

Pulse of the Parish September 2023

Parish Council Member	Summary
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Archives Team - They feel that there should be an "OUTSIDE ARBITER" to address circumstances when we are uncertain of the value of an item for archiving purposes and whether the item should be retained, transferred to another group, or destroyed. For example, the room currently contains three boxes of books titled, "Catechism of the Catholic Church, April, 1995." They don't pertain specifically to St. Sebastian. And, I'm not sure if they are current. Someone in the parish may have use for them, or, they should be destroyed. Would you discuss this "arbiter" issue amongst your peers to see if it is appropriate? If so, do you have any ideas about who should handle the duties? I don't believe there will be a lot of questions, but from time to time, they will arise. <p>There are numerous color brochures and other excellent productions that have been produced over the years by different groups at St. Sebastian's. Unfortunately, most of them do not have an identifying source or date. That causes difficulty in properly inserting the document in the history of the parish. Does the parish have a procedure where such items are to be identified and dated? If not, it might be something to consider. It may also be helpful if a digitized copy worthy of being placed in the archives is transmitted to archives when the document is published.</p>
Dave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CYO Sports - Winter sports registration is open until October 22. ● Team Mass was last Sunday. Athletes wore jerseys to mass ● Gym floor is scheduled for a re-coat in November. Refinishing of the floor is close to overdue. Last refinishing was 2010. ● Night at the Races is November 10th.
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prayer Warriors - The Prayer Warriors are presenting Rosary Coast to Coast on Sunday, Oct. 8th. It will begin in the church at 3:00 with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (we hope), the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed together and then till 4:00 - personal Adoration. At 4:00, we will process out praying the Glorious Mysteries up to Hawkins Ave. We will finish the Rosary there. ● emHC - NR ● Peter Maurin Center - NR
Barb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● West Side Catholic Couples (WSCC) - Sept Kickoff Brunch successful; will begin book reviews next month. Group has adopted Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin as patron saints. ● Sanctuary Society- XMas Tea is being planned; membership envelopes went out w/October donation envelopes. ● Giving Tree- nothing to report ● St. Vincent dePaul Society - continuing to provide assistance within recently established limitations, and looking ahead to ensure that help will be available for an expected increase in food assistance requests during the upcoming holidays. ● Our Mother of Sorrows - no change from last month. ● Bible Study- working on <u>A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother</u> (Edw Sri) Followed by Infancy Narratives for Advent. Study topic for Jan 2024 TBA.

<p>Patrick</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girl Scouts & Brownies - nothing to report ● Kindergarten Brownies - nothing to report ● Women of St. Sebastian - nothing to report ● Lectors - nothing to report ● Votive Lights - nothing to report ● Chesterton Academy - nothing to report
<p>Ana</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Academy/School Band - none to report. Same as is. Band performed during the Blue Ribbon Assembly last Tuesday. ● SAC/School - BLUE RIBBON RECIPIENT! It's official as of Tuesday. Celebration galore for the school and families on Friday with the unveiling of the blue ribbon banner and a fun surprise for the kids after school. This is the first time that St. Sebastian received this award and only the 8th in Akron to have been awarded this standing in forty years. Mass with Bishop Malesic is planned for the 2nd of Oct. at 10am. A proclamation and mini-presentation will be given by Mayor Horrigan and a representative from the Office of Catholic Ed will also be present. The school have also earned for the 5th year in a row the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in Stem Education, thanks to all the teachers who've put in all the work. We were one of 48 schools in the start of OH and 615 educators to earn the award. Living Rosary will be on thursday, the 5th of Oct at 1:45. ● Bridge Flights - the group has begun but nothing to report. Their donations this year was \$425 to the Hunger Center. ● JB - I sent an email but no response as of yet.
<p>Will</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Knights of Columbus- No update ● CubScouts - No update, kicked off Troop 3096 for the years activities ● HASA -
<p>Terry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Music Ministries- Nothing to report ● School Choir - Nothing to report ● Sacristans - Nothing to report ● Little Flower Garden Ministry - Pot Luck Dinner held on Tuesday. Closing of the garden scheduled for October 14. ● Arts and Environment - Storage organization continues. Donating a manger, nativity scene, wreaths and bows to the school. Some door wreaths have been retired; the remaining are being upgraded and reworked, and a few new wreaths have been purchased. ● Secular Carmelites - They are grateful that they are able to meet in Zwisler Hall and they continue to pray for our Parish.
<p>Chris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Book Rack - Looking at ways to direct people to Catholic online resources/apps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QR Codes? ○ Hallow app putting on concert during Advent ○ Good examples: Catholic Register, Catholic Answers Magazine ○ Poor examples: National Catholic Reporter ● Respect Life

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Life Chain Oct 1 ○ 40 Days for Life in Oct ○ Planning to coordinate with KofC for “fill the crib” ○ Planning flower sales for Mothers Day in May ● Donut Sunday - Nothing to Report ● Baptism Prep Team - Nothing to Report ● Altar Server Training - Nothing to Report
Jim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Altar Servers - business as usual, no requests or issues ● Audio / Visual - system is holding together (with help of the Holy Spirit) ● PSR - business as usual since volunteer added ● <p style="text-align: center;">Issue 1 vote “no” info distributed to the ministry leaders...flyer was distributed as well</p>
Hannah	<p>Parish Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grandparents day – 13 alumni attended with one family having 4 generations of alumni ● Alumni Newsletter – Fall in process ● 2 new Arrow Society members – estate gifts received. Nameplates will be added to the plaque ● #weGiveCatholic – planning for the project that will be the focus for the November 28 Giving Tuesday ● Annual Appeal project – in process ● Owner Letter project – in process <p>Finance Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting was moved to next week <p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preschool/Kindergarten Dinner – Friday, October 6 ● Explorer Day – Friday, November 3 ● Spectacular – Saturday, April 20th “An Italian Evening Under the Stars” ● Grandparents Day welcomed over 400 grandparents ● All school items being updated to incorporate Blue Ribbon logo ● Social, website, ads and banner for 2023 Blue Ribbon School
Susan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● And Justice for All has disbanded and is no longer a Ministry. Cathy Sivec and Michele Huber have been notified. ● Young Adult Ministry - No report. <p style="text-align: center;">St. Sebastian, Pray for Us! 🙏</p>