

## Pulse of the Parish April

Parish Council Member	Summary
<b>Mark</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ushers:</b></li> <li>● <b>Collection Counters:</b></li> <li>● <b>Socials:</b></li> <li>● <b>Music Ministries:</b></li> </ul>
<b>Symon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Youth ministry:</b> youth ministry. had a couple of interviews and we are talking about next steps. We've had a little bit of conversation about young adult ministry, but that was just in the last day or two and I don't know where that stands so I'll hold off on particulars until something becomes more concrete</li> <li>● <b>Adoration:</b> nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Christian faith formation/evangelization:</b> nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Marriage preparation:</b> nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Prepare and enrich:</b> nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Sacramental preparation:</b> nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Vocations promotion:</b> nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Bridge flights:</b> nothing to report</li> </ul>
<b>Brian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Boy Scouts:</b> Campout this weekend. Timothy and Isaac Sullivan Eagle Court of Honor next month</li> <li>● <b>Cub Scouts:</b> Program year wraps up in May. Cubmaster opportunity- See Tim Sullivan</li> <li>● <b>Sacristans:</b> All good</li> <li>● <b>Little Flower:</b> All Good</li> <li>● <b>Film Club:</b> No report</li> </ul>
<b>Katy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Marketing:</b> No report...Bernadette busy with last minute work on Spectacular.</li> <li>● <b>Foundation:</b> Annual report-in process; Alumni Newsletter-in process; Legacy Weekend is July 18-19; Foundation Centennial Capital Campaign at \$3.25 million.</li> <li>● <b>Grounds Crew:</b> 20 new members after their most recent recruiting efforts.</li> <li>● <b>Finance Council:</b></li> <li>● <b>100th Committee:</b> Planning meetings held monthly to continue work on the Summer events. Bernadette will be joining us to share ideas about marketing these events.</li> </ul>
<b>Tom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Garden:</b> No updates</li> <li>● <b>Athletics:</b> No updates</li> <li>● <b>Good Sam Hunger Center:</b> No updates</li> <li>● <b>Booster Club:</b> Successful track and field season happening now. Had great participation in DD and Soccer Stars programs. Getting quotes for new banners and marketing materials for parish staff to approve. Looking forward to presenting the Athlete of Character Award at this year's graduation ceremony and planning to add an Alumni Award to the annual awards presentation.</li> <li>● <b>Archives:</b> Scaled back vision of scanning all items due to cost and security concerns. Many items have been scanned by individual Archive group members and identified</li> </ul>

