



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Agenda

12/11/2025

In attendance:**Excused:**

7:00 – 7:05 pm Welcome and Opening Prayer (Brian)

7:05 – 7:15 pm Father Valencheck's Update

- The parish staff is experiencing increased stress due to preparations for Christmas, diocesan responsibilities, and a financial audit. Parishioners are asked for their patience.
- Congratulations to Terry Tolson, who was honored at the Christmas tea.
- The search for a Youth Minister continues. The position is being promoted through the "Net" ministry network and at a young adult event on the 27th.
- A reminder was given about the Angel Scholarship Fund, which is a state tax credit, not a donation.
- Upcoming musical events include two more Tuesday afternoon organ recitals at noon and a free concert on Sunday at 4:00 PM at St. Mary Hudson.
- The Christmas Mass schedule is:
 - 4:00 PM: Children's Mass
 - 7:00 PM: Classical Guitar
 - Midnight: Full Choir (preceded by a concert and carols at 11:00 PM)
 - 9:00 AM (Christmas Day): Organ and Cantor
 - 11:00 AM (Christmas Day)
- The parish will host the diocesan Chrism Mass, though the primary focus remains on the celebration of Easter.
- An informal follow-up to the "State of the Parish" meeting is being planned for parishioners to ask questions.
- Parish offices will be closed from Wednesday through Friday for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
- Recent car accidents in the neighborhood have caused power outages at the parish.

7:15 – 7:25 pm Father Marcelli's Update

- The Young Adult group is hosting a Christmas party on Saturday, December 27th at 6:30 p.m. in Z Hall.
- The Parochial Vicar will be away for the first two weeks of January.
- Planning is underway for the Feast of St. Sebastian celebration in January, including the Casino Night and Parish Spaghetti Dinner.

7:25 – 7:35 pm

New Business

- Thank you notes

Thank you notes were received from the Alpha Team and the Parish Festival Committee.

- Sanctuary Society Volunteers

A significant need for more volunteers for Sanctuary Society events was identified, as the current leadership is needing the help.

Suggestions to increase volunteer support were discussed. Parish Feast Assignments

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Saturday 1/17 a signup sheet was passed for parish council members to sign up for feast duties.

7:35 – 8:00 pm

Old Business

- Young Adult update

The young adult group is hosting a Christmas party on Saturday, December 27th at 6:30 p.m. in Z Hall.

- Leadership Idea

This was a direction we were discussing as an entry to be included for the use of an Eli Lilly fund given to the diocese. We will review more next meeting to firm up ideas for our entry to be considered.

- Passive Evangelization ideas

- Prayer Rocks
- Nature walk
- Pet owners

Ideas for "passive evangelization" were discussed to make the campus more welcoming to the surrounding neighborhood. These included providing water for dog walkers, labeling trees, and personally welcoming new faces at Mass.

Successful existing events like the Book Bag Blessing and Bambino Blessing were highlighted. Z-Hall will be open for children after the 9:00 a.m. Bambino Blessing Mass.

8:00 – 8:20 pm

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

8:20 – 8:30 pm

Compline (Brian)

Next Meeting:

January 22, 7:00-8:30 pm

St. Sebastian Rectory

Prayer and Compline – Mark