

Pulse of the Parish October 2021

Parish Council Member	Summary
Christina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Young adult bible study group having issues with group participation. Looking to work with the adult group from time to time. ● Garden - food is still being harvested. Some watermelons were smashed. The hinges were pulled off the gate. Will look at getting it fixed. ● Mention several upcoming volunteer opportunities.
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CYO Athletics: 3 teams made semifinals in their sports: 7/8 football, 6th grade girls soccer and 6th grade boys soccer. 6/7/8 Cross country won the CYO Cross Country championship - 1st time in school history. An idea for the 100th anniversary would be to have the athletes wear a patch on their uniforms. ● Boy Scouts: Andrew Powell has his Eagle Scout Board of Review this week. Good luck to him. Fall camping this weekend for both Troop 96 and Pack 3096. ● Cub Scouts: 10-12 new kids are to be added to the pack. Things are getting back to normal after Covid. ● Brick Parking Lots: One estimate, from United Hardscapes, was received for replacing the bricks. We are still awaiting another estimate from Vizmeg. ● Schneider Park permits: no permits have been issued yet. The park has not been marked for specific playing fields, but the city intends to do so in the near future.
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● emHC- no report ● Disciples for the dying - Judy Ley's phone number has been disconnected, need new number ● Good Samaritan Hunger center - no report ● WSCC- no report for the group. Kathleen Myers brought up a suggestion for the 100th anniversary celebration about hiring a youth director. She suggested hiring a man (teen males seem to respect male figures more than female figures) or couple full time with a sustainable salary they can live on and not have to have a second job. \$50,000? She feels that if we want to stay a vibrant parish we need to keep the youth engaged and faithful to the Lord. She has some ideas on how to go about getting the finances for this. She also suggested reaching out to St. Mary's in Hudson, Fr. Patrick Shultz, or possibly Fr. Damion Ference for ideas and suggestions on how to go about the process. ● McDonough Resource Center - not sure who, if anyone, is maintaining it
Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SVDP: Another couple may be joining St. Seb SVDP! Also requests for assistance have returned to pre-Covid levels, about 6-15 per week. And CARES program is being more particular about who is accepted as rent and utility assistance funds are spent down and the enhanced unemployment checks have ended. ● Legion of Mary and Prayer Line: Nothing to report. ● Social Justice: Nothing to report. ● Ecumenical Committee: Larry Furman reports the group ceased its activities even prior to COVID and there are no plans to resume.

Marcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The choir is having a concert 11/5 to benefit the scholarship fund. Hope to do MP3 based on requests of songs from parishioners. • Choir needs new members. Encourage people to join.
Tracie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Cana 2/12/22. Will be promoting volunteer opportunities.
Ivan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith- Starting bible study. • New alter server training on MOnday, November 8 with follow-up sessions on November 15 and 17. • Prayer warriors did rosary coast to coast on October 10, 2021 • Chesterton Academy - 4 teachers for 6 students. Establishing a capital calendar. Added a new board member. 9/10 grade this year. Mostly drawing from home schoolers who need more advanced topics. • The High School Youth Ministry will be starting T3: The Teen Timeline. See here for more info: https://ascensionpress.com/collections/t3-the-teen-timeline. This will be an outstanding way of learning so much more about the Bible. I'd love to have your kids join us
Natalie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Jennie	<p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explorer Day- Friday, November 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABJ ads 10/31 and 11/7 (free ads) • WSL ads 10/28. 11/4, 11/11 • NEO Parent – November issue • Facebook Ad • Postcard mailing October 18th • Social, banners, preschool, flyer, bulletin • K/1st Grade Dinner – over 70 people in attendance • Music ad – October 21st • New Student Ambassadors being trained in November for Explorer Day and other events • New school signage has arrived • We Give Catholic – working with Kathy H on promoting • Spectacular – “Lights, Camera, Action” the Save the Date has been finalized <p>Grounds Crew - Done until spring. Thank you!</p> <p>Finance Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests came in to see if we can accept Bitcoin in the parish. Looking at the cost and benefit analysis. • Looking for new members for the Finance Council. Current members nominate new members for consideration • School Enrollment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Day School enrollment is down to 337; One family moved to another state. ○ Pre-K enrollment is 46; 7 children moved from ½ days to full day ○ Haven lockdowns in 24 classrooms; will purchase 16 more to cover all other areas of the school ○ Spectacular is Feb 26th • Financials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fiscal year end was June 30th ○ For the last fiscal year. Revenue was \$100,000 over expenses. In fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, it was only over by \$10,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First time in our history, the funding from the church over to the school to cover costs was less than 20% of the costs. Meaning: after all the school expenses, less than 20% needed to be covered by the church. In the fiscal year ending June 30,2020 it was 22%. ● Budgets are set for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heart of the Shepherd – Received \$135,000 which will cover the boiler ○ FACTS, the school payment system is working well and receiving good feedback from the parents. <p>Parish Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 2021 #weGiveCatholic project will be focused on the “Lights, Camera, Action” 2022 Spectacular theme. We will help raise money for that effort. Money raised goes to a new sound system in Z-hall. ● #weGiveCatholic is on Tuesday, November 30th from 12:01 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. ● Asking a few groups like Parish Council to sponsor one of the “contest hours” and see if we could qualify to win a contest! Parish Council Members would be provided flyers to email out to friends and family asking them for support. If the Parish Council decides to “adopt” an hour – then we will have you request donations be made at that particular hour. <p>Sanctuary Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ladies meet and greet night for all the women of St. Sebastian met Wednesday, October 15th; 7-8 women came to learn more and signed up for the International Festival and/or to help with the Tea. Officers are looking to find new officers for the 2022-2023 year. ● The International Festival is February 5th and the tea is December 8th.
Jim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cub scouts heading for a camp out.
Alex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business as usual.
Susan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girl Scouts: Brainstorming for 100th anniversary; last year before HS. ● Ushers: The disruption wrought by COVID-19 led to the resignation of several people, including those who organized the assignments. Morning masses are unofficially coordinated by Ken Butler and 11:00 by Richard Roberts. ● Lectors: No report ● Votive Lights: Root Candle Company, our supplier for candles, has supply chain problems with inventory. There may be times when there are no, or very few candles in the stands. ● Women of St. Sebastian: The group remains active: monthly hikes, open gym, faith share every other Friday, brainstorming for 100th anniversary. The faith formation activity on The Four Last Things was attended by 23 women and one called Catholic Living Part 1 was attended by 15. <p>Upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Catholic Living Part 2 will be held at Forest Lodge on Tuesday, 10/26. ○ Women’s Night Out will be held 11/4, location to be determined. ○ Volunteers have been identified for Donut Sunday, date to be determined. ○ All Saints Day party on 10/22 (Bellenger residence) ○ Purgatory, The Secret Revelations of Fr. Pio and Fulla Horak, 10/25 and 10/28 at 7:00pm, Regal Montrose. Description of movie: “People have been wondering what awaits them after death since the beginning of time. And although nobody managed to penetrate the secret, there have been many people through the ages that could see more – like Fulla Horak, St. Faustina Kowalska or St. Padre Pio. These mystics – people who have been graced by the visits of souls from Purgatory – are only some of the protagonists of this Michał Kondrat’s film. The new film from the creator of “ Love and Mercy: Faustina” and “Two Crowns”, tells the story of souls living in

	<p>bodies and souls that have already left this world. It is also a reminder – in film form – of the most outstanding theologians and scientists, who have been studying the state of human consciousness when the body dies.”</p>
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