

Pulse of the Parish September 2021

Parish Council Member	Summary
Christina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young adult bible study: starting up this week • St. Sebastian Garden: harvesting fully underway. Report that ~1500 lbs of produce to-date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Volunteer group this weekend ■ Donut Saturdays (9.30 am) brought in some new members
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schneider Park - The city is going to mark 4-7 fields within the park that will have to be reserved with a permit. The city has already talked to James Lucas about this and the two will coordinate the process with permits. Signage is planned to be installed in the park noting that the fields are by permit only. Each field will be assigned a number to avoid confusion and most will be soccer fields from what I have heard so far. More to come in a few weeks. • Boy Scouts - no update. • Booster Club - there was a club meeting on the 13th. I have not been able to get a return call on any new information, yet. • Brick driveways - I left follow up messages/voice mails/emails for the two contractors regarding estimates for the driveways. United Hardscapes is working on an estimate. No replies from Vizmeg, yet.
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Vincent de Paul: Funding is still adequate. Now that government unemployment and other money is running out the number of requests for assistance is returning to normal. The CARES program started taking applications again for rent and utilities after getting behind in August and SVDP makes appropriate referrals to CARES for those who qualify and then follow up with clients who may have been turned down. The conference members continue to meet weekly with social distancing and wearing of masks required? • And Justice for All: a combined group of SVSM and St. Seb members meets regularly. They met on 9/19 at Byrider and discussed Traditiones Custodes, the Pope's recent motu proprio implementing restrictions on the Latin Mass (EF). The committee functions primarily in an education capacity but has suffered a setback due to covid. In coming weeks they will discuss Francis's third encyclical, Fratelli tutti subtitled "on fraternity and social friendship." The chairperson, Carolyn Varner, will forward the group's mission statement to Michele Huber for posting on the parish website. • Legion of Mary: Held a birthday Party honoring Our Lady Sunday, Sept.12 with 50+ attending including children with recitation of the Rosary, games, sandwiches, cake, ice cream and a successful Rosary balloon launch into the sky above the parish. Also LOM now has 3 beautiful Blessed Mother statues in rotation with families who signed up in just the first month of promotion at St. Bernard's and St. Mary's. LOM offers prayers of thanksgiving to Jesus and Our Lady.
Marcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Spangler wants to know; Who is in charge of the McDonagh Resource center because it needs some attention. Will ask

Tracie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new
Ivan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new
Natalie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Arts and Culture: Jazz Fest was a HUGE success. Record breaking year, over \$8,700 raised. New classes will be starting soon. Look for updates on the Parish website and in the bulletin. Mr. Mason is looking for a piano teacher that is available evenings. • School Band: Back in full swing with 27 students in grades 4-8.
Jennie	<p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 125 guests attended the New Family Picnic for the school • The Welcoming Committee hosted the Welcome Back Coffee • New St. Sebastian Parish School Spotlight ad in NEO Parent Magazine • Kindergarten and 1st Grade Dinner is October 1st, Invites have gone out • Explorer Day is Friday, November 19th, 8:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; Ads for Explorer Day start in October • Spectacular Coupon Books have netted over \$3600 and sales continue • Theme for this year's Spectacular will be "Lights, Camera, Action – A Night in Hollywood" • School's Governor Award will be promoted with Ads, Social and Fence banner <p>Grounds Crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of the season is October 16th. • Updating the shed/greenhouse <p>Sanctuary Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have the ladies meet and greet night for all the women of St. Sebastian scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th. Flyers should have gone out with the kids. • Dates for the festival is February 5th and tea is December 8th <p>Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On September 16, 2021 – The Foundation celebrated our 50th Anniversary. It was a wonderful event and everyone enjoyed the evening! Close to 80 parishioners, alumni and friends attended. • The event was truly focused on honoring the past, present and future St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Board of Trustees and generous supporters while giving the guests the chance to meet the current Board members. We recognized the "Arrow Society and Arrow Society Circle Members." Recognition for those Arrow Society members who have gone before us who included the Foundation in their estate plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please let me know if you would like information on the Foundation's planned giving program – The Arrow Society and the Arrow Society Circle. The plan is to have an event annually to welcome people and encourage planned giving...naming the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in wills, estates, beneficiary of life insurance, IRAs, etc. This type of legacy donation will support St. Sebastian Parish for generations to come! • Alumni Alley – new school entrance – I am still working on archive photos that will be displayed. • Alumni Newsletter – Next edition is in process! <p>Finance Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Matt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing new for most of the groups. ● Cub Scouts – They just started the year this month. They had successful recruitment with several new boys looking to join the Pack. On top of the usual meetings, they are hosting donut Sunday in October and are planning to camp later in the month. ● Gabriel Ministry – Say a prayer for Wayne’s recovery. He had meniscus surgery today (Thursday). Recovery could be a few days or a few months. They won’t be able to tell until after surgery. And so He is not able to currently train new student techs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He did train a new technician for daily Mass this week, a homeschooled student who can commit to covering the two weekdays. ● There have been various problems with the technology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The second camera in the church is currently getting flaky again (shutting down at random times and for no apparent reason) The church recently sent it in for a warranty repair but that (apparently) didn’t fix the problem. ○ The DNS server wasn’t responding so Wednesday’s Mass didn’t get uploaded to the internet. ○ The school IT technician should be able to troubleshoot that and he’ll contact Cathy Sivec on that issue, but he can’t troubleshoot the camera and cabling until he can walk.
Alex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing new
Susan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girl Scouting: The 8th Grade troop had a parent meeting to plan for the year. Last weekend, they went tent camping where they cooked over an open fire and learned new outdoor skills. NEED: Service project involving the church or school. ● Lectors: There are 20 lectors, with 12-13 regulars. Ted Varga’s long-term experience is a blessing to all. ● Votive Lights: No report. ● Ushers: No report. ● The Women of St. Sebastian had a “meet and greet” cheese tasting party on 9/15. It was attended by 23 women. Upcoming events include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/20: Hiking at Goodyear Heights. 9/24: Trivia Night party at Forest Lodge. All are welcome. 9/27: Hiking at Deep Lock Quarry. 9/28: Faith Formation-The Four Last Things by Fr. Martin Von Chochem at Forest Lodge. 10/1: Service activity-Layette packing for the Christ Child Society at Beck Center. 10/7: Women’s night out at the Rail in Fairlawn. 10/8: Morning Faith Share-Discussion of an episode of “Let Love” by Sisters of Life. 10/12: Faith Formation-Catholic Living Part 1 at Forest Lodge. 10/26: Faith Formation-Catholic Living Part 2 at Forest Lodge.