

## Joint Prayer & Worship Minutes January 12, 2026

**Attendees:** Suzanne Biedenbender, Leon Jacoby, Bobby Slocum, Bob Bichler, Pat Bley, Jennifer Thill, Hannah Shininger, Deb Hamm, 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.

### 1. Christmas Mass Numbers

- a. 2025: 4 pm: 425; 5 pm: 234; 10 pm: 394; 9:00 am 170; Total: 1223 (Second highest since covid)
- b. 2024: 4 pm: 478; 5 pm: 324; 10 pm: 405; 9 am: 220; Total: 1425 (Highest since covid)

Some discussion as to why the attendance numbers dropped from last year. Pre covid number in 2019 was 1595. In 2018 it was 1615. Lot's of possible factors go into attendance.

**2. Archbishop Grob** is coming on Wednesday, January 28 to OLL to speak on evil, demonology and exorcisms. The talk is at 6:30 in the church immediately following the rosary at 6:15.

**3. Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be said every Sunday in Lent at 1:00 pm from Feb 22nd thru March 29th at St Nicholas, Dacada.

**4. Lenten Series:** Tuesdays, Feb. 24, Mar. 3 & Mar. 10, 2026 (People on the Margins)  
6:00 pm Mass, 6:30 pm Soup Meal, 7:00 presentation (Deb asked speakers to finish by 8:00 pm)

- Feb. 24: Fr. Steve Lampe: People on the Margins in Scripture. OLL council will make the soups, set-up and clean-up
- Mar. 3: Fr. Don Thimm: People on the Margin in Today's Society. DS council will provide soups, set-up and clean-up
- Mar. 10: Fr. Steve Lampe: Working title: When We are Marginalized by Sin: Reconciliation OLL council will provide soups, set-up and clean-up.

**5. Lenten Reconciliation/Adoration Night:** Tuesday, March 24: 6:30-8:00 pm at OLL – Reconciliation in the PC. We will have 4 priests available. (Hannah is working with the music, we will find help to set up Reconciliation areas before and clean-up after and to direct traffic.)

The question was brought up as to why don't the priests have benediction at the end of Adoration. Deb explained our priests are not comfortable doing that, but she will confer with them about it for the next one.

**6. 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, 10 am, 11 am at Dacada Fr Neil

**7. First Holy Communion** April 26 @ Holy Cross 10:00, May 3 @ OLL 8:15.

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

**9. Encounter night** May 21st will be our final Encounter night. It will be Adoration with intermittent praise music and candlelight in the last 15 minutes. No reconciliation at this Easter season Encounter. It's a blessed way to praise Jesus for His sacrifice and resurrection.

**10. Adoration** Starting January 29th, the final 15 minutes of Adoration on the last Thursday of the month will be candlelit. All lights will be turned off and you can spend time in peace, free from distractions, with our Lord Jesus.

**11.** Discussion was had on the last steps of implementing the new sound system. OLL needs two speakers in the choir yet, hoping that will help with the sound quality. DS did not begin with their updating of their sound system.

**Next Meeting:**

Joint cluster meeting on Monday, September 14 @ 6:30 at OLL parish center

Next OLL prayer and worship meeting Monday April 20th @ 6:30 in parish center

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huiras