

OLV Warden's Meeting
October 30, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall

In attendance: Father John, Linda Cameron, Susan Lemieux, Bill Raby, Nancy Lanthier, Gail Preston, Theresa Ritchie, and Lyall Campbell

Absent:

Item	Description	Action by
1	Opening Prayer: Opening prayer led by Father John	
2	Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by Susan Lemieux, and seconded by Lyall Campbell	
3	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 25, 2025 as presented by Gail Preston are approved by Bill Raby and seconded by Theresa Ritchie.	
4	Administration Activities: 1. Secretary's Report: Gail Preston has nothing to report for this meeting. 2. Treasurer's Report: Nancy Lanthier presented the financial report for the period ending Oct 31, 2025. We are currently in a deficit position of \$6,396.00. Financial report approved by Susan Lemieux and seconded by Gail Preston. 3. 2026 Proposed Budget - Nancy also presented the 2026 Proposed Budget and was approved by Bill Raby and Susan Lemieux. Father John suggested a maintenance line in the budget for money to be set aside to allocate for future repairs. It is cheaper to repair the small problems than to repair the large problems. The question will be asked at the diocese if a "Planned Maintenance Budget" line needs to be added to the Proposed Budget document.	
5	Business Arising from Minutes. 1. Fall Supper Update – Susan presented that we made a profit of \$1610.00. Everything went well with the sale of the tickets (80 total sold), and with the selling of the 50/50 tickets. The consensus was that everyone had a nice time getting together with friends. All agreed that having the OLV suppers at the Golf Course is less work for the wardens, since we lack the people to help put on such an event in the OLV Parish Hall. In January/February 2026, we will set a date with the Golf Club for our spring supper fundraiser. But as with some events, there were a few complaints concerning the supper. The first comment was that there was no salad with the dinner as was advertised and another was that their dinner was cold. On Tuesday, October 7th, Susan talked to Bob at the Golf Course concerning the missing salad, and Bob mentioned that it was his mistake, and that he would make it up to us at the next dinner. Also mentioned was that the price of the supper was too high, and some people could not afford to attend this fundraising event. Linda Cameron made a suggestion that we try to work on ideas for getting the community together for events with minimal cost to the attendees. Possibly a pot-luck supper where all parishioners can attend. Gail and Susan mentioned that we have our bake sales and coffee afternoon, which is a no cost event for all parishioners to attend. Unfortunately, the majority of the attendees are not parishioners.	

	<p>2. Rental Update – Christmas concert Dates - Theresa The Chanterelle will be holding their concert at St. Gregoire's Church this year. This year they will have 2 choirs with 120 singers involved in the concert. The Chanterelle organizing committee decided that OLV is too small to hold the Christmas concert.</p> <p>The Heart & Soul Christmas concert will be held on the evening of Thursday, December 18th. We do have a weekly rental on that evening (Top Reseau Chretien), however, they mentioned that they will do their meeting online for that evening.</p> <p>Hall Rental - Top Reseau Chretien - This group would like to rent the hall for December 20th (4:00 pm to 8:00 pm) for their community supper.</p>	
6	<p>New Business:</p> <p>1. Proposed salary increases – We received the 2026 Diocese financial documents along with the salary scale document. The Diocese Executive council suggests that all contract salaries have a 3% increase. All wardens are in favor with the rate increase for the contract salary employees.</p> <p>2. End of Life Presentation – Father John mentioned that since it is so busy in the parishes, there will be no End Of Life Presentation this month or next. The presentation will be provided sometime in January 2026. More information to follow.</p> <p>3. Pro-4 Saisons snow removal update – Theresa updated the wardens, that Pro 4 Saisons will not be providing manual snow removal for the walkway up to the rectory front door, and the connector walkway. Lyll has volunteered to clean these walkways when he does the 2 side security exits or as needed he will drop by the church after snowfall and clean the walkways.</p> <p>4. Warden discussion regarding use of small tambourines at Sunday Mass – The use of the small tambourines and the clapping of hands are interfering with Greg's playing the organ, some members of the choir, and some of the congregation during the Sunday mass celebration. Father John mentioned that a more open, honest and respectful conversation needs to happen regarding the inclusiveness of a new cultural element during the Sunday mass.</p> <p>5. Christmas Mass Schedule – Linda Cameron – The Inter-Parish Planning Committee will hold a meeting to discuss the planning of the Christmas Mass schedule.</p> <p>6. Code of Ethics – Linda will update the list of the Warden Code of Ethics document.</p> <p>7. Christmas Bake Sale date – This years Christmas bake sale and coffee afternoon will be held December 6, 2025. Gail and Lyall will prepare the poster for more information. A copy of the poster will be put on our website and a copy sent to Cheryl Cameron for posting on the Mayo Folks Facebook page.</p>	
7	Next Meeting: November 20, 2025 @ 10:00 AM in the Rectory meeting room.	
8	Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Susan Lemieux and Gail Preston	