	<p>and filed by year, others are labeled as unknown in a large file. There are approximately 1,400 items identified by year but not scanned including various sized photos and documents like class and First Communion pictures. Will consult with administration re: how to address unscanned items.</p>
<p><b>Barb</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Alpha-</b> Keith would like to see everyone from Parish Council participate in Alpha this Fall. He would like to speak at the July Parish Council meeting to discuss Alpha, and he will present a Taste of Alpha at the August 17th Theology on the Rocks.</li> <li>● <b>Bible Study-</b> on hiatus until September 2026.</li> <li>● <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion-</b> No report; Karen Bader is on vacation.</li> <li>● <b>Visiting Extraordinary Ministers-</b> nothing new to report.</li> <li>● <b>Mother of Sorrows-</b> scheduled Mass Intentions in 2027 at St. Sebastian for four of the five Funeral/Memorial Masses held in March. Still waiting to hear back from the family before scheduling the fifth Mass intention.</li> <li>● <b>Our Mother’s Hands-</b> no report</li> <li>● <b>St. Vincent DePaul Society-</b> currently training three new members.</li> <li>● <b>Sanctuary Society-</b> things are going well; nothing new to report.</li> <li>● <b>West Side Catholic Couples-</b>no report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Andrew</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pre-Cana</b> no report</li> <li>● <b>Peter Maurin Center</b> last meal was this past Sunday</li> <li>● <b>HASA</b> finished read-a-thon prizes and completed spirit wear orders, next month will assist with volunteers for year end events</li> <li>● <b>Secular Order of Carmelites</b> has a new president, Kelly Sheredy</li> <li>● <b>Faith and Light</b> all is good, had a lovely meeting last Friday</li> <li>● <b>Gratitude Ministry</b> April gratitude notes Finance Council, Parish Council, Sacristans, Knights of Columbus, Book Rack</li> <li>● <b>Rectory Volunteers</b> folded and stapled HUNDREDS of programs for Holy Week and Easter and counted a LOT of Rice Bowl money.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Carrie</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>School Choir:</b> nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>JB:</b> - Students are finishing up the year with MAP testing, annual I Believe in Me Race on May 8th, 8th grade retreat, and graduation in May.</li> <li>● <b>Band:</b> Spring band and choir concert is May 19th.</li> <li>● <b>Academy:</b> Offering Art classes for K-4 grades beginning in April after Spring Break. Two spring recitals will be May 3rd for dance and May 17th for Instruments.</li> <li>● <b>Youth Groups:</b> We have a couple candidates for the youth minister position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will be getting 2 interns this summer that will serve from June 1st till August 9th, helping with youth and young adult ministry, marketing, and other jobs. The two interns are Mary Sboray, a junior at Franciscan University and Abigail Hassenzahl, a 2025 graduate from Ashland.</li> <li>○ VBS will be July 20-24. The theme is “The Great Journey with Jesus through the Church Year.”</li> <li>○ Keith would like to invite council members to come and experience Alpha firsthand. It begins Sept. 9th. There will be a special session of TOR on Monday 8/17 called “A Taste</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p style="text-align: center;">of Alpha” Keith would like to present to Parish Council about Alpha in July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SAC:</b> nothing to report</li> <li>● <b>Principal Rohr:</b> nothing to report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shannon</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Rectory Cooks:</b> no report</li> <li>● <b>Lectors:</b> no report</li> <li>● <b>St. Sebastian Prayer Warriors:</b> no report</li> <li>● <b>Women of St. Sebastian:</b> They are working with Bernadette to find a better way to email its members. Their current free subscription only allows them to send 2 free emails a month to its members, which makes it difficult to communicate in a timely fashion for things like meal trains when mothers have babies, and event cancellations. They mentioned that their goal for all their events is retention and to build community. The following are their upcoming scheduled events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ladies Coffee Meet Up: Saturday, April 25th at Portal West Coffee</li> <li>2. Women’s Night Out: May 14th Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant</li> <li>3. Women’s Night In: June 8th at Jennifer Sullivan’s house</li> <li>4. June 13: From 10-noon they will host a Welcome Party in Forest Lodge to celebrate the women received into the church at Easter. All women in the parish are invited. A \$100 budget has been approved by Milisa.</li> <li>5. Summer Pray and Play is planned for Tuesdays</li> <li>6. Three Popsicles on the Playground days are scheduled. They hope to get a slightly larger budget for this than last year, because they added an additional day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Chris</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Book Rack:</b> Status quo. Items are selling as normal. National Catholic Register is attempting to updating features to make sure is staying relevant and appealing.</li> <li>● <b>Respect Life:</b> Carnation sales for Mother’s Day planned (to be confirmed)</li> <li>● <b>Altar Server Training:</b> 10 tiny servers trained, most of them 4th grade. They started serving daily Masses this past Monday.</li> <li>● <b>Baptism Class:</b> N/A</li> <li>● <b>Catechist Formation:</b> N/A</li> <li>● <b>Donut Sunday:</b> Status quo</li> <li>● <b>Gabriel Ministry:</b> All video systems running smoothly. 200-275 views on each of the Triduum Masses. And 670 viewers for the Chrism Mass. And a personal thank you from Wayne and Maria to all the teams making the Chrism Mass, Triduum, and Easter run so smoothly each of the Triduum Masses.</li> <li>● <b>Altar Server Scheduling:</b> N/A</li> <li>● <b>Children’s Liturgy of the Word:</b> N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tony</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ARCHE:</b> The homeschool group, ARCHE, has started its Friday Park Days. The group will be traveling around Summit County to local parks for fellowship and socialization.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Terry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Arts &amp; Environment</b> - We have a good crew for watering and keeping Easter plants alive. Looking to refresh for First Communion.</li> <li>● <b>Chesterton Academy of Akron</b> - We had a successful Vision Dinner on April 18, raising over \$210,000. 7th grade visits upcoming: Sacred Heart on 4/24 and St. Sebastian 4/29. On 4/22, we had our inspection with the Ohio DEW (Department of Education and Workers) which we passed, allowing us to become a</li> </ul>

non-public chartered school, pending a few signatures. This means that we will be able to apply for EdChoice scholarships in the fall.

**St. Sebastian, Pray for Us!** 🙏