



# Saint Sebastian Catholic Church

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## Mass Schedule

**Weekend: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

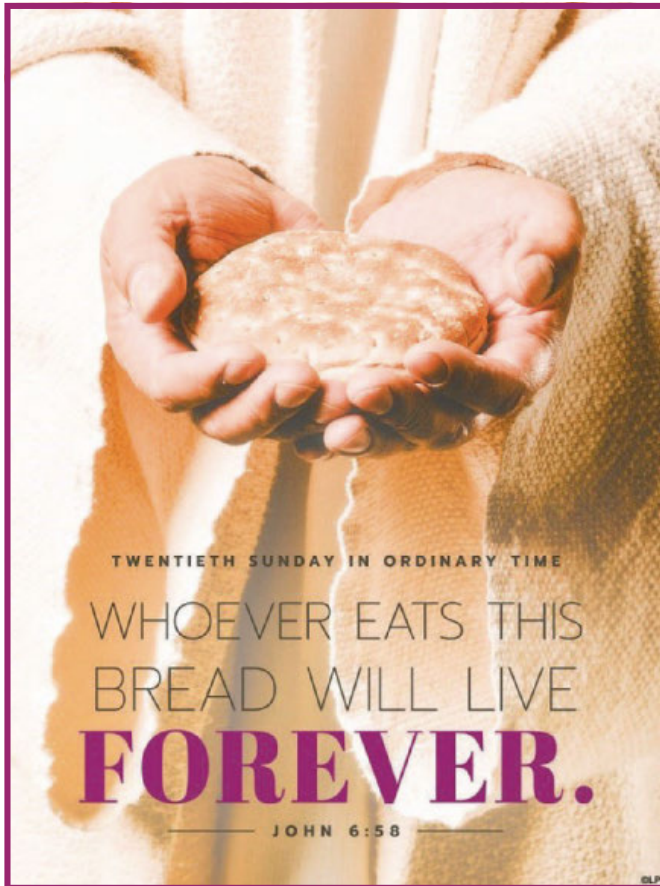
**Weekday: Monday, & Thursday—8:00 AM at Epiphany of Our Lord**

**Tuesday & Friday—8:00 AM at Saint Sebastian**



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## August 18, 2024—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER EATS THIS  
BREAD WILL LIVE  
**FOREVER.**

JOHN 6:58

### Saint Sebastian Regional Catholic School

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### Baptism Preparation

Third Monday of every month. Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

### Faith Formation

Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

### (OCIA) Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For Further information in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

### Reconciliation

**Confessions are on Saturday:** Epiphany—11:30 AM and St. Sebastian—3:30 PM. You may also call at anytime for an appointment for confession.

# Liturgies this Week

## August 17—Vigil

4:30 PM (Death Anniv) LeRoy Nicolaus—Wife, Marlene & Family

## August 18—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM (Date of Birth) Dave Moskovitz—Wife, Barb

11:00 AM Joyce Gazdick—Julie, Abby, Maggie & Sofia Albright

## Monday, August 19—St. John Eudes

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

## Tuesday, August 20—St. Bernard

8:00 AM (Death Anniv) Joan Picchiarini—Money Counters

## Wednesday, August 21—Pope St. Pius X

No Mass Today

## Thursday, August 22—Queenhip of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

## Friday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima

8:00 AM Sr. Grace Snyder, OSF—Patty & Nick Slavonia

## Saturday, August 24—Vigil

3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM Jack Koschalk—Frances & Mary Jane Sobek

## August 25—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM For the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

11:00 AM (Death Anniv) Thomas R. Hartman—Wife & Family

**THE ROSARY IS PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM, PRIOR TO THE 9:00 AM MASS. PLEASE JOIN US!**

## Sympathy and Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: . MARY L. NEUPAVER and EVELYN KRIVDA. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

## Mass Intention

The 2025 Mass Intention book is available for your Mass requests. Forms are available in the church pamphlet racks and at the Parish Office.



## Baptism Congratulations

To **Sophie Olivia Cho**, daughter of Roy and Kelly (Baron) Cho, who was baptized in Christ last Sunday. We welcome Sophie into the Church. God bless her and her family.

## Altar Candle Flowers

The flowers this weekend are in remembrance of Dave Moskovitz's Birthday by his wife, Barb.

## Scripture Reflection Wisdom vs. Foolishness

In the world of Nazi Germany everyone in the Nazi party got a party badge. Hitler's own party badge was made of gold. His badge symbolized all the things in the world most worth having.

