

## Pulse of the Parish August 2022

Parish Council Member	Summary
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rectory Volunteers - Jennifer retired last Monday, so I'm putting together a list of volunteers who may volunteer weekly in the office to help me out. I may put an article in the bulletin to get a few more volunteers!</li> <li>• Pre-Cana - nothing new right now.</li> </ul>
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYO Athletics - Fall sports starts August 27th. Schedules are available. There are 37 kids in Cross Country; new this year is a 1st/2nd grade team (6 kids so far). Football has 36 kids: a 6th grade team and a 7<sup>th</sup> grade team. Flag football has 26 kids making up two teams. Soccer has 56 kids (4 teams) - 3/4 boys and girls, 5% girls and 7/8 girls. DD Stars has 130 kids (5 teams). Volleyball has 3 teams (4th, 5th and 7th). Cheerleading had 6 kids interested but no team was formed. Maybe have a squad next year.</li> <li>• Athletic Booster Club - registrations are cash only (no credit cards, no Venmo/PayPal). After registration closes, CYO wants fees paid in 24 hours. Very difficult to do with a cash only situation. There will be a concession stand inside the main doors at Byrider. Financial support - some families have requested a payment plan (Boosters can ok it). Other requests for reduced or waived fees due to hardship. CYO would cover this if parish couldn't. Mission Expansion - kids within parish boundaries that aren't going to St Sebastian can still play CYO sports. Parish must opt in for each season. For this Fall, there are 4 such families with 5 kids total.</li> </ul>
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates as there were no replies to inquiries.</li> </ul>
Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVDP-Buried! with over 20 requests for assistance per week. High volume is causing a backlog of requests. Spent \$24,000. in the last 4 weeks. Soon will not be able to take any more 2-1-1 calls even within our boundaries. Will keep taking calls until our treasury gets to the point that we have to slow down on taking requests. Causes? Increases in rent, food, gas, and all 3 utilities and the fact that utility companies prefer to shut off delinquent accounts during the summer months so as not to be accused of freezing people to death in the winter. Able to do all this due to a very generous 5-figure anonymous gift given last month.</li> <li>• SOCIAL JUSTICE-After their summer recess the committee has taken up studying Pope Francis's recent Apostolic Constitution, Predicate Evangelium, ON THE ROMAN CURIA AND ITS SERVICE TO THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD.</li> </ul>
Marcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no updates.</li> <li>• We will be doing a potluck dinner in zhall on Saturday, September 24 th after 4:30 mass.</li> </ul>
Hannah	<p><b>Grounds Crew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things are winding down this time of year</li> <li>• The crew has been weeding, deadheading flowers, transplanting hostas, trimming hedges and shrubbery</li> </ul>

### **Parish Foundation**

- The Parish Archives Team will reconvene in October since summer months are so busy.
- Annual Report – mailed! Hope you received yours?
- Alumni Newsletter – Summer issue has been mailed
- Alumni Alley photo boards have been printed for the New School Entrance. We are finalizing some details and hope to be ready to install the boards sometime in the Fall.
- The Annual Foundation “Meet the Board and Arrow Society Event” on 9/15/2022 will be rescheduled.

### **Finance Council**

- The last Finance Council meeting was August 4
- Finance Council is getting bids on the back driveway of the school and rectory; working on selecting between three vendors
- Fr. Valencheck talked about the 100th Anniversary and campaign to add a gym on the church/school side of Hawkins
- St. Sebastian is in the top 7% of parishes in the diocese taking advantage of the Angel Scholarship! (\$750 individual/\$1,500 joint)
- Seminarians are going back to school
- As of August 4, Mr. Rohr reported there were 327 students registered for the day school and 49 in the preschool with a few spots remaining in the 3-year-old class
- There are two new teachers for preschool and first grade; looking for aids (there’s an ad in the bulletin looking for helpers)
- All the HAVEN Lockdown Locks were installed (<https://havenlockdown.com/> if you want to read more!); also camera and server upgrades and new swipe cards across the campus
- Financials (which are broken down by church and the school):
  - Church: Revenue was up \$75K YOY but expenses were \$75K more so 2021 was a break even year
  - School revenue \$1.8M revenue from tuition; \$90K more in expenses and \$40K less revenue
  - Net net we had a net loss of \$89,000
- Church roof work is being done in October
- A lot of work is being done to Byrider Hall
- September 22 is the next Finance Council meeting

