

## Pulse of the Parish February 2022

Parish Council Member	Summary
<b>Christina</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report.</li> </ul>
<b>Dave</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boy scouts - camping out March 25-27. Summer camp in June and a canoe trip in June.</li> <li>• Cub scouts - they will be at the Police Station downtown Akron to learn about the police on 3/14.</li> <li>• CYO sports - basketball tournaments start next week for 6/7/8/12th grade teams. Spring sports start 3/7. Track will have about 100 participants.</li> <li>• Boosters - they are finalizing a date for Night at the Races - 4/29. It has been a little difficult for them to secure this date. There is some concern over finances, but income has exceeded expenses.</li> </ul>
<b>Sue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Samaritan Hunger Center - One concern I have is that people are doing lots of dumping around our trash dumpster over here. I know we have cameras and that they work, would like to try and prosecute at some point if possible, which would involve seeing what is on the cameras. We cannot afford to pay to have this stuff removed each time we have trash.</li> <li>• Council comments - No cameras in back, maybe signs about no dumping, maybe lights, maybe sign about area under surveillance.</li> <li>• Karen Bader has a concern about being notified about funerals and memorial masses that have been postponed and are being held months even over a year after the person has died. The obituary comes out right away but says a service will be held at a later date. Is there a way to get word out to the parishioners when the service is actually scheduled? Perhaps an email blast a few days before it is going to be held.</li> </ul>
<b>Ed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVDP: Pretty good on membership and being able to cover assignment cards. Requests for assistance are running at a normal pace, with requests for rent assistance slightly up since the eviction moratorium has now expired. We refer persons who may be eligible under the Summit Cares program where possible. Received a monetary distribution from a local, private family foundation, which when added to other periodic donations received through the red envelope collection and the poor box, should place us in decent financial shape for at least the calendar year 2022.</li> <li>• As has been the practice for years, we continue not to assign female members of the group to that part of the parish demarked by Copley Road to the north, Diagonal Road to the east and south, and Crestview Ave to the west. Although all of our activity takes place during daylight hours the local news still reports too many drive-by shootings, burglaries.</li> <li>• Keeping track of CDC guidance as well as local COVID figures before deciding to re-institute the long-standing Vincentian policy of home visits in all cases. Not quite there yet, although Omicron numbers have precipitously declined in Summit County the last couple of weeks and the hospitalizations at Summa, Cleveland Clinic and Childrens are way down during that time frame.</li> <li>• SOCIAL JUSTICE: No report.</li> </ul>

<b>Marcy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new.</li> </ul>
<b>Tracie</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 couples participated. Everything went smoothly. A couple from St. Hillary's presented the Communication and Conflict Resolution</li> </ul>
<b>Ivan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Natalie</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing received.</li> </ul>
<b>Jennie</b>	<p><b>Marketing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spectacular is Saturday, approx. 170 guests, lots of fun live and silent auction items</li> <li>• February issue of the BrickLot has been sent out</li> <li>• Catholic Schools Week Open House welcomed several new families, very busy at the preschool</li> <li>• The Online parish calendar has been re-established</li> <li>• Still deciding on the plan for Grandparents Day</li> </ul> <p><b>St. Sebastian Foundation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Alumni Newsletter – Winter 2022 edition has been published.</li> <li>• Arrow Society plaque: We will be adding over 5 new nameplates.</li> <li>• If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation's planned giving program, The Arrow Society...let Kathy know.</li> <li>• Parish Archives - We have over 8 volunteers and hope to start in March. –If you are interested in learning more about the Parish Archive Team...let Kathy know.</li> <li>• Two (2) Picnic tables have been ordered and delivered! These tables will be place over at Byrider especially for the Grounds Crew and will be installed when the weather cooperates!</li> <li>• The Foundation will once again host the annual Foundation Scholarship Mass at 9:30 a.m. on March 24, 2022</li> </ul> <p><b>Sanctuary Society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking for volunteers for the coming year</li> <li>• New date for the International Festival is July 30th – will be publicizing soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met 2/17/22 – Zoom only</li> <li>• School updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fall enrollment is still happening</li> <li>○ 4&amp;5 yr old classes are full ; 3 yr olds classes are ¾ full</li> <li>○ Grant for Rooted in Faith for \$7,000 for pre-school</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Spectacular <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$32,000 in sponsorships, 150-180 are expected to attend</li> <li>○ Finance Council has 2 auction items and smores packet</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parish finances</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revenue was were unfavorable for the month of January – due to the mail not coming in due to weather (snow and ice storms); however revenue is favorable for the year</li> <li>○ Expenses are favorable</li> <li>○ School revenue unfavorable for January, favorable for the year</li> <li>○ Foundation will send over 4% of balance to the school – in February, use for tuition assistance, tc.</li> <li>○ School expenses are unfavorable to last year due to the raise increases and more custodial staff</li> <li>- Looking to reduce utilities, Byrider roof will be finished when weather allows it.</li> <li>● Next meeting will be March 24<sup>th</sup> will go through the state of the facility with Mike Zimmerman.</li> </ul>
<b>Jim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Follow-up mass class.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Alex</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Everything going well report.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Susan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Lectors: No</b></li> <li>● <b>Ushers: Looking for new volunteers.</b></li> <li>● <b>Girl Scouts: Ice bumper cars, had confirmation retreat</b></li> <li>● <b>Women of St. Sebastian: Continue with activities.</b></li> <li>● <b>Votives: Nothing new</b></li> </ul>