

Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, September 22, 2025

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, Amy Schmit, Jennifer Schwab, Kari Stone, Bobby Slocum, Deb Hamm

Absent (excused): Gary Feider, Chad Keller

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 no pet blessing this year as the date coincides with the OLL Ham Dinner.

*All Saint's Day is celebrated on Nov. 1, 2025 and is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

*All Soul's Day services will be held at a variety of locations on Nov. 2, 2025. Watch the bulletin for more information.

*There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Nov. 26, 2025 at Random Lake High School. Watch the bulletin for more details.

*Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Nov. 27, 2025 at 9:00AM at the Holy Cross chapel.

*The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on December 8, 2025 with Mass at 8:15 AM at the St. Rose Chapel (Fredonia) and 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lakes (Random Lake).

B. Christian Formation/Evangelization- Amy Schmit

*Faith Formation has begun. There was a parent program where parents could meet the Catechists which was well received.

*There will be a Mass of Commitment for our Confirmation Candidates on September 28, 2025 at the 8:15 Mass.

*The cluster is organizing and supporting a Mission Trip to Indiana during the summer of 2026 and will combine with parishes in Port Washington to help reduce costs.

*Confirmation will be celebrated in May with Mass at Our Lady of the Lakes.

*Archbishop Grob is coming on January 28, 2026 during the Religious Education program to discuss Demonology.

C. Human Concerns - Marilyn Sabec

*There will be a blood drive on October 13, 2025 from 1:00-6:00 PM.

*The Eternal Life Tree will be on display during the month of November at Mary's Altar. The names of deceased parishioners will be read before the Nov. 2, 2025 Mass.

*Gift bags will be prepared for St. Nick's Day on Dec. 6, 2025. Parishioners who wish to donate items will be provided a list of suggestions. Gift bags will be presented to residents of Gables on the Pond assisted living and to our homebound parishioners.

D. Stewardship/Outreach- Leon Jacoby

*There was no Outreach Committee meeting since the last Council meeting.

*Please see the Cluster minutes for updates on the Outreach Coordinator position.

E. Finance- Lina Vorpahl/Jenny Schwab

*Parking lot resurfacing is occurring in Fall, 2025.

*The work on the holding tank at the Dacada chapel is ongoing. The ground was filled, but has sunk. The company doing the repair work is paying for the continued expenses associated with the ongoing issues.

*Steeple repairs are still being negotiated at the St. Nicholas chapel.

*Audio/visual equipment upgrades are being completed.

*The outhouse at St. Patricks chapel in Adell is being torn down and replaced with a Port-A-Potty.

*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 date for the Annual Meeting will be Nov. 9, 2025 following Mass in the chapel. The agenda will follow a similar format as previous years. Representatives from parish organizations are welcome to submit information for a flyer to be distributed and provide a brief update during the meeting.
- b. The Outreach coordinator position update was provided during the Joint Council meeting.
- c. The Ham dinner fundraiser is set for October 5, 2025 from 9:30-1:30 at the Parish Center. Kris Bemis and Kelly Merton are co-chairing the event. As always, volunteers

are needed and appreciated. Watch the bulletin for more details.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Divine Savior.

8. Closing Prayer- the council prayed the Lord's Prayer. Bryan Bichler volunteered to provide the closing prayer for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jenny Huiras seconded by Lina Vorpahl. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup / OLL Pastoral Council Secretary