Pulse of the Parish
October 2026

Parish Council Member	Summary
Mark	● **Ushers:** No updates ● **Collection Counters:** No needs or updates - status quo. ● **Music Ministry:** Concert season off to a good start. No updates. ● **Socials:** Have had a couple successful events to kick off the year! Both Celebrity Night and Trunk or Treat were well attended and proceeds were similar to previous years. We are looking forward to our Annual Ladies Luncheon in November! ● **Lectors:** We have 3 new lectors: Deron Boyd, David Beatty and Matt Ryan. ● **EMHCs:** Mary St Clair attended St Hilary but she just wants to be a visiting EM. Any nominees from Council or Father V?
Tony	●
Katy	● **Marketing:** No report. ● **Finance Council:** School financials…Walkie talkies were purchased for all school staff with funds from Spectacular; the Foundation will be funding the replacement of all the SmartBoards in the classrooms; the Foundation sends 4% of their Endowment to the school each year; the cost to educate a student is now over $8k. Parish financials…Start of the new fiscal year for the parish is looking good; we will start encouraging people to participate in the Angel Scholarship Program; sale of the Elmdale house is complete; State of the Parish report will be given at the end of October/beginning of November ● **Foundation:** Alumni Arrow Newsletter – Fall 2026 mailed ○ Annual Appeal – in process ○ Annual Alumni Mass – November 28th at 4:30 ○ Foundation celebrates 55th Anniversary (1971-1926) ○ Scholarship Season 2027 – 2028 ▪ Letter to parents sent 10/22/2026 ▪ Deadline for applications: January 25,2027 ▪ Foundation Scholarship Mass: April 8, 2027 at 8:05a.m. ○ Teacher Enrichment Awards deadline – November 1, 2026 ▪ Christopher James Consilio Memorial Fund – Enrichment for classroom ▪ James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment – reimburses teacher for enrichment expenses ○ #weGive 2026 – Focus will be Byrider Hall. ● **Grounds Crew:** No report. ● **100th Committee:** Casino Night is being planned and is scheduled for Friday, January 15. This event is part of the Feast of St. Sebastian Weekend.
Brian	● **Boy Scouts**: 10/16 Campout focused on hiking and cooking. 10/29 is Court of Honor for awards and recognition. 11/13 Campout theme TBD. 12/19 Planning Christmas party. ● **Cub Scouts**: Need a new Cub Master. Tim Sullivan transitions to Boy Scouts 12/31.

	● **Sacristans**: All good. No update. ● **Little Flower**: All good. No update. ● **Film Club**: No report.
Symon	● **Young Adult group:** Continuing to grow: We now have a total of 52 members in our Group me. We held a service project night where we made blankets and donated them to St. Paul. We held a joint night of praise and worship with Mallory and the youth group where Father Joseph led Adoration. We had a Fall outing at Hillside Farms to do some apple picking. We attended mass at the seminary and hung out with the seminarians afterwards. We had the privilege of having Harry Sivec, a clinical psychologist, give a talk and discussion on mental health and our faith along with a bonfire and smores, which we had an attendance of 18 young adults. Plans for November 1st have changed; we are now taking the group to the Priest Vs. Seminarians basketball game hosted at Holy Name Academy. After this coming Sunday we are off for 2 weeks due to most of our core team being on pilgrimage to France so please keep us all in your prayers. November 22nd we are hosting a friendsgiving and the following Sunday we have no events planned due to the holiday. ● New servers are beginning to serve. There will be a Deanery meeting next month to inform us on next steps to implementing the new marriage prep program in the Diocese of Cleveland, which will involve needing more couples for preparing. ● The Deanery has been working on getting information about all of the adoration that is available in our area and it was recently printed in our Angelus letter.
Andrew	● **HASA:** Monthly teacher lunches started last week. Last Thursday was Monster Mash. ● **Carmelites:** No update ● **Pre-Cana:** Had first planning meeting Oct. 9th. Pre-Cana scheduled for 2/27/27 ● **Gratitude Letters:** Update coming soon ● **Rectory Volunteers:** Update coming soon ● **Peter Maurin Center:** Last meal was served 10/18. 112 people were served a delicious meal!
Carrie	● **School Choir:** nothing to report ● **JB Becky Busey** - nothing to report ● **Band:** All bands will be performing in the Halloween parade on 10/30. ● **Academy:** nothing to report ● **Youth Groups:** Both high school and middle school ministries have been launched, meeting on Sunday and Tuesday nights respectively. The high school students will be assisting with the hot meal at St. Bernard this Sunday evening. Mallory is also getting things in place for our group to attend the CLE youth conference for the first time. ● **SAC:** nothing to report ● **Principal Redovian:** School was still able to host our Trunk-or-Treat given the weather. -Held our first Living Rosary- sound system worked nicely, used a new drone to get some good footage and pictures of our Rosary and the whole school in the shape of a heart- correlates with our school theme -Last Friday the teacher's PD focused on Accreditation and alignment across subject areas

	-Halloween Parade Oct 30th- all students are able to participate (even preschool) -End of the 1st quarter and parent/teacher conferences are coming up -Play auditions have started for Aladdin -Restructured our explorer day to "Kindergarten Open House." The name has been changed to be more clear on the branding and expectations for families. -Looking to bring a presenter in to our students, staff and families on appropriate behavior/ coping with teasing/difficult situations to regulate better. -Still looking for an Aide in the Preschool -Still looking for additional help during lunch/recess. ● **ELCD Cathy Sivec:**This month we have a bunch of first time events for the Center for Early Learning: Oct. 19 - First time the preschool students participated in the school Living Rosary Oct. 21 - First time the preschool students left the campus for a field trip Oct. 22 - First time the preschool students went to Mass this year Oct. 22 - First time the preschool students were included in the Terrier Spotlight awards Oct. 30 - First time the preschool students will march in the Halloween parade ● **Catechetical Director Keith Johnson:** We currently have 11 adults and 2 students in OCIA. -Youth ministry and Young adult ministry are going well.
Jake	**Altar Serving** ● 5 new servers added in October **Gabriel Ministry** ● Experienced an issue with the live feed cutting to a still image. This was user error and not a malfunction. Extra training has already been held and Wayne is working on developing a troubleshooting manual to cover common issues. **Book Rack** ● Going well, no updates **Respect Life** ● Held the life chain for respect life month. Had a group of people at the Hawkins turning circle holding signs. According to the Right to Life Offices where they borrowed the signs, St. Mary's in Hudson and St. Sebastian were the only two parishes that did the life chain this year. **Visiting Eucharistic Ministers** ● No report
Kelly	**Women of St. Sebastian** ● **Events promoted**: Open Gym, Women's Night Out (Oct. 15), Family Rosary and Potluck (Oct. 18), and book discussion (Oct. 22), Sanctuary Society Meeting (Oct. 28) ○ Upcoming events: Moms of Littles All Saints' Day Party (Nov. 1), book discussion (Nov. 19), and Kindergarten Open House (Nov. 20). ● **Ministry Support:** ○ **Sanctuary Society**: Encouraging women to volunteer for specific tasks, support fundraising, and attend the Oct. 28 meeting (update?). Jill identified promoting Sanctuary Society as a priority -- the early October email included a letter of appeal from Fr. Valencheck and a proposed $20 donation. ○ Pre-Cana volunteers: Seeking Catholic married couples for marriage preparation on Feb. 27, 2027. ● **Parish engagement:** Encouraging women to welcome newcomers at Mass and share the Women of St. Sebastian email sign-up link. ● **Group priority:** Jill would like to promote Sanctuary Society and create a more unified newsletter and communication source for all women of St. Sebastian.

	CYO/Booster Club: ● **Fall Athletics:** Successful fall season, with several championship and runner-up finishes. ○ Boys Cross Country: Diocese runner-up. ○ Girls Cross Country (Grades 5–8): Diocese champions. ○ Boys Volleyball/Basketball? Grades 5–6 boys were championship runners-up. (Sport not specified in the email.) ○ Girls Volleyball: Eighth-grade team was championship runner-up. ● **Winter Athletics:** Basketball and cheer practices began this week, with more than 140 participants in winter athletics. ● **Night at the Races**: Registration is open for the Booster Club's largest annual fundraiser, scheduled for November 21 at Z-Hall. ● **Gym Banners & Alumni Engagement:** Efforts are underway to identify past CYO team champions in preparation for new championship banners in the gym. An appeal was included in the alumni newsletter. ● **Catholic Education Scholarship:** Jim and Linda Wilkins announced at the Cross Country Banquet funding for a scholarship through the Foundation to help cross-country runners pursue Catholic high school education. Booster Club & CYO leadership recommends formal recognition of this generous contribution.
Lori	●
John	● **Votives:** Nothing to report, appreciates communication and support. ● **Faith and Light:** All is good, nothing to report. ● **Good Samaritan Food Ministry:** Nothing to report ● **St. Sebastian Garden**: Nothing to Report ● **Archives:** Continuing to review and refine our inventory of the items archived. With the large number of items haphazardly stored over the years, identifying and verifying items initially did not necessarily result in the best descriptions, etc. This second pass at sorted items is refining the inventory. As a reminder, we ask that any items submitted to archives be identified and labeled as clearly as possible.
Shannon	● **St. Sebastian, Pray for Us!** 🙏