

Joint Prayer & Worship Minutes

September 8 2025

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Leon Jacoby, Bobby Slocum, Bob Bichler, Pat Bley, Jennifer Thill, Mary Navis, Hannah Shining, Deb Hamm, Pam Huiras

The goals of the Prayer & Worship committee are:

- *to nourish and give direction to the liturgical aspects in the parish*
- *to provide opportunities for parishioners to deepen their faith through a variety of prayer experiences and liturgical celebrations, especially the Sunday Mass*
- *to assist in promoting the spiritual growth of parishioners*
- *to maintain an ongoing training program for liturgical ministers.*

Meeting started at 6:35 pm.

Possible Pet Blessing on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9 am at Holy Cross Chapel.

-this will be held if Belgium is not having a Pet Blessing. We are waiting to hear.

****We will not be holding a Pet Blessing this year. St. Francis' day is the weekend of the Ham Dinner. We will put a Pet Blessing prayer in the bulletin for folks to take home and bless their own pets.**

1. **Adoration Schedule** is as follows:

St. Rose - 1st Monday of the month 2:00-5:30

OLL - Every Thursday from 5:00-7:00. Family Adoration is the 1st Thursday of the month for the 1st 30 minutes. From 5:30-7:00 it is regular Adoration.

St. Nicholas - The 2nd Sunday of the month from April-Nov from 1:30-3:30

2. **All Saints Day** is Sat. Nov 1 and is NOT a Holy Day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday.

3. **All Souls Day** is Sunday Nov 2. Leon will lead a service at 9:30 in Random Lake cemetery, 11:00 in Holy Cross cemetery, 1:00 a prayer service in St. Nicholas church, 2:30 in St. Patricks cemetery, 4:00 in Cascade cemetery, 5:00 in Lake Church. The cemetery service consists of prayer, scripture, closing prayer and Holy Water given to attendees. Denise does a service in St. Nicholas church.

There will be vigil candles in each church representing each parishioner who passed in the last year with a banner in each made by Mary Navis, and the names being announced at that weekend Mass. Suzanne will send a letter personally inviting families of the deceased from both parishes, to the weekend Mass.

4. There will be an **ecumenical Thanksgiving service** on Nov 26 at Random Lake High School

5. **Thanksgiving Day Mass** is Nov. 27 at 9:00 at Holy Cross

6. **Immaculate Conception** is Monday, December 8. This is still a Holy day of obligation because Our Lady is our National Patron Saint.

8:15 Mass in Fredonia with the DSCS students and 6:00 pm at OLL

7. **Advent:** Families will light the Advent wreath candles at the beginning of Mass. Pat Bley will contact 4:30 HC Mass, Jenny Stemwell will find 10:00 am HC, and Suzanne will find for

8:15 Mass. Deb will put together Advent in a bag again for handout, and we will bless your Jesus for your crib again during Mass.

8. **Advent Encounter Night** will either be Dec. 2 or Dec 16. This replaced our reconciliation service. The night consists of a possible speaker, reconciliation, Adoration, and praise music. Deb is contacting confessors. We will go with the night they can attend. We will be handing out a book this year titled, "What We Believe" by Bishop Barron for Christmas.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4:00 Holy Cross (Wed)

Christmas Eve 5:00 OLL

Christmas Eve 10:00 St Nics

Christmas Day 9:00 OLL

New Years Day Mass Jan. 1 (Thurs) 9:00 HC

Jan. 28 - Archbishop Grob will speak at the Family Program on religious ed night. Public will be invited. He will speak on Demonology and Exorcism.

Ash Wednesday is February 18

Audio Visual update:

The overflow is finished. The view of Mass from the screen is much improved. There are final tweaks to be finished with the choir loft. We are looking for bids to put up safety cameras at the church entrances.

We will implement **Candlelight Adoration** this year. Probably on the last Thursday of the month at OLL with the lights being turned off at 6:30. Four candles will be lit. It's a beautiful encounter with Jesus as all that's left is Him and you!

Next Meeting:

Joint cluster meeting on Monday, January 12th @ 6:30 at Holy Cross

OLL prayer and worship meeting Monday Nov. 3 @ 6:30 in parish center

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huiras