

Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2025

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

6:30 pm Meeting called to order
Opening Prayer – Mike
Roll Call verified a quorum

Minutes were approved by Mike, seconded by Pam and accepted unanimously

GIFT SHOP MINISTRY – Lisa presented

- Gift Shop opened December 15, 2024. Lisa, Amy Fletcher and Kim Dorney were instrumental in all aspects of the gift shop. There are 16+ volunteers at present.
- They accept requests for particular items. They encourage conversation and hospitality.
- Rosary for America and God Bless America items are featured this summer along with Jubilee prayer cards. Items are being ordered for Christmas. More Spanish items are coming in.
- Gift Shop sales are very good.
- Lisa hopes to expand the store hours during the week and after daily Mass.
- Lisa presently volunteers 28-32 hours a week, doing the merchandising, volunteer training and advertising.

ST. JOHN BOSCO -Jamie

- Enrollment for the next school year is 450 students.
- Birdies 4 Boscoe was a great success, hoping for a \$25,000 profit-the highest to date.
- Accreditation- The next review of our goals will be in 2028. The teachers have already completed some of the goals. This year they will be working on ELA and comprehensive writing plans for all levels, specific gospel values and service projects for each grade
- Upon review of the 2023-24 student test scores, SJB students were performing above grade across the board. These scores are compared to students in the 30+ diocesan elementary schools.
- The SJB video of campus is almost complete and will be up on the website soon.

MINISTRY REPORTS

EVENTS – Lani

- Profit from the Fish Fry following Stations of the Cross this year was \$1096
- Easter Egg Hunt was the biggest turnout to date; the kids had a great time.
- Pastor and Principal 8th Grade dinner was held on 4/22/25

- Third annual St Benedict Gala took place on May 3rd. Gross income was about \$30,000. We are awaiting final expenses from the Marriott and final income from the Sacred Art Gallery.
- Sunday June 8th is Deacon Connor Companik's Ordination brunch following the 9 am Mass. Please RSVP via the QR code in the bulletin or Bulldog Bite.
- Sunday, June 15th following the 5 pm Mass, we're having a potluck farewell for Sr. Delia. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a dish.
- July Bingo- gift cards and bingo prizes are welcome

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -Mike

- 4/10 Council meeting
- 4/26 Knights coordinated the Parish CPR Training. There were 12 participants. Another training is targeted for November
- 4/30 Knights led the monthly Parish Rosary at 7 pm; the main Church doors will be opened.
- 5/01-5/03 Our Knights' council hosted the State Knights Convention.
- 5/02 Knights coordinated Parish Adoration
- 5/03 was the drawing for the Knights' Raffle – winners to be announced.
- 5/17 (Multi-Council Community) Italian Dinner at Corpus Christi at 7 pm
- 5/17-18 Council Membership drive following all Masses
- Parish Blood Drive -5/18
- Parish Blood Drive – 9/21

BUILDING/FACILITIES – Deacon Ed – Please leave the south doors open during Mass. The doors are making a noise and the frames need to be re-enforced.

PASTOR'S REPORT

PARISH ADMINISTRATION – Augustine

- The Hispanic Ministry is growing. Apologies to the Gift Shop for a mix-up last week. Training is ongoing. Please bring any issues to Augustine.
- Modular Units are still ours for now and we'll keep using them.
- A Welcome Sunday event was held after the Sunday 1pm Mass. Please notify Lani if such an event is planned and it can be put on the calendar.
- Sound equipment is being monitored for issues in different parts of the Church. Please provide feedback.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. James

- Thank you to Jamie and Lani for all the events which bring in more parishioners.
- Follow-up on Chase's proposal for benches outside Church: Park benches will be placed under the Bell Tower. They are still looking for appropriate benches to be placed in the arches.
- Holy Week- On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we had the longest Confession lines and both priests were in the confessionals. We need to provide Spanish materials for Reconciliation. 800 people attended 9 am Easter Mass. 280 people attended the 1 pm Easter Mass.
- Attendance at daily Mass is increasing so we may move Mass to the Church.

- Call To Love is a new ministry coming from the Spanish ministry.
- There were 78 First Communion candidates. The church was very full that day.
- 60 people attended Movie Night.
- The Budget should be finalized and approved by Finance Council in May or June.
- Sr. Novie will be Sr. Delia's replacement; she will arrive August 9th.
- Vacation Bible School is all set.
- Connor Companik will be ordained at All Saints. He will celebrate Mass here at St. Benedict on June 8th with a reception to follow.
- Volunteer Appreciation and 40th Anniversary is re-scheduled to October 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Application deadline for the open positions on Pastoral Council has been extended to May 17th.
- We will hold a special meeting on June 18th for the selection process and selection of a new VP.
- Mike noted that after our last meeting, some council members had discussed the use of space once the modulars were removed. Fr. James indicated that some spaces will be re-configured and Jamie indicated the school classrooms that would be made available as needed.

Closing Prayer – Lani

Next regular meeting – June 4, 2025

Russ adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Johnston, Secretary