

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2026

**In Attendance:** Fr. Manasseh, Fr. Emmanuel, Luis Acosta, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Keith Call, Deacon JC Gonzalez, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Mike Low, Lisa Majchrzak, Carolina Venot

**Excused:** Chris Smith, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

6:30pm Pam called the meeting to order

Opening Prayer-Luis

Roll call verified a quorum

Luis made a motion to accept the February minutes; Lani seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO REPORT – Jamie**

- Next week is Spring Break for the staff and students.
- We should have the 5-year Financial Budget completed by the end of March. All staff are returning next year.
- The Pastoral Council members will receive the Principal's Message and Bulldog Bite via email.
- Hogan McDonald has been named Assistant Principal; Krissy Bileski will be the full time Pre-School Director. A new position of Security Monitor has been established.
- We have an opening for an RN-school nurse and a full-time maintenance person.
- 464 students are enrolled for next school year. 10 offers are still out.
- Lenten Activities-
  1. 3/18- Living Stations at 1:30 in the Church
  2. 3/20 Church and School faculty and staff will have a combined retreat
  3. 3/27 SJB Family Stations at the school followed by Fish Fry in the MPR
  4. Monday of Holy Week each teacher prays the Stations with their class.
  5. 4/2 Passion Play at 9am followed by a retreat within each class.
- We continue to make progress on all goals for Accreditation. A religion assessment has been added.
- SJB received a Catholic Foundation grant of \$20,500 for music.

**MINISTRY REPORTS**

## Knights of Columbus – Mike

- 2/7 Knights' Parish Valentine's Dance was a success; a photographer was included.
- 2/12 Council donation authorized to dental care non-profit Eleni's Promise
- 2/15 Knights grilled for the Parish Picnic until 3:15pm.
- 2/21 Knights' Basketball Challenge for 9–14-year-olds at SJB. Thanks to Luis for organizing this; 2 participants will continue to State.
- 2/25 Knights coordinated the Parish Rosary
- There were 17 new members this year.
- 3/1 Launch of the KofC State Raffle. Ticket sales through April. Drawing is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3/6 Knights will lead the Stations of the Cross
- 3/6-7 Knights will assist with the Parish Rummage Sale
- 3/12 Knight's council Meeting at 7 pm in Annex 3
- 3/6-15 Knights will set up and take down the environment for Family Promise
- 4/2 Knights will host the Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Dobson Ranch. See the Knight's website for sponsor opportunities and golfer registration <https://koc12246.org/>

## Events – Lani

- 2/15 Parish Picnic-Fewer people attended this year. We extended the time to accommodate parishioners attending the 1pm Mass.
- Fish Fry continues after Friday Stations of the Cross. Dinners continue through March hosted by the following groups- 3/6 Knights of Columbus, 3/13 St. Vincent de Paul, 3/20 Porters of St. Joseph, 3/27 SJB Families (Dinner will be in the MPR)
- 3/7 Annual Rummage Sale- donations are filling the annexes; the SJB Dad's Club has also been asked to help. Donated items can be brought to the school until 3pm on Friday. Advertising has been in the Ahwatukee Foothills News, the Catholic Sun, Ahwatukee 411 and our social media platforms.
- 4/5 Easter Egg Shopping after the 9am Mass for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. There will be raffle baskets, golden eggs containing \$1, lots of eggs and goodies to 'shop' for. There is a QR code for donations-everything for this event is donated.

## PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Manasseh

- Ash Wednesday went well. A thank you to everyone; we need to work out some details as the EMHC's were asked to give out ashes. We are increasing the number of people attending Ash Wednesday.

- We would like to start a Marriage Ministry. We are also looking for 2 parishioners to be trained in the Annulment Ministry. An office will be made available for the Marriage Counselors and Annulment Ministers. These materials are confidential.
- We need general storage space and meeting space; this will become critical when the annexes are removed for the assisted living building.

#### Parish Administration Report – Keith

- 3/23 Presentation of Getting Your Affairs in Order – concerning will, estate planning
- Our Parish is in good standing following the annual Board of Directors meeting.
- A letter is being sent to the Bishop Dolan requesting permission to proceed with the planning and development of a new Parish Hall. While some of the construction money will come from the builders, we will need to raise the rest. Luis feels very positive that parishioners will financially support this.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### Feedback on Youth Mass:

- The subdued lighting provided a calming, reflective atmosphere in the Church
- Attendance numbers have fluctuated; planning after Mass activities and getting youth involved with the music should help attendance.
- Iggy will lead the music and will have practice before the Mass
- Melissa is working with the scheduler and getting the youth of the parish as lectors

7:49pm Mike closed the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Johnston, Secretary