

## Pulse of the Parish August 2024

Parish Council Member	Summary
<b>Mark</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Collection counters:</b> Nothing to report or request</li> <li>● <b>Ushers:</b> Looking for more ushers for all masses but especially 4:30 PM and 11:00 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possible marketing opportunity???</li> <li>○ Update users contact email for Ron Klamert to: Ron.Klamert@gmail.com</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Ana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>JB School:</b> Spoke to the principal, Mrs. Redovian and she gave me an update that the school is doing well. They've done lots of hiring throughout the summer, they've hired and placed all of their staff. They are missing a long term sub but then so are the main school.</li> <li>a) The school will also start an outdoor learning space. This space will have a swing, picnic tables and gravel to surround and separate it from the surrounding areas. She hopes for it to be finished by mid September.</li> <li>b) The school is at capacity with 122 students with the cut off at 132.</li> <li>● <b>St. Sebastian School:</b> I attended the New Family Dinner on the August 22nd. It was well attended. There are 47 total children coming from these new families ranging in grades pre-k to the 7th grade.</li> <li>a) There are about 339 students enrolled</li> <li>b) This year's Spectacular is set to benefit the arts program at school such as the improvements to the art and band rooms.</li> <li>c) The school will also be putting on a play this year, Annie Jr.</li> <li>● <b>St. Sebastian Band and Academy:</b> No updates</li> <li>● <b>Grounded in Grace (GIG):</b> A new women's group. It's for retired women who want to gather together for social and spiritual activities.</li> <li>a) Their first meeting is on Wednesday, September 11th at 1PM at St. Sebastian's McDonough Room. The contact is Roslyn Hashiguchi rguchi5@gmail.com.</li> </ul>
<b>Will</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Catechist Formation:</b> Nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>School:</b> No update</li> <li>● <b>Boosters:</b> Fall Sports kicking off with ~140 athletes participating in Fall CYO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 40 runners in Cross Country, Many 1-3 grade runners, Potential CYO Champion</li> <li>○ 23 kids in CYO 1-2 grades (formerly DD)</li> <li>○ 41 boys and 26 girls in soccer</li> <li>○ 2 volleyball teams</li> <li>○ 21 kids tackle football, 15 kids flag football</li> <li>○ Boosters is bringing back an old tradition for Fall Sports with Terrier Madness and bonfire on Friday, Aug 23rd.</li> <li>○ Gym floor discussion @ Byrider still to be had</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Katy</b>	
<b>Tom</b>	

<p><b>Barb</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>WSCC</b> - No report; looking forward to September 8th Kick Off brunch before Fall meetings resume</li> <li>● <b>Sanctuary Society</b> - seeking new officers</li> <li>● <b>Bible Study</b> - a study of the Book of Matthew begins Sept 9th</li> <li>● <b>Our Mother of Sorrows</b> - nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>St. Vincent DePaul</b> - many requests for rent and utilities, otherwise nothing new. Rents for substandard/modest places are very high.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Linda</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Archives</b> - Working through inventorying the physical items in the archives room. There is now a “transmission sheet” in the rectory office (Cathy Sivec) to be filled out when items are left in the archives room.</li> <li>● <b>Rectory Volunteers</b> - Weekend hours for the rectory office will be 8:30-noon both Saturday and Sunday beginning Labor Day weekend. Mary Anne Kim, an aide at the school, is training to help out in the rectory as well.</li> <li>● <b>Pre-Cana</b> - Looking for couples that would like to be involved in Pre-Cana Day (Feb. 8, 2025). Want couples who will either speak, be available for set up or be available in the afternoon.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shannon</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Girl Scouts &amp; Brownies:</b> Alice Incorvia said the troop is inactive, and has been for the last 2 years</li> <li>● <b>Lectors:</b> Nothing to report/request</li> <li>● <b>Our Mother’s Hands:</b> On September 15th, OMH will host their 5th annual Mother’s Birthday party from noon-1:15 PM in z-hall. There will be snacks, a marian procession, kids’ games, and a balloon rosary launch. The event will be posted in the bulletin. Videos from the International Pilgrim Virgin statue visit will be posted on their youtube channel: @ourmothershands. OMH is also starting a vocation crucifix program to encourage families to pray for vocations. Participating families will sign-up to bring home a free-standing crucifix and prayer booklet to intentionally pray for vocations. Members of OMH will be in the Narthex after each weekend mass August 31-September 1st to assist in family sign-ups.</li> <li>● <b>Votive Lights:</b> The lock on the poor box has been repeatedly fixed/replaced, but continues to break. Kris suggests something more permanent, such as a box attached to the wall with a more durable lock. She wonders if there are any retired wood workers who might take on the project.</li> <li>● <b>Alpha:</b> Registration is open. The first session begins September 11th. On August 10th, twenty people gathered to experience a “taste” of the Alpha program. The first video in the series was shown and a discussion followed. Reactions to the video were mixed. Some expressed excitement over the program, while others expressed their reservations over what they saw as being a lack of a Catholic focus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chris</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Book Rack:</b> Nothing to Report</li> <li>● <b>Respect Life Committee:</b> Looking into Life Chain in October, but nothing at present. Would like to reintroduce showing “Unplanned” in Z hall. Was originally scheduled for March 2020 and indefinitely postponed due to covid.</li> <li>● <b>Donut Sunday:</b> Nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Children's Liturgy of the Word:</b> Nothing to report (still on pause)</li> <li>● <b>Baptism Preparation Team:</b> Nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Altar Server training:</b> Nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Catechist Formation:</b> Confirmation Information meeting is Monday, August 26</li> </ul>

<p><b>Terry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Music Ministries - Parish Choir, Praise and Worship, Cantors and Handbell Choir - David U</b> Contemporary Music Director position is still not filled. Concert series was rolled out two weeks ago. New patronage program explained in the bulletin along with the series brochure this past weekend. First concert is on Sunday, September 8 at 4:00 p.m. Kirk Kupensky, harp. Choir begins rehearsal on September 5 and will begin singing in Mass that weekend.</li> <li>● <b>School Choir</b> - No report</li> <li>● <b>Sacristans</b> - Nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Little Garden Club/Cutting Garden</b> - Flowers are looking great due to the volunteers. Edging around fountains is due to start in October.</li> <li>● <b>Arts and Environment</b>- The flower arranging crew continues to beautify the church.</li> <li>● <b>Secular Carmelites</b> - Nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Chesterton Academy of Akron</b> - School starts on September 3rd with Opening Mass at 8:30 with Fr. Pfeiffer. All are welcome. Mass of the Holy Spirit will be scheduled at a later date.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tony</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Faith and Light</b></li> <li>● <b>PSR</b>- It is their busy time of year where they are putting out bulletin ads to encourage people to get registered for PSR which begin in September. Working with Keith to do a deeper reflection on the upcoming year and determine what needs they may have.</li> <li>● <b>Cub Scouts</b>-</li> <li>● <b>Boy Scouts</b>-</li> <li>● <b>Young Adults</b>-</li> <li>● <b>Knights of Columbus</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Hannah</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Sebastian, Pray for Us!</b> 🙏</p>