



# St. Sebastian Parish Council

## Meeting Agenda

### 12/12/2024

**In attendance:** Mark Adamczyk, Will Gibson, Katy Karg, Tom Knauer, Barb Panzner, Hannah Paulin, Linda Saliga, Shannon Schlueter, Chris Slattery, Terry Tolson, Father V, Tony Villareal

**Excused:** Ana Borges

7:00 – 7:05 pm Welcome and Opening Prayer (Tony Villarreal)

7:05 – 7:20 pm Father's Update

- Greenhouse almost finished. Waiting for final inspections from city which are expected this week
- Confessions working better with lines
- New seminarian from St. Sebastian! Further details to be posted when available
- Cleveland Diocese is reassessing parishes for 2025. St. Sebastian rate expected to increase. Cost per student fee to the Diocese also expected to increase.
- Urgent requests to the parish are increasing. Request to parishioners: Allow time to Father and staff to reflect. Even simple requests are often more complicated in nature.
- New Ministry to be considered. Adopting elderly in Summit county area and becoming an advocate. There is a great need for this ministry and there are approximately 3,000 in Summit county who could use this service.

7:20 – 7:35 pm New Business

- Parish Feast Day hosted by Parish Council – January 18 (Hannah/Terry)
  - Parish Council can support and work with Marcy Smith.
  - Hannah to circulate a sign-up sheet for Parish Council members (**follow-up**)
- Parishioner request: Bulletin filled with too much related to the school; incorporate articles about saints (Hannah)
  - No issues from Parish Council members with bulletin content. Additional content for bulletin to be considered.
- Parishioner request: Discussion about noise from young children; inappropriate parishioner behavior (Hannah)
  - On track for record year for baptisms at St. Sebastian which will bring in more families to mass. #WeGiveCatholic will offer additional options for parents to follow Mass from Narthex and Cry room.
  - Parish Council to pen a letter for the bulletin as a reminder to all parishioners. (**follow-up**)

School parent concern: Culture of the School (Shannon)

- Concern regarding shifting culture of school where students do not attend Mass as frequently. Father reiterates that St. Sebastian is not a private school, but a Catholic school and the teaching is not complete without Sundays.
- Proposal for less screen time in the classrooms and more faith-based book options in the library

- Member mentioned dress code becoming more lax and could be contributing
- Parishioner comment/question: Greenhouse (Barb)
  - Parishioner ask if poinsettias were stored in the greenhouse prior to Christmas decorating. Due to logistics, poinsettias will not be stored in the greenhouse.

7:35 – 7:50 pm

Old Business

7:50 – 8:20 pm

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

8:20 – 8:30 pm

Compline (Tony Villarreal)

Next Meeting:

Thursday January 23, 2024, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

St. Sebastian Rectory

**Prayer and Compline – Ana Borges**

**Merry Christmas from Parish Council**