeting.

*Updates to the Parish office (cosmetic) are being discussed.

*Funds from the Fr. Cerpich estate are going to be invested for future use.

4. Old Business-

*DSCS is looking for a School Liaison representative from the OLL Council.

5. New Business:

*There will be a baptism class in April. Interested parishioners should contact Deb Hamm for more information.

*The Discernment process for 2026 Pastoral Council elections will begin soon. Bryan will speak at Mass on April 12. The Discernment meeting will be held on May 19, 2026 at 6:30 at OLL.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM at OLL. Natalie Brochtrup will provide the Opening Prayer and Kari Stone will provide the Closing Prayer.

7. Prayer- the council prayed the closing prayer.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Sabec . Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup / OLL Pastoral Council Secretary