

St. Sebastian Parish Council Meeting Agenda 9/25/2025

In attendance:

Excused: Mark Adamczyk

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

7:05 – 7:15 pm Father Valencheck's Update

- **Staffing:** The parish is actively searching to fill two positions: a full-time Youth Minister and a part-time Young Adult Minister.
- Diocesan Capital Campaign: The parish is preparing for an upcoming diocesan-wide capital campaign.
- **School Playground:** A professional assessment of the school playground concluded that the junior high section is deteriorating and poses a safety risk. The section for younger children remains in good condition.
- Ministry for Unclaimed Remains: A new ministry is being formed to provide a dignified burial for the cremated remains of indigent or unclaimed individuals. The parish is working with the diocese to secure a burial niche.

Parish Events & News:

- A school-wide procession with altar servers was very well-received and will be planned again.
- The diocesan Priest Convocation will take place on Tuesday, October 14th.
- Father Anthony Simone will be installed as pastor at St. Jerome's and Holy Redeemer parishes on Sunday, October 19th.

Parish Properties:

- A generous donation was received for landscaping around the greenhouse.
- The Elmdale Manor property is being used for some meetings on a temporary basis.
- **Staff Communication:** A reminder was issued that when staff members do not have an immediate answer, the proper response is to find the information and follow up.

7:15 – 7:25 pm Father Marcelli's Update

Young Adult Ministry:

- The ministry is being restructured with a renewed focus on faith content and discussion.
- Interim gatherings are being held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, which include adoration, prayer, and study.
- A special event for young adults is planned for the evening of October 19th, featuring a chili dinner and a talk on leadership.
- Job descriptions for the open ministry positions are posted on the diocesan website.

Parish Activities:

- The Praetorian Fitness Club will resume its weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM, starting October 1st.
- School students are being encouraged to participate in the Governor's Fitness Challenge.
- A potential pet blessing is being planned for an upcoming Saturday.

7:25 - 7:35 pm

New Business

- New Church Restroom Handicapped Accessible (Terry)
 - Concerns about the newly remodeled restroom were discussed. The soap dispenser's accessibility is being addressed, and a new baby changing station is on order.
- Desire for Town Hall (Andrew)
 - Father Valencheck is in the process of scheduling a school community town hall meeting to give better transparency regarding communication with major projects, finances, and questions about obtaining a resource officer.
- Socials appear!
 - Mission for this committee is to build community through parish and school social events while rasing funds that show appreciation for St. Sebastian teachers and staff.
 - Funds are raised through parish wide events, school socials and grade level socials hosted by families.
 - Funds have been used to give staff members a Christmas cash gift, snacks for the teacher lounge, meals, treats, and wellness items.
 - Funds raised this year \$18,600 which have been used to provide the list of items detailed above.

7:35 - 8:00 pm

Old Business

- Alpha Dinner are we all set for next Wednesday?
 - All items are prepared with our members and we are ready to go.
- Feed back from Maintenance on handicapped parking space
 - This was reviewed extensively at the time our current spacing was created. The space gives limited ability to make changes.

8:00 – 8:20 pm Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

8:20 – 8:30 pm Compline (Carrie)

Next Meeting: October 23, 7:00-8:30 pm

St. Sebastian Rectory

Prayer and Compline - Tom