### **Marketing**

- Over 100 guests attended the New Family Picnic
- August Brick Lot Bulletin was sent out via Bloomz and will go home with students this week
- Spectacular
  - Postcards have arrived
  - Lots of coupon books sold at Open House and now available in the school office
  - Volunteer Meeting Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Forest Lodge
  - Vaccaro’s will be catering again, main selection served and family style sides
  - Committee is working on securing sponsors and auction items
  - Paddle Raise will be for the library furniture
- Welcome Back Coffee, Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 am in the school courtyard
- Musical Art series postcards have arrived
- Back to School ad WSL
- Spotlight ad NEO Parent
- New Signage has arrived (smaller signs for a few requests)

### **Parish Council Email**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checked; nothing to report</li> </ul>
<b>Will</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prayer Warriors: No updates. Will likely sponsor Rosary Coast to Coast gathering in October</b></li> <li>• <b>KoC: No report</b></li> <li>• <b>HASA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Estimate 300+ at St. Sebastian Open House</b></li> <li>○ <b>Spirit Wear Sales kicked off</b></li> <li>○ <b>New teacher reps, directory in process</b></li> <li>○ <b>Request for support - Communicate ACME Community Cash Back Drive. Easy fundraising for school at no additional cost. Need receipts. Would like to communicate better to larger parish community</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cub Scouts: 2022 school year kicking off soon. Many new 1st graders sign-up</b></li> </ul>
<b>Natalie</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Jennie</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sanctuary Society:</b> Summer Festival was a success with a great turnout. Waiting on final numbers for fundraising.</li> </ul>
<b>Jim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PSR:</b> Call out for registrations has been made...typically, they come in late September.</li> <li>• <b>Altar Servers:</b> With the new school year, Keith has made the call for servers via letter and bulletin. Hoping for 5 graders to come into the ranks.</li> <li>• <b>A/V (Gabriel):</b> Any updates on the copyright claims issue?</li> <li>• <b>Alter Servers Extraordinary Form:</b> No Updates from Mark</li> </ul>
<b>Ana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gratitude Ministry:</b> Sent an email to Anne Hergenrother since she's the contact on file. She emailed back to say that there hasn't been a Gratitude Ministry for years, therefore no need to contact her.</li> <li>• <b>Bridge Flights:</b> Sent an email and have not heard back.</li> <li>• <b>School Advisory Committee:</b> I am presently part of this committee at school. No updates. Next meeting will be in October. SAC has been busy trying to think of ways to keep the continuing contact with new families and children in the parish to encourage future enrollments into the school.</li> <li>• <b>St. Sebastian School Band:</b> I contacted and spoken to Mr. Mason about the band and how they're faring. It seems like we might have a strong band this year with 11 7th graders and 2 8th graders in the school band program while school is in session and a good number in grades 4-6th. The school band curriculum started on Thursday, August 22nd. The beginner and cadet after school bands will start on Tuesday, September 6th.</li> <li>• <b>Jazz fest 2022:</b> According to Mr. Mason Jazzfest was a success with over 200 guests. Great evening overall from the music, food to the wonderful weather. No final numbers on amount raised.</li> <li>• <b>Academy of Culture &amp; Arts:</b> The Academy will begin its fall sessions during the week of September 5th. They will be offering different music lessons, TigerKids, Kung Fu, Fun and Fit Kids and Dance. More info will be sent out to school families soon and will be available on Facebook and the church website.</li> </ul>
<b>Susan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lectors: No report.</b></li> <li>• <b>Ushers: No report.</b></li> <li>• <b>Girl Scouts: The 7 members of the troop matriculated to high school. 3 girls, now 9th graders</b></li> </ul>

at St.VM, elected to stay members of the troop. The troop will resume activities in October, as the members participate in fall sports and marching band.

- **Women of St. Sebastian:** Mary Messner, coordinator, had a baby girl in the summer, so summer activities were minimal. The group will reinvigorate for fall.
- **Votives:** The pandemic aftermath and supply chain issues continue in that the vendor will no longer cover the shipping as has been past practice. We are trying different things, but starting out with bulk purchases which require unloading pallets and finding space for more candles. This will not be noticeable to parishioners, but requires some additional work by staff. This is a creative problem solving group!