**Pulse of the Parish**

**March 2021**

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| **Parish Council Member** | **Summary** |
| **Christina** |  |
| **Jennifer** |  |
| **Jack** |  |
| **Ed** | **SVDP:**  **Respect for Life:**      **Legion of Mary:** |
| **Marcy** |  |
| **Tracie** |  |
| **Ivan** |  |
| **Natalie** | * **School Band: no report** * **Mr. Rohr: Spectacular** * **This year, St. Sebastian Parish School is turning its fundraising efforts toward:**   **• Updating the main entrance to improve safety and efficiency when entering/exiting**  **• Replacing/upgrading existing security software as well the addition to/upgrade of existing security cameras**  **• Updating the PA system for improved communication and reach throughout the school**  **• Installing locking mechanisms on classroom doors in the eventof an emergency**  **• As well as tuition reductions for all students, technology upgrades, and support of our school’s endowment**     * **High Achievement and High Growth**   **We should all be proud of the successes we have experienced this school year. Great job to our students, our parents, and our faculty and staff!!! Let's continue the great work and finish the year St. Sebastian Strong!!! Considering how our achievement levels are, our growth this year has been remarkable.**   * **Power of the Pen Team** * **Congratulations to the St. Sebastian Power of the Pen Team on another successful year.** * **After placing first at districts in January, the 7th grade team followed up with a third place finish at the Kent State University Regional Tournament. Based on their individual performances, Suzana Borges, Sophia Burgoyne, Catie Bordenkircher, Alex Krohn, and Susie Thomas all qualified to compete for St. Sebastian at the State Competition in May. Great job team!!!** * **MATHCOUNTS Team** * **Three teams submitted videos to the MathCOUNTS Challenge. This year we received Silver and Gold status with all that our MathCOUNTS students and coaches did. One of the requirements was to have students participate in the Video Challenge. Congratulations and best of luck to Team "Detective Distribute" (Sebastian Blaser, Peter de Boer, Jude Rothkopf and Timothy Sullivan) as they have reached the Quarterfinals with their video.** * **Congratulations to Owen Schlueter as he finished 20th in the Chapter Invitational Competition. Owen was the first student from St. Sebastian to move onto the Invitational round of the competition. Congratulations Owen!**      * **AV Students for Live-Streaming** * **I believe it was brought up at the previous meeting, but we have two 8th grade students fully trained to run the AV equipment for masses and funerals. They even live-streamed four Stations of the Cross sessions for us. We began training two 7th grade students today and there are other interested students in 7th grade willing to help.**      * **Enrollment for next year** * **I believe someone will have an update from Finance Council that may include numbers for enrollment, but enrollment looks very good for next year and we are adding a fourth preschool classroom.** * **HASA: no report** * **SAC: no report** * **JB: We have completed our kindergarten screening for the fall and are now in the process of screening the other grades. We are also working through the details of several construction projects slated for the summer. The projects are scheduled to begin as soon as the school year ends on June 2nd.** |
| **Jennie** | **Marketing:**   * Fr. Valencheck has been posting on the Church Facebook page, which is awesome! * Online Giving button has been added to the top of the church website * Father’s Easter Letter was mailed late last week and we hope it will increase donations to the parish * 3 Interior signs have been approved and with sign company * Open House sign-up for March 25, there will be time slots to sign up for and only 20 guests at a time * School tours continue – Michelle would like to resume giving tours during the school day so the visitors can really see how things run at our school. Anthony will think about her request and get back to her * Spectacular sponsorship flyer has been sent out to parishioners and school families   **Finance Council:**   * Met 3/18/2021 – next is 4/22/18 * School finances   + Blown away by the day school has 337 registered for next year already. At 329 currently   + 13 current families who have not yet registered – still room for them   + Wait list in pre-school ; current capacity is 36; could get to 45; at 28 or 29   + Thought AIMS funds could be used to replace the windows – found out it is not allowed for any capital/permanent item. * Spectacular – April 12-24th; coming together nicely; fundraising ask is for security for front entrance on Mull. Finance council donating $1300 grill. ***Should the Parish Council donate*?** * Church revenue up for the month * Beneficiary of portfolio gains of the foundation * Statements went out to all the parishioners * Looking for improvements to Byrider – rooms, windows, floors, etc * Z-hall – approved $10,000 to buy another compressor for summer * Church- Boiler Chiller – looking at getting a different type than was quoted. * Heart of the Shepherd Campaign is coming after the Spectacular and before the end of the school year. Trying to replace some of the AV machines – * Foundation is refreshing 5 yr plan * Thirsty Dog Brewery is putting on a teacher appreciation for teachers only on the 29th. |
| **Matt** | * **From Keith Johnson:** * **Extraordinary Ministers Committee:** |
| **Alex** |  |
| **Tiffany (if necessary)** | * **From a parishioner- noticing pews in use are showing more wear than those marked off- may want to consider changing the ropes.** |