

**Pulse of the Parish
October 2024**

Parish Council Member	Summary
Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collection counters: No updates - have not yet met with Fr V to look at laptop ● Ushers: No updates ● Socials: No updates
Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boosters/Athletics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boys Cross Country are CYO champions for the 4th consecutive year. ○ Boys Soccer 5/6 finished runner up ○ Boys Cross Country 6th grade and under are State Middle School champions ○ Boys Cross Country 7th and 8th grade finished 3rd in state meet ○ Winter sports registration is open ○ Night at the Races scheduled for November 23rd
Katy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grounds Crew: No update. ● Marketing: No update. ● Finance Council: No updates. Not meeting until 10/31. ● Parish Foundation: <i>From Kathy Holaday</i>—Since you will not be having a meeting in November – I wanted to be sure to send you this information to keep you informed on the plans for the 2024 #weGiveCatholic. #weGiveCatholic is a global day of giving and this year marks the 7th year we have participated. #weGiveCatholic is Northeast Ohio’s online day of Catholic giving and is organized by the Catholic Community Foundation of the Cleveland Diocese. This 24-hour day of giving will start at 12 midnight on Tuesday, December 3rd and end that evening at 11:59 p.m. Our focus this year will be on the entrance to the church. The theme is “Creating Welcoming Spaces”. We are planning to give the Quiet Room and Bride’s Room a refresh and reinstall the speaker in the Narthex. 100% of the #weGive donations made to our parish for this 24-hour day of giving (less any on-line fees) will be used for this fund-raiser to “Create Welcoming Spaces.” More information, including the link to give, will be sent to you by email. Please give me a call on my cell phone if you have any questions (330-803-0667). Thank you in advance for your support.
Tom	
Barb	<p>WSSC- continuing our discussion of Fr. George Rutler’s <u>Calm in Chaos: Catholic Wisdom for Anxious Times.</u></p> <p>BIBLE STUDY- continuing the Ascension Press study of the Book of Matthew; two new members have joined.</p> <p>OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS- nothing new to report.</p>

	<p>SANCTUARY SOCIETY-plans are in the works for: the Ladies Christmas Tea, Wednesday evening, Dec 11th, in Z Hall and for the International Festival, Saturday evening 5:30-9pm February 1, 2025 in Z Hall. The Society is seeking seven or eight St. Sebastian ministries to help with the children's games that are held during the festival. Four to six volunteers from each ministry would be responsible for setting up and tearing down the games. The Sanctuary Society will provide the games and prizes. Ministries can contact Lori Oakes at 330-861-6417 for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY-The 2023-2024 Fiscal Report is being finalized, and the annual summary will be provided to Fr. Valencheck following submission to the Diocesan SVDP. The bank balance at the end of the fiscal year was just over \$25K after spending \$85K in assistance, and is currently around \$21K. Funds are being stretched to meet requests for the next two months, and we are hopeful that generous Christmas donations will be received as in the past. SVDP currently limits its weekly requests to no more than 12 and periodically adjusts maximum limits of prudential levels of assistance to avoid exhausting funds yet not hoarding them.
<p>Linda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rectory Volunteers - All is well. ● Archives - They are close to finishing the physical inventory of the archives materials. Once completed, they will work on refining the identity of the item locations to facilitate retrieval. ● Pre-Cana - Looking for volunteers. ● Women's Group - Requests meeting rooms that are ADA accessible
<p>Shannon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Women of St. Sebastian - Jill Lang thinks we need more ADA accessible meeting rooms that are open during the school day. ● Peter Maurin- Served 95 people at their October meal. ● Our Mother's Hands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On Friday, October 25th at 7PM there will a Eucharistic candlelight procession starting at St. Paul's and ending at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church. ○ A pre-election prayer service will be held at St. Sebastian's on Wed. 10/30 from 7-8PM. ○ OMH will be organizing a "traveling" diocesan Advent Mission (Dec 2nd-5th) with author, Kevin Wells. He will be at 4 parishes (North, South, East, West) - locations TBA next week. ● Prayer Warriors - No updates ● Lectors- ● Alpha - Met for the seventh session yesterday. Retreat day away will be at the Seminary on Nov 9th. ● Rectory Cooks - No Updates ● Moms of Littles - Mary Jo would like to personally contact all new moms, who baptize their child at Sebastian's, to come to her ministry group. In order to do this, she would like to add a line on the parent form for moms to check if they would like to be contacted by her. <p>*</p>
<p>Chris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Book Rack: Living Faith is selling well ● Respect Life Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LifeChain took place ○ Only two people for "Unplanned," but a good viewing and discussion. Announcement was sent to 28 local parishes, good help from Cathy Smith and Dave Myers ● Donut Sunday: No Donut Sunday in Oct due to LifeChain, Nov Donut Sunday will be run by

	<p>Chesterton Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children's Liturgy of the Word: Nothing to Report ● Baptism Preparation Team: Nothing to Report ● Altar Server training: Nothing to Report
<p>Terry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Music Ministries - Parish Choir, Praise and Worship, Cantors and Handbell Choir - David U - Organ Concert next month, Sunday, Nov 17 ● School Choir - No report. Editor's note, school Mass singing is awesome and enthusiastic. Kudos to Mr. Beshore! ● Sacristans - Rodent droppings found in Server Sacristy, former library and now meeting space, likely due to food consumption in that area. ● Little Garden Club/Cutting Garden -.Cutting Garden has been put to bed. Brick surround/edging for the fountain will be started in November. ● Arts and Environment - Mark your calendars for Christmas decorating which will happen on Sunday, December 22nd. Save the date email will go out soon. We have been invited to peruse the nativity museum and Nativity of our Lord Parish to see if we might want to borrow a nativity scene to use in our parish for Christmas this year. ● Secular Carmelites - No report ● Chesterton Academy of Akron - We held our first Come and See (open house) of the year this week and it was very successful. Chesterton Academy is hosting Donut Sunday in November. Annual Gala is February 15, 2025 and theme is in the works.
<p>Tony</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faith and Light- Nothing to report. ● PSR- Nothing to report ● Cub Scouts- Recently involved with the popcorn drive. They have a good amount of participation in the scouts and have their annual camping trip set for November. ● Boy Scouts- Will be finishing and awarding the Eagle Scout designation to Timothy Sullivan. May have another Scout that will be attempting to start his Eagle Scout designation. They are also camping in November. ● Young Adults- Continuing with Theology on Tap on the first Tuesday of every month with good turnouts. ● Knights of Columbus- Are accepting "of the year" awards thru 11/4. The Christmas party is scheduled for 12/2. Knights also are accepting donations for their Fill the Crib Drive on mass weekends 11/2-11/3 and 11/9-11/10 with the donations going to Embrace Clinic and Care Center. ● Akron Roman Catholic Home Educators ("ARCHE")- Will be holding an all Saints Day Party following their regular hike on 11/1 11:00 AM at Furnace Run Metro Park. Children are encouraged to dress as their favorite saint and everyone is asked to bring a treat to share. The group will be praying the Lintany of Saints as part of the celebration.
<p>Hannah</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <p style="text-align: center;">St. Sebastian, Pray for Us! 🙏</p>