

**Pulse of the Parish  
September 2022**

Parish Council Member	Summary
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CYO Athletics - Fall sports off to a good start. Football: kids say they are having fun. Soccer: 1 short of maximum for Stars. Parent support is great. Cross country: 1st/2nd graders have finished 1-2-3 every race so far. Volleyball: won their first set ever recently. All sports will have 1st/2nd graders next year. Parking at Schneider Park has been good so far.</b></li> <li>• <b>Boosters- Winter sports registration starts October 1st. Fees have gone up but didn't have exact amount. Night At The Races is January 14, 2023. Concerns about Mission Expansion for winter sports, if opted in; facility space is limited. Booster club was able to receive financial statements so that future planning is easier.</b></li> <li>• <b>Byrider gym floor: it is due for refinishing; should be done every 10 years (sand down and refinish). The was last done 12 years ago. About \$15k to do. Resurfacing has been done every two years (\$2k each time). Question was asked if school and boosters went 50/50 for full refinishing?</b></li> <li>• <b>Boy Scouts - no reply.</b></li> </ul>
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Ed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SVDP: Continues to spend 3-7 thousand \$\$ per week, which was not sustainable, so we took ourselves off the 2-1-1 referral list for now. Still got 6 calls last week and 9 calls this week which is more manageable in terms of both budget and workload. Also our help line number is well established in the communities on the south and north ends of the parish. Would anticipate weekly expenditures of \$1500 to \$2500 weekly going forward.</b></li> <li>• <b>Social Justice Committee: No report.</b></li> </ul>
Marcy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>
Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

