

**Pulse of the Parish
December 2022**

Parish Council Member	Summary
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rectory Volunteers: Cathy Sivic reported, “We have 3 rectory volunteers who come in to help me on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. They are a lot of help and I’m blessed to have them working with me!” ● Archives: Things are going well. ● Pre-Cana is scheduled for 2/18/23. Applications are currently being accepted from engaged couples.
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Booster Club: club is trying to secure the 2024 NATR date as there is a small window in the beginning of the calendar year to schedule it; between the holidays and Lent. Other competing events for Z Hall include Spectacular and International Festival. Club is concerned that other events will take spots in the calendar before these 3 big events can be scheduled. Club is working with Milissa on this concern.
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No reports
Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SVDP: Dec. report is the fiscal year report for 2022, Oct. 1-Sept. 30. ● 415 households served encompassing 1131 persons assisted expending \$127,389.83 with an end of fiscal year balance in the general operating fund of \$66,958.87. The complete multi-page report has been submitted to Fr Valencheck. ● Social Justice: No report
Marcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SAC - no update ● St. Sebastian School Music Program - just a reminder that the school band and choir performance is this Thursday, December 15th at 7pm at Zwisler Hall. The band is slotted to play during the Christmas Eve 4pm mass. ● Academy - no update ● Jennifer Sullivan and issues brought up from the last meeting; she was to submit a plan on the container that she wanted to use at church but nothing as of yet. I’ll keep the council up to date with any new changes or updates on this.

<p>Will</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CubScouts: No updates, all is well. Fall (feels like winter) campout held November 12th weekend. Pinewood Derby to be held Jan 2023. Boy scouts looking at Ad Altar Dei course starting in January ● Prayer Warriors: No updates, all is well. Full December schedule with Advent/Holy Days ● KoC: No Report ● HASA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Successful Read-a-thon (HASA largest fundraiser). Teachers requested a week extension due to success. Total money raised: \$14,729. Total minutes read: 131,034 ○ Santa Shop completed last week with full army of “elf-volunteers”. Students did a great job of thinking and buying for others including items bought for toy drive. Total sales over \$12,000. Special thanks to Ashley Lawson who does a great job buying bulk items at discount ○ Quarterly HASA meeting held last week. Principal Rohr shared the state of the school including impressive data vs. other Catholic school in Summit county. Blue Ribbon application process also reviewed. Also FAQ on Angel Scholarship fund for parents
<p>Natalie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p>Jennie</p>	<p>Sanctuary Society</p>
<p>Jim</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PSR: No report ● Altar Servers: Keith and Maria are floating a more random schedule for the servers...current 3 days in one week ex: M-W-F, is detrimental to math scores. Discussions are in progress with teachers before going to parents with a plan ● A/V (Gabriel): Live streaming was down since late Sept due to cable damage from roof repair. New wireless system is up...live streaming may begin when desired. ● Alter Servers Extraordinary Form: No Updates from Mark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○
<p>Hannah</p>	<p>Grounds Crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They will resume in April 2023; no report until then <p>Parish Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At last report, the #GivingTuesday campaign raised \$12,350! <p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explorer Day welcomed many new families not associated with our school or preschool ● Next Open House is Catholic Schools Week Sunday, 10am – noon ● Ads for CSW open house are being finalized ● Holiday ads are ready including Christmas concert ● Holiday fence banner inviting people to join us for Mass has been put up ● Angel Scholarship Fund supported with social media, constant contact and bulletin ● Spectacular invitations are being finalized and mailed January 1. ● Supporting SS with social and website <p>Parish Council Email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates on email

<p>Susan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lectors: The lector schedule is set for December and January. All Masses are covered including Christmas 🌲. ● Ushers: No report. ● Girl Scouts: The Brownies were busy and earned 3 badges. One of the badges was “Take Action” where they raised \$250 from a bake, drink, and craft sale for Project Rise (a local non profit that helps homeless children in Akron public schools). They had a campout at Camp Christopher using some of the funds we raised from our cookie sale. The girls will have a Christmas pajama party. The Girl Scouts are in high school now and as such, they have done one activity in each month, starting in October, with a campfire and haunted hayride. In November, they collected donations for Goodwill and are also collecting towels, fleece blankets and flat sheets for One of a Kind Pets in December. The plan is to do more service projects, e.g., serve at the Peter Maurin center and the Food bank or related agencies. ● Women of St. Sebastian: Each month, the ladies have a “Scruffy Lunch” (all are invited, come as you are!), Open gym for toddlers/preschoolers (12/1, 12/15), Women’s Night Out (12/7 and 1/5), Morning Faith Share (12/9 and 12/16) and just began a book club (12/8). They advertise and support many initiatives: the Opus Dei Evening Reflection (11/30), seeking volunteers for Pre-Cana, and Confraternity of Christian Mothers at St. Paul’s. And please be reminded: they are instrumental in getting meal trains going for new mothers and others in need. ● Votives: No report.