

St. Sebastian Parish Council Minutes

November 18th, 2025

Opening Prayer was at 6:30pm lead by Father

Approval of the agenda as printed was motioned 1st by Jessica and 2nd by Clarence all approved

Minutes for the August 12th, 2025 meeting approved 1st motion Jessica 2nd by Clarence

Father noted how great confirmation at Assumption BVM went and that our confirmation students did a wonderful job as well as the teachers and all involved in the program. Thank you to all involved!

Finance Committee reports that our parish count is 162 registered families with 89 of those families contributing with an average of \$863. Roof repair has been ok'd to go ahead the total cost will be \$13,804.85 including a down payment of \$4100. The project will begin once the ground freezes for the equipment to come in and not damage the grounds. Spectrum is finished and will run 1 line from between the parish center/office and the church. This should hopefully improve Wifi for both buildings. There will only be 1 business land line phone in the parish office going forward and no longer one in the church do to most people having cell phones. A credit card was requested for the office to use but the board is going to pass at this time for reasons of security and liability but will continue to work on a good process for making sure payments are made on time and as soon as possible. There is just over \$5000 in our One by One account which when we receive this the plan is put it toward the roof project. November 9th was the annual meeting. Deacon Rich was presented his gift on November 2nd. 2 CDs are going to be renewed and we are going to check with the cemetery if they want to put some of there funds to a CD as well. The formed app we are committing to paying for even with St. John stopping that renewal is November 20th.

Cemetery committee reports that the clean up of the cemetery went very well on October 25th and thank you to everyone that helped. It was noted that there were still a lot of leaves on the trees after clean up but it still went great! Nothing else to report at this time.

Building and Grounds committee reports that there have been no further bat issues since the last meeting however this is the time of year, they go dormant so we will reevaluate in the spring and summer. A possible Mary garden done by the RE students could be put in in either May or June but nothing set in stone at this time. The building was repainted where paint was chipping off and it is looking great. The snow plow person is all set and selected Clarence will be the contact for that. It is the same company as last year. Deacon Rich is going to pick up salt for the side walks and walk ways. The water issue as of now seems to be repaired we will

reevaluate in the spring when thaw happens. Toilet is still out of order the toilet will probably have to be removed, snaked and resealed.

Religious education reports there are 17 families in RE with 35 students total which included the 3 confirmed on November 16th. Upcoming events are December 14th a confession and dinner night. We will have 3 priest present and this event is not only for RE put open to the parish and community. December 21st the RE students will put on a small Christmas play program at 4:30pm. Both the parish and community are invited to attend. We are looking at doing a special event January 18th for the St. Sebastian parish with the RE students possibly a pancake and porky breakfast during which some of the students will talk about Eucharistic miracles they have studied. We have one student making 1st confession and communion and another doing 1st communion. We are continuing to work on the program to engage not only our confirmation graduates but also parents and parishioners as well for continued education and involvement in the church.

Christian women report December 7th is the annual bake sale.

Worship committee reports that a volunteer has stepped forward to look at our computer and possibly add some new music to it as well. We do still need to check into camera corner to see about fixing some of our ipad/tablet issues for music.

Other Business: Most servers going have been serving alongside older servers for training. We will continue this process for now and make changes as needed. We received a long list of what Deacon Rich does for the parish which is amazing to see. We will speak with him to see which jobs he wants to continue to do and then divide up the rest between board members and others. Father asked board members to come up with 1-2 community activity ideas to present at the next board meeting.

Closing Prayer was lead by Father at 7:43pm and council was dismissed.