<p><b>Will</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Cub Scouts</u></b>: Based on turnout from the initial kick-off meeting, the cub scouts pack should increase from 25 to over 40 kids.</li> <li>● <b><u>Knights of Columbus</u></b>: In process of starting Donut Sunday again. Need volunteers this Sunday at St. Bernard soup kitchen</li> <li>● <b><u>HASA</u></b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First HASA meeting 9/22 a success. Ideas to improve open house for next year include backpack blessing at mass and a Curriculum night</li> <li>○ Monster Mash scheduled for 10/20.</li> <li>○ Monthly teacher lunches have been kicked off</li> <li>○ Acme Community Cashback program through receipts has traditionally been a big fundraiser. Request to re-engage parish community to take advantage of this program</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b><u>Prayer Warriors</u></b>: 2 movie nights coming up. Sept 29th and Oct 3rd and 4th. Rosary Coast-to-coast rally at St. Sebastian starting at the church October 9th @ 3pm.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Natalie</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Alter Server Training</b>: We will be having a new altar server training on October 3 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the church. This is open to all 5th and 6th grade students who would like to learn how to become altar servers</li> <li>● <b>Baptismal Prep</b>: We just finished our September Baptismal prep course. We had 3 couples present. Our next class will be offered November 14, 7:00 p.m. at Byrider Hall.</li> <li>● <b>Children's Liturgy</b>: We stopped doing Children's Liturgy of the Word during COVID and have not re-started it. To date, I have only had one parent ask about it and she wasn't interested for herself as her kids are older, but just wondering. If parish council is hearing anything on this, please be sure to pass along any information to me.</li> <li>● <b>Socials</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On September 8th, we brought back the "Celebrity Night" fundraiser at Akronym Brewery. Thi</li> <li>● Upcoming Socials:</li> <li>● Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 14th, this year a Chili Contest has also been added as part of the event.</li> <li>● The annual Ladies Luncheon will take place on November 13th at Portage Country Club.</li> <li>● Treats for Teachers:</li> <li>● On Monday, August 15th Socials stocked the Teachers Lounge to kickoff the year! Treats included snacks like protein bars, hummus, crackers and cheese, chips, etc. We also replenished some of the shared school supplies such as scissors, pens, sharpies, post-it's, etc.</li> <li>● Youth group:</li> <li>● We had our high school back to school youth night a couple weeks. I asked the kids about what they would be interested in for the year and we planned somethings out.</li> <li>●</li> <li>● I met with the girls group that I may be overseeing in the future if they join up with the church. We talked about their school year goals as a newer group.</li> <li>●</li> <li>● We had the back to school junior high night... such a great turnout! I hgroupad about 50 kids show up from 7th and 8th grade. I got to know them as individuals and as a .</li> <li>● s year was the most successful Celebrity Night with over \$2,600 raised! (We are expecting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>some additional funds from Akronym, they are donating all credit card tips from that evening, but we have not gotten that amount yet.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Jennie</b>	Sanctuary Society
<b>Jim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PSR:</b> Running smoothly, all teacher openings filled. New students are still being received.</li> <li>• <b>Altar Servers:</b> Maria and Wayne received another blessing last month...Zita Perpetua! Congrats!</li> </ul> <p>Waiting for responses to Keith's call to the 5th graders last month...If no response, will run with our current resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A/V (Gabriel):</b></li> <li>• Streaming is going well...training younger siblings of current techs, so coverage is well in hand.</li> <li>• Microphone expansion request for the choir loft...issues with maneuvering singers, cantor around the single microphone, avoiding cables and other choir members each Sunday. The ask is for two mic connections on each side (4 total). Wayne is getting a quote from Great Lakes...would the Gabriel Fund cover?...who else with procurement power should be involved? Est. \$1-2k</li> <li>• <b>Alter Servers Extraordinary Form:</b> No Updates from Mark</li> <li>• <b>Faith and Light:</b></li> <li>• Maria Ann Thomas and her husband, Raymond are saints! 40 years of devotion to this national ministry, bringing the gospel to light for children, parents and extended families with disabilities. They are the core group for Summit County and meet (via Zoom until Oct) every 3rd Friday @ 3:30...October will restart onsite sessions. Mass is held once a year, early December. Patty Wagner will be the new parish contact beginning October 330-864-5812. Currently they need a spiritual advisor since Father Anthony and Father Pete have moved on.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>○</li> </ul>
<b>Hannah</b>	<p><b>Grounds Crew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The grounds crew is weeding and getting ready for winter</li> <li>• There were two crabapple trees against the church on the east side that were diseased and have been removed. They were replaced with two flowering trees</li> <li>• They also removed two huge yews (evergreen shrubs) and will fill those spots with smaller shrubs</li> <li>• They are pulling flowers and draining hoses for winter on October 22, which is their last meeting until spring</li> </ul> <p><b>Marketing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update from Michelle</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today's meeting was postponed a week, so there is nothing new to report from Ken.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Foundation - Kathy said she was providing Father with handouts at dinner this evening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathy presented "Terriers on the Move" to 8th grade parents on 9/20 <small>(see handout)</small></li> <li>• ○ Overview of the many scholarships available to our 8th graders</li> <li>• Annual Report – mailed! Hope you received yours? <small>(see handout)</small></li> <li>• Alumni Newsletter – Summer issue has been mailed <small>(see handout)</small></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>**New Endowments, Funds and Scholarships –</b> <small>(see handout)</small></li> <li>● Parish Archives Team will reconvene later in the fall. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Let Kathy know if you are interested to join the team!</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Alumni Alley photo boards have been printed for the New School Entrance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We are finalizing some details and hope to be ready to install the boards sometime in the Fall/Winter timeframe.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Foundation sponsored donuts at Welcome Back to School Open House</li> <li>● The Foundation hosted the Diocesan #weGiveCatholic “Road Show” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prepping for our upcoming #weGiveCatholic project – <i>more details to come!</i></li> <li>○ The year’s focus will be on <i>The Beringer Center for Early Learning</i> – classroom furniture for the kindergarten!</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Council Email</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Checked; nothing to report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Susan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Lectors: 20 lector workbooks were ordered, made possible through a generous donation by John Martin. The vendor misplaced the order, however, and there’s been a time delay. The materials should be arriving soon.</b></li> <li>● <b>Ushers: No report.</b></li> <li>● <b>Votives: No report.</b></li> <li>● <b>Girl Scouts: No report from the 9th grade troop as they are busy with fall sports/band. Success! The 3rd grade Brownie troop meets monthly and will be having their first meeting tomorrow.</b></li> <li>● <b>Women of St. Sebastian: Women of St. Sebastian: The group is back in action with Open Gym and Fall Hikes scheduled. They are promoting a fall retreat, Project Ite, for young adults ages 20-40. Fathers Mark Ott, Eric Garris, Matthew Jordan, Patrick Schultz, and Jacob Bearer will help guide the event Oct. 8-9. <a href="https://www.theiteproject.com/events/called">https://www.theiteproject.com/events/called</a> They are also looking for adult volunteers to chaperone, at St. Paul’s, a Nocturnal Retreat from 8:30pm-9:30am sponsored by Catholic Feminine Genius, a high school group. The dates are 9/24, 11/19, 1/28, 3/25, and 5/20.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Sebastian, Pray for Us!</b> 🙏</p>