



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Agenda

1/22/2026

In attendance: Terry, Mark, Barb, Katie, Andrew, Symon, Shannon, Carrie, Tom, Brian, Fr Valencheck, Fr Marcelli
Excused: Tony, Chris

7:00 – 7:05 pm

Welcome and Opening Prayer (Mark)

7:05 – 7:15 pm

Father Valencheck's Update

- Today is World Day of Prayer for Human Life!
 - o Prayer offered at start of meeting
- Jan 25th is Seminarians vs Priests basketball game; 6:30 PM at Holy Name HS
- Ash Wed/Lent in 1 mo:
 - o Wednesday, March 4th Diocesan Night of Confessions
 - o March 20th, John Scantling and Christopher Villareal will advance to Acolyte; 7 PM at the Seminary
- Dan Horrigan (Interim Head of Catholic Charities): New CC Campaign
 - o Building where Diocesan Chancery is located needs renovation
 - All CC offices will move to this location
 - o CC will take over Immaculate Conception ministries in Kenmore
 - o No more Summit County CC
 - o CC had their largest campaign in the history of their existence
- 10 parishes have already started the new Diocesan Capital Campaign
 - o We are in 1st wave – to begin soon; we will be asked to raise \$2 million
 - o Consider designating SOME of the money we raise to go to an inner-city parish without our resources
 - No rules about HOW it should be done
 - Consider completing our ask for the Diocesan Campaign and giving a percentage of anything above that amount to our recipient designee
 - Suggested St Bernard Parish as our recipient
 - Connection with Confirmation, soup kitchen
 - Considered opinions that may not support as we have needs here parishioners may want to have done at our Parish
- Headhunter hired to lead the search for a new School Principal
 - o Headhunter is a Catholic!
 - o Parish will set the job description and criteria for new Principal
 - Current School Staff and Parishioners will be asked for input
- Principal Rohr: School accreditation has changed
 - o Previously: 2 goals
 - o Now: 3-5 goals
 - One goal will be: how to encourage mass attendance by families of School Students

- Two more training sessions out of town for Fr V in Feb

7:15 – 7:25 pm

Father Marcelli's Update

- Thanks to Shannon for help with Young Adult Christmas Party (32 attendees!!)
 - o Brainstorming entertainment ideas for future meetings
- Keith Johnson attending employment fair at Steubenville U
- International Festival coming up: Shannon helping with games; food booths coming together
- Francesca House: letter of thanks for help with move to Rockynol
- Rite of Ascending and Election: 20 participants
- Catholic Men's Conference: March 7th in Independence
- Prolife event in Independence March 13-14
- Parish Mission March 8-10: speaker Fr Nathan Cromley (Inglewood, CO)

7:25 – 7:35 pm

New Business

- Holy Day Mass Times
 - o 7 PM vigil, 9 AM day and 7 PM evening is usual schedule
 - o Consider "daylight" times for vigil
 - o Suggested schedule is 6 PM vigil, 9 AM and 7 PM evening
- Nominating Committee
 - o Outgoing and Incoming Presidents included
 - o Terry will solicit other participants
- Missionaries for possible Youth Minister

7:35 – 8:00 pm

Old Business

- Young Adult update – Christmas Party report
- Leadership Idea – Eli Lily Grant – Further discussion
 - o Obtaining young adult interest forms for summer internships
 - Pay is \$6k
 - o Send to Cathy Sivec
 - o Keith Johnson will be point person for consideration
 - o To be announced in bulletin, etc
- School and Mass Security
 - o Currently have a volunteer policeman for School mass
 - o Consider policeman for ALL masses
 - o Todd DeKatch is working for the Diocese to initiate implementation of a Diocesan plan at all parishes
 - o Security of Byrider Hall considered
 - Consideration for limiting access or cutting ties with Good Samaritan Hunger Center
 - Consider moving GSHC to Immaculate Conception campus with Catholic Charities – Fr V considering discussion with Dan Horrigan
 - Reiterate the need to keep doors locked – no more propping to allow access for practice, etc
- Passive Evangelization ideas – additional thoughts and implementation
 - o Tabled for the time being due to winter months

8:00 – 8:20 pm

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

8:20 – 8:30 pm

Compline (Mark)

Next Meeting:

February 26, 7:00-8:30 pm

St. Sebastian Rectory

Prayer and Compline – Katy