At the end of his life, Hitler gave that gold badge as a gift to Magda Goebbels and she said that it was the proudest moment of her life when he did. But he gave her that gold badge in the bunker under Berlin as Germany was losing the war. In that bunker in the last days of the war, Magda killed all six of her children and herself in an appallingly misguided act of loyalty to Hitler. When the invading soldiers of the Allied armies conquered Berlin and found her body, one of them took that little bit of a gold badge from her dress and pocketed it as a souvenir.

Magda shows us what folly or foolishness is. She couldn't tell the real goods, the real gold, from the fake goods, the things that glitter but are worthless. The gold badge that symbolized what Magda Goebbels lived and died for is a fitting symbol of the terrible foolishness of her life – and of ours, if we are not attentive.

Wisdom is the very opposite. It is the ability to discern between the real goods and the shiny fakes. But among the very best of the really good things is the goodness and love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. And so wisdom is the ability to see the goodness of God, the wisdom of Jesus, wherever it is to be found in our lives.

Eleanore Stump

[St. Louis University Sunday Website]

## Purse Bash Report

This Spring we had a purse bash along with Epiphany. It was a tremendous success, everyone who came certainly had a wonderful time. The Purse Bash netted a profit of \$9,908.50 that was evenly distributed between our Parish and Epiphany. Thank you to all who made the day possible.



## Bulletin OnLine

You can receive our weekly bulletin emailed automatically free by signing up. Instructions for signing up are on the back of the bulletin by using this link:

[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com).

### Stewardship of Treasure August 11, 2024

Regular Offertory:	\$ 7,537.00
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$ 750.00
Votives:	\$ 136.00
Catholic Accent:	\$ 8.00
Assumption:	\$ 75.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$ 65.00
Catholic University:	\$ 18.00
<b>Total Aug. 10/11</b>	<b>\$ <u>8,684.00</u></b>

**Consider online giving, click the “my Eoffering” button on our parish website**

## From Monsignor Gaston

Scott Martin has resigned his position as Regional Director of Faith Formation, effective immediately. He has taken a teaching position at Greensburg Central Catholic. We thank him for his service to the parishes of this region during his tenure and ask for blessings as he assumes this new role as a member of the religion faculty there.



There will be no change in programs. Plans already in place for St. Sebastian and Epiphany Parishes for the Take and Eat 2024-2025 Faith Formation Program. It will move forward as scheduled and registrations will continue uninterrupted. Please call the parish office for further information or if you have questions about the program. See the Take and Eat information in the bulletin.

We will move forward with the Diocesan Office for Faith, Family and Discipleship to search for a new director for our region. This is a high priority. Pray that we listen to the Holy Spirit in discerning the best qualified person to lead us in this important ministry of coming to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Msgr. Gaston

**Fall Fundraiser**—The Ladies of Faith have paired up with McShane's Florist for a Fall Mum Fundraiser. Mums are \$15 for 10" vouchers, which will be sold this weekend August 17/18 and next. Mums can be picked up at McShane Florist. Date to be announced. All proceeds benefit St. Sebastian Church.



**PARISH PICNIC 2024**—Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #1 on **September 14**. Picnic begins 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Bring your favorite dessert or salad. The day concludes with Mass at 4:00 PM. **There will be NO 4:30 PM Mass at St. Sebastian on September 14.**

**PAINT & SIP**—**September 28**, 1:00 PM the Ladies of Faith will host a Paint n Sip fundraiser. No artistic skills necessary to complete this beautiful fall painting. The cost is \$35/person and space is limited. Call or text Patty at 724-288-8644 for ticket information.



## Walking With Moms In Need



O Blessed Mother, you received the Good News of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant Moms facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our Parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Amen.

## PARISH FAITH FORMATION 2024

St. Sebastian/Epiphany of Our Lord

2024-2025 Faith Formation Program "Take and Eat."

**Take and Eat** is an "Intergenerational Program."

**For whom:** PK – grade 8 children, their families, and parishioners from both parishes are invited to participate.

**Schedule:** Gathering in St. Sebastian Church the First Saturday of the month, beginning September 7 and continuing on the First Saturday of the following months.

**4:30 Mass      5:30 Dinner      6:15 Breakout Sessions**

Adults will return to the Church

Children will be in the school classrooms

**7:15 Wrap up/Dismissal**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW**

**Families with children can use the registration form available on the Parish website, in the church pamphlet racks or in the Parish office.**

Parishioners without children or children in the Catholic school can inform the office of their attendance if they will be present for the meal.

**This program is for all parishioners of all ages.**

Sign up and take part in this exciting and informative Faith Formation Program.

?s Call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

## Faith Formation Program 2024-2025 Registration Form



dkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org

FAMILY INFORMATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parishioner of Epiphany \_\_\_\_\_ St. Sebastian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending Dinner \_\_\_\_\_





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