

**Pulse of the Parish
October 2022**

Parish Council Member	Summary
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boosters - new treasurer: Erin Ereth. • CYO Athletics- Girls and boys cross country both win CYO Championships. 1st ever for girls and 2nd in a row for boys. • 97 players for basketball. 4 cheerleaders but no coach yet. • St Sebastian continues to be a place where our sister schools can send kids when they can't field their own teams. We currently have players from St Vincent de Paul, St Mary's and St Hilary. • December 2nd is Terrier Madness for the basketball team. Also, new uniforms are being provided for the basketball team • Basketball floor at Byrider - defer full sanding and refinishing until next year. Further discussions with the flooring company to follow.
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSCC - N/R • emHC - Karen would like the parish council's thoughts on bringing back the Precious Blood. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining the ministry there are trainings on Nov. 10th 7-9:30 at Holy Martyrs in Medina and Sunday Nov. 13 2-4:30 at St. Francis de Sales. • GSHG- N/R • Parish garden- N/R
Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SVDP: Back up to 10-14 calls a week even without 211 referrals. In short, we are busy. Food costs are putting people behind on rent and utilities. Summit Cares program has paid out \$63 million to 8,750 households in the County and ends on the 28th. They are out of money. So I expect us to stay busy. Bank balance will suffice for the year. Year-end tax deduction donations and the one private foundation grant we have received each December will be important for what we will be able to do in early 2023. Bernard Smith • Social Justice Committee: We are continuing to wrap our brains around the final parts of "Praedicate Evangelium". God bless you and the work of the Council. Carolyn •
Marcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • yearly concert schedule distributed
Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<p>Will</p>	<p>Cubscouts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased count from 25 boys in 2021 to 45+ in 2022. Campout planned for November 11th/12th. <p>Knights of Columbus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Winners to be selected December 14th and winning posters to be displayed in Vestibule. Fill the Crib campaign complete. Embrace received carload of items and \$600 cash <p>HASA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monster Mash was a success with over 80 familieies partciicpating. DJ, Pizza, and Photographer was a hit and over \$1,000 raised to be put towards future expenses Read-a-Thon kicking off November 7th-11th. Kids can get pledges and raise funds towards their reading minutes. Teachers and classes all get involved and can win prizes Next HASA meeting is December 8th and HASA team is hoping Mr. Rohr can present state of the school and our outstanding MAP scores Parents looking for electronic payment option for events. HASA working with Milissa Smith on options
<p>Natalie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>Jennie</p>	<p>Sanctuary Society</p>
<p>Jim</p>	<p>Altar Servers</p> <p>Maria has taken a survey of servers/parents related to changing daily Mass from 8am to 7:30am:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I took a poll of the serving families and asked their input on the proposed time. First, the stats. We have 51 current servers. ^[i] Of these 10 are homeschoolers and most of the weekend-only servers are highschoolers. We have 22 servers available for weekdays. Of those 22, 7 are non-day school members (homeschooled/Chesterton academy): Four Coulter boys, two Johnsons and Eddie McCausland. 19 people replied to a poll on the new time. 1 said that he would begin serving at 7:30 and doesn't currently serve at 8. 2 said they will not serve the 7:30, but do currently serve the 8. The rest said they will either like the 7:30 time better, or don't have a preference. (Evenly split 8 and 8) 17 replied on sub requests. 7/17 said they would likely volunteer to cover a sub request at the new time. 11/17 said they would not. ^[ii] We would lose three weekday servers in the summer. They will turn inactive for those months.

	<p>As a summary, I think it would help the day school on paper. There would be four more people available who are day school students and currently serve weekends only. Practically, I don't know how many would take you up on the offer because old habits die hard. I think those who already volunteer will continue to volunteer. Those who sub will continue to sub.</p> <p>Audio/Visual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne and Lynn are pursuing the additional choir loft microphone connections • Coverage and training younger siblings continues <p>PSR - No new updates</p> <p><u>Alter Servers Extraordinary Form</u>- No Updates from Mark</p> <p>Faith and Light</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A spiritual advisor is still needed after the departure of Fr Anthony and Fr Pete
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<p>Hannah</p>	<p>Grounds Crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 22 was the last work day since spring • Cut all the hostas, pulled up flowers, trimmed the hydrangeas, brought the hoses in • The greenhouse got a new roof and they straightened it up inside • The Grounds Committee was really pleased with the work done on the greenhouse • They will resume in April 2023 <p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explorer Day – Friday, November 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Westside Leader ads ○ Northeast Ohio Parent ad ○ Google ads ○ Social ○ Flyers ○ People scan QR code to register • Brick Lot for October – Final proofing now • Welcoming Committee – 3 successful events completed • Upcoming concerts artwork complete • Fence Banner up for Best Preschool award • Planning ads for Catholic Schools Week Open House • Catholic Schools Week Open House 10am – noon (time change) <p>Finance Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 30, 2023 fiscal year ended • Kathy Holaday attended the 10/27 Finance meeting looking for support for #wegivecatholic • Will be getting a bill from the City of Akron - \$200K for the brick work • Roof cost was also \$200K
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bishop will be determining the status of where the Latin Masses will be in the Diocese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If St. Sebastian isn't one selected, we will lose some families and funds ● Mr. Rohr presented re: school updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applying for security grants in the school and church ● Angel Scholarship Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you donate \$1,500 married filing joint, you get a \$1,500 credit on your tax return for 2022 ○ \$12,000 so far; Fr. Valencheck will be sharing more information at the November State of the Parish ● Overspent \$53K on capital expenditures (underspent last year \$121K) ● Financials through September are down \$15K in contributions - Q1 YOY (\$5k/month) ● Also down YTD through September for Heart of a Shepherd pledges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fr. V will ask people to try to pay their pledges <p>Parish Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kathy is attending the 10/27 meeting in person with updates ● #weGiveCatholic 2022 for our <i>Beringer Center for Early Learning</i> – classroom furniture for the kindergarten and preschool! Leadership challenge, change bandit, offertory envelope, and day of online giving (11/29) ● New Endowments, Funds and Scholarships ● New Alumni Newsletter <p>Parish Council Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Neocatechumenal Way email
<p>Susan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lectors: No Report ● Votives: No Report ● Ushers: No Report ● Girl Scouts: No Report ● Women of St. Sebastian: Open gym, Fall hikes, Scruffy lunches, and Morning faith share continue. The fall service project is Oct. 28, participating in the Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes of Joy program again this year. They will pack shoe boxes filled with Christmas to be delivered to children all over the world. Children are welcome to come and help! The goal is to pack 18 boxes. You can contribute financially by signing up to pay the \$9 donation fee for a box. To donate: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4fa9a72ca3f49-boxes1 ● <p style="text-align: center;">St. Sebastian, Pray for Us! 🙏</p>