

**Pulse of the Parish
July 2021**

Parish Council Member	Summary
Christina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSR is looking for new teachers. Please contact Cinnamon Chivers for further information
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Vincent de Paul: Utility company shut offs are starting to increase as public stimulus, increased unemployment compensation benefits or other bail out money expires. Next month, the moratorium on evictions ends. We will have to be careful there, because some folks deliberately quit paying rent, even though they had funds to do so, because of the moratorium and are now way behind. But evading rent was not the purpose of the moratorium. • On a good note, the HEAP program for electric bills (but not gas) came up with funds through September 30 in an amount up to \$500 per account if the household income is at 175 percent of poverty level or less. A lot of our households meet that criterion, so on electric bills, we are now asking folks to try to get the \$500 in HEAP money first before we expend our funds. So if the person's back electric bill is \$680, we only end up paying \$180, not trying to figure out how much of \$680 to pay based on the person's resources. Again, that program lasts until Sept 30 (or they run out of allocated funds). Bernard Smith <p>LEGION OF MARY (et al): Eucharistic/Patriotic Rosary procession---had approximately 225 people in attendance. Fr. Chris Zerucha (St. Bernard's) and Fr. Norm Douglas (St. Vincent's) coordinated with (Ro Reed) in making all the arrangements and led the Exposition, Procession, and Benediction. Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler (St. Francis de Sales) and Fr. David Durkee (Queen of Heaven) accompanied the Eucharist. St. Sebastian's provided the baldacchino (processional canopy) and 3 altar servers (the Johnson boys)</p>

processed along with 3 servers from St. Mary's. Shout out to Ed Pfeiffer who jumped in to even out the canopy as some servers were "vertically challenged." :-) Also a big thank you to both Ed and Paul Mungo for all their help in making the procession a reality. Fr. Peter Morris and Fr. Edward Burba attended the praying of the Patriotic Rosary at St. Vincent's. Three Legion sisters led the rosary with the two dozen people who remained behind opting not to process. One Legion sister and a member of the Divine Mercy Cenacle at St. Bernard's led the Rosary, praying in English with 60 people. Another St. Bernard parishioner led the rosary in Spanish with 40 people. The procession itself took just over 45 minutes and was recorded by a drone photographer. He is compiling a 60 second promo for the Legion which will help promote future processions and other Legion events. The Legion is very excited to have formed new relationships with 3 other parishes and will be expanding its ministry to include all of them. The response to our Pilgrim Statue program offered to St. Sebastian Parish has been anemic at best, so we are going to be offering it to St. Bernard and St. Vincent Parishes and hope the response is commensurate with their response to the Eucharistic Procession.

Mary's Birthday--We are still collecting pledges and have expanded this event to include the parishes of St. Vincent, St. Bernard, and St. Mary. Their parishioners have expressed excitement at the invitation. They are also going to take part in the pledging of rosaries prayed to gift to Our Blessed Mother. The event will be just that--an event. Last year we prayed the rosary, sang Happy Birthday while launching the balloon rosary, and then had cake and ice cream. This year there will be games for the kids, and more...we just have to get it all nailed down. AND we will provide food beyond the cake and ice cream. It's from 2:00 til 4:00 so people will probably be receptive to getting something more.

Sick of the Parish---The Legion saw a need and, with the approval of the Pastor, started calling on the sick of the parish listed in the bulletin. The purpose is two-fold: to let them know we are actively praying for them, and to remove names of those who no longer require prayers. Now that we have made it through the list for the first time, our new evening praesidium (committee) will take over the task, reaching out to the sick when their name first appears, and then monthly thereafter.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Will no longer be coordinating Donut Sunday as there has been a half-hearted response to its return. As of now there are 5 ministries signed up for Aug., Sept., Oct., and Dec. and then nothing until March. Until a new coordinator is found the ministries will be going back to inventorying and purchasing supplies. As of right now the DS cabinet is FULL and there are supplies to last many months, but they will need to purchase the orange drink and order and pay for donuts. As far as the welcome notes and tours, that part of the ministry stopped with COVID and never resumed.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT: do to expanded duties with Legion of Mary this committee of one needs replacing to order and arrange the Easter and Christmas flowers (plus wreaths, trees, indoor and outdoor creches) and coordinate the summer flower arrangers in order to enhance the worship experience for everyone.



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Marcy	•
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Ivan	•
Natalie	•

<p>Jennie</p>	<p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Family Picnic, Thursday, August 19th 5:30 – 7pm. Invitations will be mailed early next week. Vaccaro's will be catering • Church signage has arrived • School Signage arriving in mid-August • Welcome to Kindergarten postcards have been mailed • Next BrickLot Bulletin planned for August • Tours of the school continue through the summer • Spectacular Volunteer was Thursday, July 15th • Welcome Back Students ads for Akron Life, NEO Parent <p>Grounds Crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulching and flowers are completed, looks great! • Crew is mostly focusing on maintenance mode now until Fall • Volunteers are always wanted: Saturday 8-12: Trimming the smaller trees & shrubs, weeding. <p>Finance Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Matt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Keith Johnson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ • Extraordinary Ministers Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○
<p>Alex</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary Society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here are the dates: • October 13th - is the Ladies Night. We plan on opening this to women of the church and school to spread the word about Sanctuary and maybe improve involvement. • December 5th - is Donut Sunday by us. • December 8th - is the Christmas Tea • February 5th - is the International Festival. I'm thinking of making this our celebration year since we missed it due to Covid. • We will still do all the memorials, Christmas and Easter. • I'll report more as the months go by. I do need lots of help, so any word out will be appreciated. We will be publicizing all these info soon in both the church bulletin and school. • Little Flower Garden Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will no longer be a parish group.
<p>Susan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •