**Pulse of the Parish**

**September 2020**

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| **Parish Council Member** | **Summary** |
| **Christina** | * **Padre Pio celebration went smoothly.**
* **Girl Scouts have been meeting for some fun, socially distanced activities outside.**
* **Second confirmation meeting is scheduled on September 28 at 7:00 p.m.**
* **Lif Chain is October 4 at noon at the corner of Hawkins and Mull.**
* **Jr. High Youth night is October 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Byrider Hall.**
* **The Parish Foundation is looking to fill a Bookkeeper position.**
* **Over $800 raised in classroom furniture sales.**
* **Hamline Library Fund purchased BEAM audio devices and HoverCam document cameras for each classroom.**
* **The GSHC has harvested over 600 lbs. of food and added four apple trees.**
* **Girl Scouts mentioned benign asked to move weeping cherry trees from the garden.**
* **First meeting of the Young Adult Group was held September 22 and 5 adults attended. Discussed faith and bible passages.**
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| **Jennifer** | * **Suggestion to include a list of readings for 1:00 p.m. Latin Mass in the bulletin and consider including information about the mass.**
* **Asked if spraying disinfection is still being done between masses. Father stated it is not but other cleaning activities are being done.**
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| **Jack** | * **Still trying to meet with engaged couples and noted there haven’t been as many. Father said he has received several calls recently from couples.**
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| **Ed** |  |
| **Marcy** | * **It was mentioned that the crying room needs to be cleaned up.**
* **There is a need for additional rectory cooks.**
* **Upcoming concerts include the following and will be both live and streamed: Advent Organ Recitals at noon and Christmas celebration concert on December 19 at 7:30 p.m.**
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| **Tracie** | * **Pre-Cana Team will decide in October if the program will be held in February 2021.**
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| **Ivan** | * **The St Sebastian Prayer Warriors are “hosting” a Rosary Rally.**

**Rosary Coast to Coast - Public Rosary Rally****Sunday, October 11, 2020****Holy Hour in Church beginning at 3:00****Outside, a Rosary Rally beginning at 4:00****Rain or shine!****The whole country will be praying the Glorious mysteries simultaneously!****One announcement has already been in the bulletin.****From: Cathy Mungo****Link to FM transmitter for drive thru movies, etc:** **https://www.amazon.com/0-5-Fail-Safe-Long-Range-Transmitter/dp/B003FO4UHW/ref=pd\_aw\_vtp\_107\_1/143-0319401-3167376?\_encoding=UTF8&pd\_rd\_i=B003FO4UHW&pd\_rd\_r=d6dcb444-7fb2-4fd9-90dc-2a3e26820cb8&pd\_rd\_w=21eiB&pd\_rd\_wg=FfUhD&pf\_rd\_p=53ef7d88-8d97-4222-a598-66e39256ec77&pf\_rd\_r=0AH7G129ASMR1QRNHHM3&psc=1&refRID=0AH7G129ASMR1QRNHHM3** |
| **Natalie** | * **HASA-Spirit wear masks and t’s benefit the school and are made by a St. Sebastian family, the Tarays, owners of the Social Dept.** [**thesocialdept.com**](http://thesocialdept.com/)**. Working on setting up a Read-a-Thon for this fall to help make up for funds lost through the cancellation of last spring's Walk-a-Thon.**
* **School Band: will begin practice on October 6th**
* **School Advisory Committee: approval of green uniform shirts for boys and girls K-6, very positive response from parents**
* **Julie Billiart: Currently, we have 88 students at our school. Two weeks ago, 4 of our students celebrated their first communion in our chapel and we celebrated our first mass of the school year last week.**
* **Mr. Rohr school notes:**

**Academic Excellence:*** **High Achievement and High Growth in all four subjects tested (Math, Reading, Language Usage, and Science.**
* **We are one out of only 11 Catholic schools in the Diocese to be STEM Designated by the state of Ohio**
* **Awarded recently for the second year in a row the Governor’s Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education and Research from the Ohio Academy of Science. We were one of 37 schools and we had 20 out of 464 educators recognized for this. Not only that, but we were the only Catholic school to earn this for the second straight year, the next closest school to earn this is St. Francis in Medina.**

**Well Rounded Education:*** **Excellent social /emotional support for all students. We are the first school in the Diocese to implement the Biblically based Social and Emotional Learning program called Friendzy.**

**Facility Improvements:*** **90 year old building (soon to be 91) with a beautiful campus and grounds. Investments on the outside such as the parking lot and investments on the building such as classroom storage, new classroom furniture, hallways and stairs, security doors, etc.**
* **New furniture has arrived and the last of it will be delivered tomorrow.**
* **Haven’t lost architectural beauty and still keep history while modernizing.**
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| **Jennie** | * **Finance Council waiting for the Diocese to review and close books. Next meeting 10/8**
* **Grounds crew: Volunteers Marian and Rob Olson dug up the scrubs in front of the church and planted new ones. Thank you!**
* **September BrickLot edition is complete and, on the website, as well as copies going home with students and preschoolers**
* **Beginning to plan for virtual events for upcoming Open Houses and Explorer Day. Explorer Day will be November 20th.**
* **Beginning to layout the 2020-21 Parish Handbook with an arrival date of mid-December. Plans are to increase the font size for parishioner names and addresses to make them easier to read.**
* **Academy of Culture & Arts are working on re-starting offerings as early as early as middle of October. Classes will be based at Byrider and more information will be given as issues with schedules and instructor availability are finalized.**
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| **Matt** | * **From Keith Johnson**
	+ **This Sunday, 9/27, we are serving the boxed meal at St. Bernard Parish. I am in need of about 4 individuals, high school age and above, who can assist. If anyone on the council is available, please ask them to contact me for details. If they know of anyone, please ask them to do the same.**
	+ **Sunday, October 4, we are planning to do a Life Chain after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Please ask council to spread the word and come and join us at one of those events if they are able.**
	+ **Also, please note that RCIA begins this Thursday. If anyone knows someone thinking about the Catholic Faith, please let them know that we will be at Forest Lodge on Thursdays from 7-8.**
* **From Extraordinary Ministers Committee**
	+ **Concern that some EMs are stepping back from their roles because not every person is masking. Request that all masking rule be enforced at 4:30 pm Saturday Mass.**
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| **Alex** | * **Sanctuary Society has stated no Christmas Tea this year due to pandemic**
* **The International Festival will be pushed back to the Spring. There are concerns about availability of space and the effects of other fundraisers being moved or cancelled.**
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| **Tiffany (if necessary)** |  |