

Pastoral Council  
Summary Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2025

**In Attendance:** Fr. Manasseh, Luis Acosta, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Deacon JC Gonzales, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Mike Low, Lisa Majchrzak (via zoom), Chris Smith, Carolina Venot, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

6:31pm Pam called the meeting to order

Opening Prayer – Chris read a welcoming prayer for Fr. Manasseh. Members welcomed him back to St. Benedict.

Roll call verified a quorum

August 2025 meeting minutes were approved by Jerry and seconded by Carolina. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO REPORT – Jamie**

- Enrollment is at 455 Students
- Please pray for the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders who are going to Prescott for a retreat this weekend
- Safety Talk/Review
  1. Reviewed similarities noted in school shootings
  2. Continue partnership of SJB, St. Benedict Parish, Parents and Law Enforcement
  3. Current safety procedures for the school and church were reviewed
  4. Possible recommendations were discussed including: window coverings, increased training and increased monitoring.
  5. Final – Chris Smith, Luis Acosta, Carolina Venot, Pam Boggs and Francis Majchrzak (a Porter of St. Joseph) have formed a committee to review these recommendations. They will report back to Jamie and Fr. Manasseh who will take them on to the Finance Council, SJB Advisory Board, and parents of SJB students.

**MINISTRY REPORTS**

Events – Lani -report submitted via Google docs

- July 11- Feast of St. Benedict and Reception
- July 27- Panera Dine out earned about \$200
- August 1 – Bingo had 70 in attendance and earned \$1313
- August 17 -Welcome event for Sr. Novie

- August 23- Farewell potluck for Fr. James and Fr. Augustine
- September 7 – Welcome Sunday and Welcome Fr. Manasseh. All council members are urged to attend.
- November 15- Fall Fiest
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Benedict Parish – to be determined

#### Knights of Columbus – Mike-report submitted

- August 25 Officer Installation
- August 27 Monthly Parish Rosary
- September 6 -Funeral Mass at 11am for Past Grand Knight, Doug Gasser
- September 11 -next Council meeting
- September 21 – Blood Drive
- September 24 – Parrish Rosary
- September 25 – Council meeting
- October 19 – Rosary Sunday 50 year anniversary

#### **PASTOR’S REPORT** – Fr. Manasseh

- Thank you to everyone as he is welcomed back. This is a big time of transition and Fr. is very grateful to the office staff and Deacon Ed for their help.
- My Vision
  1. A parish where all participate in the mission of Christ in serving this parish and community.
  2. We listen to all but foremost we must uphold fidelity to the Church especially regarding the Liturgy.
  3. Strengthen all the ministries- make them more open to everyone so all may find a place to serve in the Church.
  4. It is very important to grow and strengthen the Porters of St. Joseph ministry.
  5. Security is very important; the parishioners need to feel secure at Church.
- Fr. Emmanuel Ogla should arrive September 23-25.
- We are actively looking for priests to cover the Masses for the next couple of weeks. Fr. Manasseh will be attending a Vicars of Christ Retreat and the Diocesan Convocation.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council members are asked to attend the Welcome Sunday (Sept. 7th) after the 9 am Mass.
- Deacon Ed announced that Fr. Dennis has been allowed by the Diocese to put his name on the list for the Assisted Living Facility

- Marilyn shared that Family Promise has nominated Tracy Ryan for the Phoenix Business Journal's Volunteer of the Year.

8:10 pm Lisa closed the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Johnston, Secretary