

## Pulse of the Parish October 2023

Parish Council Member	Summary
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pre Cana is scheduled for 2/10/24. They are still looking for a couple to volunteer to give a talk or provide other support (help with set-up, food, etc.). Registration is open. The cost is \$50 per couple.</li> <li>● Archives took a slight break and will shortly spend some time evaluating platforms for housing digital records.</li> <li>● Two more individuals joined the volunteer staff for the rectory to help with big projects.</li> <li>● Good Samaritan Hunger Center received a grant to replace the 12 disintegrating garden beds and has enough money left over to buy a shed for their own use for all their garden tools, lawnmowers, etc.</li> </ul>
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fall CYO sports have finished. Boys Cross Country won their 3rd championship in a row. Girls finished 2nd. 8th grade girls soccer finished 2nd.</li> <li>● There is a cheerleading team that will be at the basketball games. Cheerleaders have to pay for their own uniforms but their registration fee was waived.</li> <li>● The Byrider gym floor will be recoated over Thanksgiving break. Starting November 22.</li> <li>● Night at the Races is November 10th. Plenty of horses for purchase are still available.</li> </ul>
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● St. Sebastian Prayer Warriors: The Rosary Coast to Coast was well attended. Fr. Bozek processed us all the way around the campus to our outdoor statue of Our Lady. 😊. It was beautiful. Many thanks to Fr. V AND Fr. B!</li> <li>● Peter Maurin Center - served 90 people on October 15th, a little low because of weather</li> <li>● emHC -</li> </ul>
Barb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>West Side Catholic Couples</b> - couples groups began <a href="#">A Biblical Walk Through the Mass</a> this month, and will follow up later next year with Bp. Barron's <a href="#">This is My Body. A Call to Eucharistic Revival</a>. It looks like Dr. Peter Kreeft will headline next year's Couples Day Out.</li> <li>● <b>Sanctuary Society</b> - planning the Ladies Christmas Tea.</li> <li>● <b>Giving Tree</b> - Giving Tree to go up the week of Thanksgiving</li> <li>● <b>St. Vincent dePaul Society</b> - continuing to provide assistance and operating under spending caps.</li> <li>● <b>Our Mother of Sorrows</b> - nothing new to report.</li> <li>● <b>Bible Study</b>- continuing the study of Mary; looking into what the next study topic will be.</li> <li>●</li> </ul>
Patrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Judy Billiard School</b> - have not returned my attempts to communicate. Will continue to try to make contact.</li> <li>● <b>School Band/Academy</b> - there isn't anything new except the Band will be leading the school Halloween parade on Friday.</li> <li>● <b>School Advisory Committee</b> - met and talked about the Blue Ribbon Award and how to</li> </ul>

	<p>celebrate it some for the school community. Father Valencheck, Mr. Rohr and Mrs. Vernon are planning on attending the ceremony in Washington DC on November 16th and 17th. The school is in the process of attaining their STEM designation. They're working on starting up an enrichment program again for students in Grades 4-6. They are looking at different options and evaluating what best suits our student body. They are also thinking of ways to bring parents into school to share their many talents such as a possible career day.</p>
<b>Will</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Scouts</b> - Thank you father for awarding the "Light of Christ" to George Knauer last week</li> <li>● <b>KoC</b> - A member met with St. Eds Village. Looking forward to great opportunities of collaborating with them</li> <li>● <b>HASA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MUST finalize date for Father/Daughter dance. Tentatively set for Friday, April 26th but would prefer Saturday (blocked for another Parish event).</li> <li>○ 80+ families attended the Monster Mash last week for Mother/Son event</li> <li>○ Read-a-thon is kicking off Nov 6th-17th, HASA's largest fundraiser. Goal is \$15k. Kids raise funds through their reading hours and top readers and top earners win prizes. Thank you Susan Clark for your book donation, it will be used for top reader prize. We also include parents as volunteers and mystery readers. Teachers do a great job building the joy of reading while raising money for the school.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Terry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Music Ministries-</b> Lynn's CD is to be released next week. There is a haunted organ music concert on Sunday at 7:00 pm in the church. Bring the family and dress in costume if you like. There is a 2nd audition for Lynn's position tonight.</li> <li>● <b>School Choir</b> - Nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Sacristans</b> - Concerns with scheduling of EMHC</li> <li>● <b>Little Flower Garden Ministry</b> - The garden has been closed. Some discussion has been had with the scouts to see if we can make the area around the fountain a little easier to manage. There has been talk about making the garden into an outdoor Stations of the Cross. Hoping an Eagle Scout will take this on.</li> <li>● <b>Arts and Environment</b> - Wreath upgrades for Christmas continue.</li> <li>● <b>Secular Carmelites</b> - Nothing to report.</li> <li>●</li> </ul>
<b>Chris</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Donut Sunday</b> - The next thing on the agenda is just getting a group of people together who would be willing to participate in the committee. Plan is to have Donut Sunday in November; looking to have people assist.</li> <li>● <b>Book Rack</b> - nothing to report.</li> <li>● <b>Respect Life Committee</b> - Just about everything that can be done has been done regarding Issue 1. Beyond the abortion aspect, want to make sure people are aware of the transgender aspect of the issue.</li> </ul>
<b>Jim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Altar Servers</b> - no issues to report...things are running smoothly</li> <li>● <b>Audio / Video</b> - defense is standing strong...</li> <li>● <b>PSR</b> - progressing well...contacts being made on Issue 1</li> </ul>
<b>Hannah</b>	<b>Marketing</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Explorer Day, Friday, November 3rd – 30 RSVPs to date</li> <li>· Blue Ribbon signs are in review</li> <li>· Confessional door signs have been ordered</li> <li>· BrickLot of November currently being written</li> <li>· Donations for Spectacular are beginning to come in</li> <li>· Spectacular Volunteer Meeting, Friday, November 17th at Forest Lodge</li> <li>· Year-end push for Angel Scholarship Fund being planned</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Council Email</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The new email is <a href="mailto:ParishCouncil@stsebastian.org">ParishCouncil@stsebastian.org</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Susan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still meets weekly on Tuesdays and hosts Theology on Tap once a month. Many projects are in the works, but ongoing is the slow disbanding of the church's little library, and making that room more hospitable to host mid-sized groups (both young adults and others). The resources are all available digitally, so there is no loss. Additional round tables will be needed in there in the future.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Sebastian, Pray for Us!</b> 🙏</p>