

St. Sebastian Annual Parish Meeting

September 24, 2017, 8:55 AM

In attendance: Father Brian Belongia, Deacon Rich Matuszak, Nancy Campbell, Ron Matuszak, Bradley Van Den Heuvel, Amy Van Den Heuvel, Janet Wilquet, Trisha Wilquet, Jason Wilquet, Ray Vande Hei, Beth VandeHei, Pat Ullmer, Don Eisenreich, Patti Eisenreich, Jill Hodkiewicz, Jake Hodkiewicz, Carl Wagner, Judy Marohl, Darlene Stedl, Richard Stedl, Sr., Marilyn Socha, Norbert Matuszak, Gene Kropp, Shirley Kropp, Kathy Gruszczynski, Clarence Gruszczynski, Louis Rynish, Georgian Rynish, Perry Matuszak, Alice Vanden Langenberg, Kathy Krull, Helen Vande Hei, Don Vande Hei.

Father Brian Belongia opened the meeting with a prayer. He thanked Deacon Rich; Kim Van Handel; and Toi Van Ess, RE Coordinator, for their service to our parish.

We would like to engage the teenagers in our parish, welcome them to more participation, so that they feel more connected to our parish. As they go through school, graduate, and move on to a job or college, they will feel that St. Sebastian is home.

The 125th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish is on November 25, 2018. We will have a one-year celebration beginning on December 3, 2017, the first Sunday of Advent. We hope to start events that will become habits.

December 3, 2017 – Kickoff Sunday

January 21, 2018 – Feast of St. Sebastian Celebration

April 21, 2018 – Run/ Walk Event

May 13, 2018 – Parish Art fair and “Memories of Mother”

July 8, 2018– Brat Fry Sunday

August 18, 2018 – Booyah!!! Saturday Polka Mass and Parish Booyah Picnic

September 22 & 23, 2018 – Cemetery Walk (Rain date is Sunday, September 30, 2018)

November 25, 2018 – 125-Year Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop David Ricken

Father Brian praised our members for their active engagement in St. Sebastian Parish. Stewardship of time and talent looms large. We all need to invite our middle-age parishioners to help and to be active.

Copies of the financial statement will be printed and placed on the ledge in the lobby. We are working to clarify wording that labels our CDs. Some are no longer restricted. A request was made to include a list of committees and a membership roster with the annual statement. It is now difficult to have an updated list of phone numbers because members have gone to cell phones only.

We still have not met our goal for the Bishop's Appeal. There is still time to pledge. Any deficit will be paid from the general parish fund.

The Gerald Linsmeyer family has requested that the Last Supper insert in the altar be re-painted in memory of Jerry who passed away in July. We are checking into where to have that done and what the cost will be. Deacon Rich noted that the angels on the back of the altar are also in need of re-painting.

Gene and Shirley Kropp, with help from Gene Westerman, modified and refurbished the stand for the St. Sebastian statue and we thank them.

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Sebastian will be at 6:00 PM. It worked well this year, so Holy Thursday Mass in 2018 will be at St. Sebastian Parish.

A photo of the interior of the church will be taken during the 2017 Christmas season. Postcards will be printed with that picture and will be available for your Christmas mailings in 2018.

Plans are in progress for a 125th anniversary banner to be hung on the outside of the church for the year of our anniversary celebration leading up to November 25, 2018. A banner will also be hung inside the church.

The minutes to all of the parish council meetings are printed and are available on the ledge in the lobby and online after each meeting. All parish members are invited to attend parish council meetings.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Campbell