

St. Sebastian Parish Council Minutes

August 18th, 2026

Opening Prayer was at 6:30pm lead by Father

Meeting was run by Secretary Jacob Van Schyndel

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

Minutes for the November 18th, 2026 amended to correct RE student numbers. Amended minutes for the meeting approved 1st motion Jessica 2nd by Jill

No opening comments from Father.

Finance Committee reports 1 CD coming due and Nicolet Bank has \$69000. It will be moved to Edward Jones and put onto a CD there already there making a new CD at Edward Jones with a total of \$109000. Finance committee will have CDs set up in tiered set for 6 months, 9 months and 12 months. This way funds if needed are always available for the parish. We are as of the meeting still short on the Bishop's Appeal \$1560. If we fail to reach our goal when the due date comes, the parish may need to pay to make up the rest. October 11th, 2026 will be the annual parish meeting before mass.

Cemetery committee reports that Jerry Miller has retired and Tony's Cemetery Service is the new grave digging service we are using. With the new company costs have gone up. There will be no exact time the grave will be closed other than it will be the day of burial sometime. Volunteers helped to remove trees and clean up after. Thank you to everyone that helped. The Fall Cemetery Cleanup date is November 7th at 8am and anyone is encouraged to help especially children in need of service hours.

Building and Grounds committee reports that Wasps were sprayed around the property and one more treatment may be needed. The flooding was cleaned up in the Parish Center basement and Jessica will help the maintenance crew to organized and put everything back where it needs to be. There is some leaking from the roof into the front DRE office which will be checked on. The filter system for water in the basement is all set and adjusted to use the proper amount of salt. As of the meeting the last bat sighted in the Church was one last Tuesday and nothing since then. Lights have been left on in the parish to disrupt the bats schedule and encourage them to stay out. Lights will continue for another 10 days to be safe. The bat person has checked again and said the sign of bats around has dropped significantly at the parish. He did note the front and back of the parish still have a couple gaps that require some caulk which we are speaking to the roofers about.

Religious education reports signup is open for the upcoming year. There are 10 families in RE so far with 5 more to possibly sign up and a new 1 which will be signed up soon. September 12th will be a Family Catechism Night and will partner with Jacob the Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. All students, parents and parish members are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. The plan is to do 3 Family Faith Formation nights including the one listed. Also have a class on how to do Adoration. The formed app is still being used and the parish will look at data for the cost and other things. Yearly fee for families currently stands at \$60 per student and \$30 per sacrament. There is financial help for those that need it and no child or family will ever be turned away. 3 Students will confirm on October 11th at 1pm at Assumption BVM. Lastly, a nativity play will be planned again for this year.

Adult Faith Formation reports that the men's group numbers have been going down which is a concern. There is work happening to encourage and grow the group up to be able to do more activities. Classes that were held were not attended and so a survey will be put together to find out exactly what times and what subject parish members want to hear and learn about. Adult Faith Formation is also going to work with RE on Family Faith Formation Nights.

Christian women report December 6th is the annual bake sale. Giving tree names will be in November.

Worship committee reports that the new computer is up and running and the bug for now is fixed for the Lamb of God. Anyone who does music is reminded to keep the old computer plugged in so that it does not wear out and is ready to assist if the new computer fails again.

Other Business: Possible parish picnic next year and also a parish pilgrimage. We will be reaching out in the bulletin to form committees to get these events up and running.

Next Meeting will be held 6:30pm on November 17th, 2026 at St. Sebastian Parish with committees meeting at 6pm.

Closing Prayer was led by Father at 7:24pm and council was dismissed.