

Pulse of the Parish May 2023

Parish Council Member	Summary
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th grade boys, 7th grade boys and 8th grade boys all won their respective track championships! 7th grade girls finished second in their championship! 6/7 grade was a Sectional Championship and 8th grade was a diocesan championship. • Lacrosse had 14 girls playing this season. 3,4,5 graders played against 6th grade teams. • Volleyball, had 4 girls play with the IHM team. Won the CYO title! • Booster Club continues to work on bylaws and Mission Statement with goal to have in place later this year.
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVDP: Mr Smith characterizes things as stable. Normal number and type of weekly requests for assistance. Adequate funding at present. • Social Justice: Present: Harry Skeen, Linda Skeen, Carolyn Varner, Mary Yanko, Mary Tschantz, Tschantz, Rita Rochford, Bernie Rochford • Prayer: Prayer for Mercy (to end death penalty), Carolyn Varner • General Session: Carolyn Varner led the discussion of "TOWARDS A POLITICS OF COMMUNION, Catholic Social Teaching in Dark Times", Chapter 1, pages 15-23 <p>Minutes: The Minutes for March were approved; they will be filed and made available for distribution to the parishes' websites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Vincent: • The following group conversations are being held for parishioners and members of the community at large. More information can be found on the St. Vincent website: https://www.stvincentchurch.com/ • • Black and White Discussion, May 13th at 11:45am in Scullen Room • • LGBTQ Discussion April 22nd, 10:00-11:30am, check website for location • • Alpha Program, April 13th, 6:30-8:30pm in the Corrigan and Scullen Rooms • St. Sebastian: • GUARDIAN ANGELS AND YOU - You are invited to learn more about praying with your angel on Wednesday April 5 at 6:00pm in Byrider Hall. RSVP to Sue Sassano 330-606-2528 by April 4 if you would like to attend. • Catholic Commission Update: • • A Mayoral Forum was held at Garfield High School sponsored by Catholic Commission, LWVAA, NAACP and others. • The event was well attended, effectively organized, and well moderated resulting in good information for those in attendance. • Other: • • A Mayoral Forum was held at ST. Sebastian Zwisler Hall that was sponsored by several Block groups in the neighborhood. • It was well attended (over 100 attendees) and both well run plus informative.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Mary Robbins from LWVAA will be invited to our May meeting to discuss Faithful Citizenship. • Announcements: • 1. May 5th - First Friday Club – Holly Klein, Co-founder of Grace House • Our Lady of Cedars, 507 South Cleveland Massillon Road – Doors open at 11:00 am • Next meeting: Sunday, May 21st, following the 8:30am liturgy at St. Vincent. • Dave and Mary to lead discussion: Chapter 1, pages 23-46 of “TOWARDS A POLITICS OF COMMUNION” Prayer/Treat: Mary and Dave • H. Skeen
Marcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Will	<p>HASA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HASA has created 3 new ministries to better serve the school and provide stronger linkage between the families and St. Sebastian. Committees will be supported by volunteers and chaired by HASA board members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evangelization Committee ○ Fundraising Committee ○ Parent Engagement Committee
Natalie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Jennie	
Jim	<p>Server Ministry-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New plan to have rotating young servers with 1 experienced server 3 times a week and homeschoolers on weekends has been scrapped...”violently” • Weekday servers serve at random no more than 3x per month; homeschoolers can fulfill their monthly requirement in one week if desired. • Reverting to the plan used January-April...all are in agreement (parents, teachers, servers) • #1 priority is to keep family members serving together for synergy and easier to schedule for Mom and Dad...call it the Family Plan <p>Audio/Visual -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new...spare port is functioning “for the win” • There is no backup if a video card chokes

- Wayne will investigate new cards given time to do so

PSR -

- Registrations are open...actively recruiting
- Desire to have continuing participation from previous classes

Hannah

Grounds Crew

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Parish Foundation

- Annual Report – final draft this week
- Teacher Bonus Fund – distributed to teachers
- 8th Graders – assembling graduation packets for this week
- Leave A Legacy Weekend – planned giving awareness: July 8-9 masses
- Tours? If anyone is interested in a tour of our campus – let Kathy know. Here is the link for the virtual tour that I created during COVID: <https://youtu.be/F95dxuSPTRY>
- ○ Or go to the landing page for the Foundation on our parish website and click the “Learn More” on the “Foundation 50th Anniversary Virtual Tour.”

Finance Council

- April 20 meeting; next meeting is 5/25
- Road work continuing through September
- Julius passed away; the parish is purchasing the house
- School enrollment is looking positive
- \$131K net from the Spectacular
- Church revenue YOY was up; delinquent tuition is only \$37K (which is not substantial against \$1.4M; \$17K is over 90 date delinquent)
- School expenses are favorable as well
- Superintendent of Catholic Schools for Cleveland came do
- St. Sebastian is one of the 19 schools in the Diocese not accepting School Choice; getting some pressure to accept School Choice
 - Committee of stakeholders are evaluating the opportunity

Marketing

- Lots of year end tours
- Preparing welcome postcards for K and Preschool students
- Musical Art Series postcard in progress
- Graduation program and award certificates are complete
- Father’s Ordination Celebration this Sunday...Live music, food truck, beverages all free
- New Family Picnic – August 17
- Virtues Training at St. Sebastian Parish – August 23rd
- Open House – August 20
- K/Preschool Dinner – October 6th

Parish Council Email

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No credible emails to report.
Susan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women of St. Sebastian: The group remains active having hosted a family hike, family bonfire, open gym, kids' swim, and book study group. The book this month is The Midnight Library (Haig). This summer will be a weekly/monthlyfamily Holy Hour.• Votives: No report.• Ushers: No report.• Girl Scouts: The troop will supply the food and baggies as they are working with a troop from Kenmore to make 300 PBJ sandwiches for the homeless.• Lectors: No report. <p style="text-align: right;">St. Sebastian, Pray for Us! 🙏</p>