

## Prayer & Worship Minutes April 20, 2026

**Attendees:** Suzanne Biedenbender, Leon Jacoby, Jim Steffen, Deb Hamm, Bobby Slocum, Leon Birenbaum, Katie Dimmer, Deb Poull, Peter Bemis, 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 6:30 pm. Minutes were approved prior

The meeting began with a guest speaker, Deb Poull, who introduced us to the newly formed non-profit organization called The Guardians of St. Nicholas, Dacada or GOSND. Its goal is to promote, preserve and support the history and heritage of the Dacada, Wisconsin community. They have requested a Mass on the feast of St. Nicholas, Dec. 6th at St. Nicholas chapel. Deb will speak at the next pastoral committee meeting and request the Mass.

### Old Business

Pam reminded everyone that there are four prayer and worship meetings a year. Jan-joint, April-OLL, Sept.-joint, Nov-OLL

**Adoration:** First Mondays from 2:00-5:00 at St. Rose chapel. Every Thursday from 5:00-7:00. The last Thursday of the month is by candlelight for the last 15 minutes.

**Archbishop Grob** presented on Wednesday, January 28 and spoke on evil, demonology and exorcisms. It was very informative and a full house in the church.

**Ash Wednesday:** February 18th. Mass at 9:00 OLL, 6:00 HC

**St. Patrick's Day Mass:** March 15th was cancelled due to snow and ice storm.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross were said every Sunday in Lent at 1:00 pm from Feb 22nd thru March 29. They were very well attended with the highest attendance on Palm Sunday with 50 people.

**Lenten Reconciliation/Adoration Night:** Tuesday, March 24: 6:30-8:00 pm at OLL – Reconciliation in the PC. We had 4 priests available. Music was by the Shining family. Our number of attendees was down from Advent. We are looking at ways to promote this a little differently.

**Lenten Series:** - Very nicely attended. Ran very smoothly with the councils making the soups and clean-up. Feb. 24: Fr. Steve Lampe: People on the Margins in Scripture. -

Mar. 3: Fr. Don Thimm: People on the Margin in Today's Society.

Mar. 10: Fr. Steve Lampe: Working title: When We are Marginalized by Sin:

Reconciliation

**Ecumenical Group Lenten Services:** Not really well attended by our church outside of the night we host. We have our own Lenten Series within those five weeks on Tuesday nights.

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

- a. Thursday, Apr 2: Holy Thursday 6 pm at OLL
- b. Friday, Apr. 3: Good Friday 1 pm at HC
- c. Saturday, April 4: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 pm HC
- d. Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday 8:15 - 370 people attended, 402 in 2025, 10 am, 11 am at Dacada - 233 people attended Fr Neil, 222 in 2025

Suzanne mentioned that we need two people to learn the new sound system. The settings are done on the computer making it more challenging.

Leon passed out cards to sign and send to our priests and former priests on their anniversaries of their ordination.

### **New Business**

**Adoration at St. Nicholas:** Adoration will begin on the second Sunday of every month (not in winter) April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 12, November 9, at St. Nicholas Chapel, Dacada from 1:30 pm to 3:30

**First Holy Communion:** April 26 @ Holy Cross 10:00 with 12 children and May 3 @ OLL 8:15 with 6 children.

**Confirmation:** Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m. with 15 being confirmed at OLL with Bishop Haines

**Encounter night:** May 21st will be our final Encounter night. It will be our regular time schedule for Adoration, 5:00-7:00. At 6:00 we will have intermittent praise music and the last 30 minutes will be candlelit. No reconciliation at this Easter season Encounter. It's a blessed way to praise Jesus for His sacrifice and resurrection.

**May Crowning:** May crowning of Mary will be on Mother's Day, May 10th after 8:15 Mass.

**Rosary** prayed before Sunday 8:15 Mass & in Dacada at 1:00 pm during May

**Memorial day Mass:** No Mass this year. Neither of our priests are available

**Graduation Mass:** June 7 at 8:15 and 10:00 Mass

**Corpus Christi:** Deb is looking for a deacon or priest to lead this. She talked about other possible ways to continue if there are none available. Watch the bulletin for details.

**Feast of the Assumption:** August 15 is a Saturday. Because it falls on a Saturday, it is not a holy day of obligation.

We ended with a prayer from St. John XX111

### **Next Meeting:**

Joint Cluster Meeting Monday, September 14 @ 6:30 at Our Lady of Lakes

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huiras