

## Saint Sebastian Parish Council

The Saint Sebastian parish council meeting was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Attending the meeting were Sue Roeckner, Sue Bruns, Jena Hartings, Tyler Schmit, Mitch Schwieterman, Mandy Fleck, Zach Piper, Gwen Klosterman, Ted Bertke (finance committee), and Kelly Schmitmeyer (finance committee).

### **Ladies Sodality:**

- 50 kids at recent trick or treat
- Christmas Social is December 2, 2025

### **Men's Sodality:**

- Meeting and a meal this Sunday, November 9, 2025.

### **Religious Education:**

- None

### **Cemetery:**

- Kelly Schmitmeyer found a list of the majority of people buried in the cemetery.
- Nick McClurg is looking to expand the cemetery across the driveway.

### **CYO:**

- none

### **Parish Office Report:** Sue Roeckner gave the finance report

- Checking: \$58,526.00
- Maintenance: \$20447.00
- \$40,000 in a green certificate in Cincinnati to accrue more interest

### **Maintenance:**

- Tyler fixed a lightbulb in the rectory
- Salt is bought for the winter and the snow blower is in the garage.
- Tyler will develop a list of people to clear sidewalks of snow this winter.

### **Old Business:**

- Received additional quotes for brick restoration. Meyer Restoration out of Piqua quoted \$43,033.00 for the south end of church, \$103,307.00 for the whole church, and \$29,786 for the parish rectory. First Onsite quoted \$85,184 for brick restoration on the south end of the church. Will contact Wellmans for an updated quote.
- Discussed waiting on removing two maple trees on the north side of the church.

### **New Business:**

- Father Ken Schnipke wants every parish to develop a 5 year plan on any renovations needed in the church. Discussed the brick restoration and organ as our major projects.
- Nick Wilker and Doris Wilker were at the meeting to discuss a new electronic organ or redoing the old organ. Nick has applied for grants to help with the cost. Tyler will contact the Moose Lodge and Zach will contact the Eagles about a donation. There are also other local grants to try for. We were denied a grant by the civic foundation. An anonymous donor is willing to donate \$15,000-\$20,000 toward the organ. A new electronic organ is \$37,400.
- Zach Piper was elected as the newest member of the Parish Council.
- Discussed starting a capital campaign to help with funding of the brick restoration and the organ.
- Deb Beyke plans to step down from cleaning the church and as sacristan at the end of the year.

**Closed the Meeting:** Meeting was closed by Mandy Fleck and Tyler Schmit

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 8:00 pm in the church basement.