

Pastoral Council  
Summary Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2025

**In Attendance:** Fr. James, Fr. Augustine, Luis Acosta, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Deacon Juan Gonzalez, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Mike Low, Chris Smith, Russ Spencer, Agustin Vizcarra, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

6:32pm Meeting called to order

Opening reflection –Russ led a reflection based on writings of Bishop Fulton Sheen.

Roll call verified a quorum.

February meeting minutes were approved by Mike, seconded by Jerry and accepted unanimously.

**SJB** – Jamie

- Next year enrollment -442 students -387 students have re-enrolled
- Kitty Whitlow (Art teacher) is battling cancer at home with family and hospice.
- Presently we're interviewing for an Art teacher. Due to retirements, we have openings for 2 pre-K teachers, 1 for the 3-year-old class, a p/t Librarian and a p/t Development Director.
- Parent Survey Results were shared.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

Events –Lani

- 02/23-Parish Picnic had fewer parishioners in attendance than last year; 10 people came following the Spanish Mass. We are working to make this work for all Masses.
- 03/07- The Fish Dinner is held following Stations in Annex 3 and 4 at 6:30pm. This allows time for all to attend either before or after Stations in English or Spanish.
- 03/08- Rummage Sale
- 03/23- Dine out event from noon until 4pm at Arriba's at Chandler and 48<sup>th</sup> St.
- Easter Egg shopping will take place on Easter Sunday in the MPR. We are looking for donations of filled eggs; a wish list is on Amazon; the code can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Knights of Columbus –Mike

- 02/12 next Council meeting
- 02/23 Knights assisted with food prep, grilling and serving at the Parish Picnic
- 02/26 – coordinated the Parish Rosary
- 03/06-08 Knights assisted at the Parish Rummage Sale.
- 03/07 -Coordinated Adoration
- 03/09 -Family Promise room set-up

- State Raffle tickets sales continue.
- 03/13 next Council meeting
- 03/14 Knights lead the Stations of the Cross
- 03/15-16 Baby Bottle Drive launches to benefit First Way Pregnancy Center
- 03/16 Family Promise room take-down
- 03/29 Fr. Bob Binta Council Annual Golf Tournament
- 04/26 Parish CPR Training
- Our Council hosts the KofC State Convention on 05/2-4
- Next Blood Drives: 05/18 and 09/21

#### Building/Facility – Deacon Ed

- There is more work being done in the Church and Chapel, primarily decorating.
- To begin work on the Senior Living Facility by June/July, we need to move the modulares. The Diocese will get 1 modular and we will keep one. The one we keep will get relocated to the North side of the property.

#### **PAROCHIAL VICAR'S REPORT** – Fr. Augustine

- We have a need for more parking spaces especially during our bigger Masses. We should pick up about 100 more spaces when the Senior Living Facility is built.
- Fr. James has been in contact with the teacher who is in hospice and her sacramental needs are being met.

#### **PARISH ADMINISTRATION** – Agustin

- New Honeywell thermostats have been installed; we will receive a substantial rebate.
- The Spanish Ministry is moving forward with a Coordinator. The Altar Servers need a coordinator.
- A Spanish Mission will follow the English one.

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT** – Fr. James

- Ash Wednesday and the Stations are going well
- A Liturgy meeting was held today.
- Family Promise is in the MPR all week; overnight accommodation and meals are provided
- The Rummage sale brought in about \$9200.
- We are presently working on budgets for the Church and SJB School.
- A Spanish Mission will be held the week after the Parish Lenten Mission. The retreat will be directed by Martin Zavala.
- There will be an Information Night on 03/24 in the MPR at SJB. Focus will be on the Senior Living Facility. We are waiting for confirmation of the date for groundbreaking.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night will be 05/17
- 03/27 is a meeting of all Ministry Leaders

- The Diocese is very interested in a Young Adult Ministry for those age 19-27 or 28, There will be a zoom meeting on 03/26. The Diocese is asking for 1 person from each parish to attend.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Benedict Parish – Fr. would like to invite the Bishop either on July 11<sup>th</sup> (St. Benedict feast day) or in October when the Church was founded.

#### **FY2025-2026 PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

- Motion- Russ motioned the Council members to consider the re-appointment of Chris and Jerry to a second 3-year term. Lani seconded the motion; all voting members voted unanimously in favor of extending each of their terms. Amy will advertise for 2 vacancies in the bulletin.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chris noted that people have spoken to her regarding the difficulty in finding the Church and the proper entrances. It was noted that signage is missing on the SE corner of the property. More signs are being discussed both outside and inside the Church.

Russ will email concerning the next meeting date of April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry said the closing prayer  
7:34pm Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Johnston, Secretary