

Pulse of the Parish
June 2023

Parish Council Member	Summary
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSHG - Michele would like to know if the diocese has approved the shed. So far there has been no further discussion about it. • emHC- nothing • WSCC- nothing
Ed	<p>SVDP: Pretty much steady as she goes. Anywhere from 5 to 10 requests per week. Still a fair number of rent requests, as nationally, rents have increased 8.7 percent in the last year. Right now, the treasury is adequate but not overflowing. The red envelopes in August will certainly help on that score. My three- year once renewable term comes up in November. If the group wants, I can do one more three-year term under the bylaws. So that decision will be made in October.</p>
Marcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HASA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evangelization committee has kick-off. Bernadette Gibson, Katie Pirie, Tricia Rothkompf and leaders. ○ Still looking to confirm Father/Daughter dance date. HASA president to reach out to father directly. • Scouts: No update • Knights of Columbus: No update • Prayer Warriors: All good!
Natalie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Jennie	

<p>Jim</p>	<p>Alter Servers -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All newly trained servers have graduated to Sundays and Special Masses ● Pentecost/Fr. Valencheck's Jubilee had 20 servers!! The young team literally "carried the torches" ! ● Corpus Christi saw 16 servers plus 3 seminarians...outstanding! <p>A/V -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One tech had to step down for health reasons ● Matt Schechter will train in August for a more permanent spot (after the baby arrives) ● Seminarian Christopher has volunteered to step in (with training) to help this summer <p>PSR -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heavy focus on finding more volunteers to cover 2 teacher openings...a few candidates are interested, but more are needed. ● Keith and Cinnamon have been discussing parent involvement in both religious education AND the parish. Some regular PSR attendees are not attending Mass ● Requesting prayers from the council for the above <p>Faith and Light -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Challenged "Angelic" disciples ● 20-25 participants as the core attendees...largely adults 20 to 60 years ● Some attendees outside of the parish ● Meeting every third Friday, September to May...planned events and Mass ● Fr Anthony remains the spiritual director ● Request an outreach to any family with special needs and desire for spiritual support
<p>Hannah</p>	<p>Grounds Crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · All the annual flowers are in · Almost done trimming shrubbery and hedges <p>Parish Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The Annual Report has been mailed · The Alumni Arrow Newsletter has been printed and should arrive in mailboxes soon. · Leave A Legacy Weekend – planned giving awareness: July 8-9 masses. I will have handouts for you if anyone is interested in learning more about The Arrow Society, Planned Giving Program. · Upcoming projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Foundation paid for a rectory pipe repair – Foundation paid for the newly installed Alumni Alley school entryway. – Foundation paid for the repairs to the main school roof, Zhall roof, cafeteria roof, rectory flat roof and rectory garage. – Sandstone – Foundation will help with the cost to repair/replace the walkways – Foundation has offered to pay for the church exterior cleaning every 5 years to reduce the black streaks that form on the exterior of the building. Work scheduled

to start in Fall 2023.

–#weGiveCatholic 2021 – Helped to pay for the Zhall updated lights and sound system.

–#weGiveCatholic 2022 – Early Learning Center furniture arrived in June for Kindergarten and Preschool classes

–*New* Tentative...Greenhouse (Father has requested approval from Diocese).

Finance Council

- May 25 meeting
- New intern (Ryan Arto) attended
- Waiting on Probate re: the house and estate of the gentleman at Greenwood & Elmdale
- School Choice Bill is moving along
- Greg Rossi is joining Finance Council (referred by Parish Council)
- Mr. Rohr is looking for Angel Scholarship Fund donors to encourage others to join them
- 330 school registrations for the Fall
- Church revenue vs. expense is net favorable; revenue and expenses on track to budget
- School revenue is slightly below budget; expenses are favorable to the budget
- Encouraging families to move to online giving
- May need to replace the school boiler in 3-5 years
- Teachers received aggregate raises of 4-5%
- Tuition delinquencies are acceptable

Marketing

- Graduation ad listing all scholarships will run WSL 6/22
- School Handbook being updated
- Parish Directory will be a 2024-2025 edition
- Supporting Parish Festival, waiting on updated specifics
- Still need co-chairs for the 2024 Spectacular in March, Gatherings team will still support
- Welcoming postcards for K and Pre-K mailed next week
- New Family Picnic will be Thursday, August 17th, invites mailed late July
- Next BrickLot mailed mid-August

Parish Council Email

- No credible emails to report

Susan

- **Women of St. Sebastian:** Mary Messner is stepping down from leadership and seeking a replacement. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Mary. The summer is filled with monthly activities for women and mothers with children: Tuesday June 20 pray (at adoration) and play (after on the playground); Thursday June 22 open swim at the Slattery's; Wednesday July 5 Opus Dei Night of Recollection; Friday July 7 Book discussion "Code Name Sapphire" at Garvin's house. Charise Kasper, a homeschooling mother from the St. Sebastian community, recently suffered a stroke while she was out of town. The Women of St. Sebastian request prayers asking Let us for the intercession of Our Lady, Untier of Knots, to provide strength, healing, and guidance to Charise and her family during this challenging period.
- **Votives:** The candle stands have been cleaned and freshened. Research is being conducted to find other types of matches. The ones we have take a second or two to light and then flare up pretty vigorously and burn quite quickly. If someone is not ready for it there could be some burnt fingers and dropped matches. There are 2 members that collect and turn in the funds which has been operating smoothly.
- **Ushers:** No report.
- **Girl Scouts:** No report.
- **Lectors:** No report.

St. Sebastian, Pray for Us! 🙏