

St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council  
Summary Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025

**Meeting called to order:** 6:33 p.m.

**Opening Prayer/Reflection:** Pam Boggs

**Roll Call and Verification of Quorum:** Lani F. Gore (acting secretary for June 2025 meeting)  
**In Attendance (bold):** Fr. James Aboyi, Fr. Augustine Acheme, Luis Acosta, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Deacon JC Juan Gonzales, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Mike Low, Chris Smith, Agustin Vizcarra, **Deacon Ed Winklebauer**

**Excused:** Marilyn Johnston, Chris Smith, Agustin Vizcarra

**Guests: Pastoral Council Candidates:** Forrest Copper, Lisa Majchrzak, Berrylee Pereira, Carolina Venot

**Agenda/Meeting Minutes:**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes (May 2025):**

- One correction to the minutes – our next meeting was not June 4, 2025, meeting date was changed to June 18, 2025
- Jerry Biegler made a motion to approve May 2025 minutes and Deacon Ed seconded.
- Minutes were approved unanimously by council members in attendance

**\*\*Session closed at 6:42 p.m. by Pamela Boggs\*\***

- **Pastoral Council Vice-President Election (Closed Session)**

- Jerry Biegler was approved by Father James

- **FY 2025-2026 Pastoral Council Elections (Closed Session)**

- 2 Openings for Council members, each candidate will have approximately 5 minutes to speak to the Council, Council members will have a chance to ask questions
- Applicants: Session closed at 7:33 by Pamela Boggs to discuss candidates
  - Berrylee Pereira
  - Lisa Majchrzak (mahshock)
  - Carolina Venot (Caro-leena Veenot)
  - Forrest Cooper
  - Paper Ballot Vote: New council members selected – Lisa Majchrzak and Carolina Venot. New Council members elected were approved by Father James

- **St. John Bosco Report:** Jamie Bescak, Principal

- Enrollment: 457 for the upcoming school year
- Full Grades: Pre K, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
- Openings in grades: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>

- New water fountains and fillable stations installed across the campus
- Some classrooms have been repainted
- Shade structure ordered, the goal is to have it installed before school starts, permit in progress and could take up to 9 months
- All demolition in back PE restrooms is complete and restroom remodels are well underway

### **Ministry Reports:**

- **Events - Lani Gore:**

- June:
  - Reception for Russ's Funeral
  - Brunch for Fr. Connor's Ordination
  - Farewell Potluck for Sr. Delia
- July:
  - Friday, July 11th is the Feast of St. Benedict. There will be Mass at 7 p.m. with a small reception afterwards in Annexes 3 and 4
  - Panera Dine Out Event: Sunday, July 27, 2025 4 – 8 p.m. at Panera on Warner and I10, St. Benedict will receive 30% of your purchase
- Upcoming Events:
  - Friday, August 1, 2025 - Bingo at 6 p.m. in the SJB MPR. Gift cards and bingo prizes are always needed.

- **Knights of Columbus - Mike Low:**

- June 2025:
  - Podium time for the membership drive – had approx. 6 people join
  - State Convention for the Knights ended up being a fundraiser
  - The Blood drive went smoothly, the coordination with the school was good
  - The new KOC website is a new communications channel for the KOC, they are working to see how that can be linked with the church  
<https://kofc12246.org>
  - KOC Adopt a street 40<sup>th</sup> street between Chandler and Ray Road
  - KOC Gave Fr. Connor a gift at the Celebration Brunch after his Ordination
  - Donating \$3,500 to SVdP, looking to do other fundraising events

- **Building/Facilities - Deacon. Ed Winkelbauer:**

- Issues with the noise from the entry doors in the Narthex have been fixed
- Projector on the South side has been fixed
- Assisted Living meeting next week, with update at the next Pastoral Council meeting

### **Pastor/Staff Reports:**

- **Parochial Vicar Report – Fr. Augustine Acheme:**
  - Fr. Augustine had an emergency and needed to leave
- **Parish Manager Report – Agustin Vizcarra:**
  - Agustin on Vacation
- **Pastor's Report - Fr. James Aboyi**

- Father offered his condolences to the Council members at the death of our Parish Council President Russ and a thank you for all the Council's prayers and support during the funeral
- Russ's funeral brought new registrations to the Parish
- Finance council passed the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year budget for the Parish and the school.
- Fr. Connor's Ordination went well. He is assigned to St. Mary Basha.
- Daily Mass attendance is steady even though it's summer
- Confession attendance is steady even though it's summer
- Vacation Bible School went well with over 80 children in attendance
- Sr. Delia has left St. Benedict for her next assignment – Sister Novie will join us in August
- A request from some Parishioners to start/revive a new ministry
  - The Prayer Blanket Ministry -They will make blankets for the sick and homebound as well as for infant baptism
  - They will do a pulpit presentation to let Parishioners know about the ministry
- Bishop John Dolan requests that every Parish have a Young Adult Synod, there will be meetings within the Deanery and Deacons will be included in the meetings. There are many Youth events on Whatsapp and Facebook. We need a representative to represent our Parish
- Phil Arkfeld started a new Youth Choir ministry; they sang on Sunday evening.
- Looking for 5ft Statues of St. Benedict before July 11<sup>th</sup> and a Divine Mercy statue, each statue will be placed by the votive candles
- We are planning to consecrate our Parish on December 8, 2025 to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart.
- Feast of St. Benedict July 11<sup>th</sup>, reception after the Mass. We would like to show a St. Benedict movie before or after the Mass
- Digitizing and centralizing records for Pastoral Council, the idea is to put folders in the Google drive for the ministries, this will enable us to have better record keeping and preserve the history of the church

**New Business:** Future Topic – Discuss Pastoral Council members being on committees

**Council Member Announcements – all members:** None

**Closing Prayer:**

- Lani closed the meeting with a prayer on mourning from the Hallow App

Meeting Adjourned: 8:18 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 (no meeting in July)

Minutes taken by Lani Gore and respectfully submitted to Marilyn Johnston, Secretary, and Pam Boggs, President for Review. Summary of Minutes: Marilyn Johnston, Secretary