

# 2023 **ANNUAL REPORT**



St. Sebastian Parish **FOUNDATION**



# REVEREND JOHN A. VALENCHECK'S 25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

St. Sebastian Parish held a celebration on May 28, 2023 in honor of Fr. Valencheck and the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Mass was celebrated in our parish church, followed by a wonderful picnic-style party in the school courtyard. Well-wishers were treated to a fun variety of food from local food trucks, and the crowd enjoyed live music by Revolution Pie, a Beatles tribute band.

Fr. Valencheck was showered with cards, cake, and congratulations throughout the day. The parish school students presented him with a signed and framed aerial photograph of the entire student body lined up on the playground in the form of the number 25. On display were a copy of a special Novena written by parishioner Hallie Wolff, scrap books from when Fr. Valencheck was ordained, and a shadow box filled with items from his ordination that was created by Lynn Frey-Steward, the parish's director of music, with help from Fr. Valencheck's sister.

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation's Board of Trustees also presented Fr. Valencheck with a gift: a new vestment to commemorate his 25th ordination anniversary that will be designed and created by Karen Spangler, our parish sacristan. Also in honor of his ordination anniversary, the Foundation led an effort to raise funds for the purchase of a new greenhouse, which has long been an item on Fr. Valencheck's wish list. Please see page 8 for more information on this successful effort!



## COME VISIT ST. SEBASTIAN!

### CAMPUS TOURS

We are always happy to provide informal tours of our school and church for our alumni, parishioners, family and friends! Please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or [foundation@stsebastian.org](mailto:foundation@stsebastian.org) to schedule a tour at a convenient time for you and/or your group.

### VIRTUAL TOUR

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation created a virtual tour of our campus, with special highlights of the school, as part of the Foundation's 50th anniversary celebrations. To view, please visit [www.stsebastian.org/foundation](http://www.stsebastian.org/foundation) and click on "Foundation's 50th Anniversary Virtual Tour."

# FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings,

It is a nice thing to receive recognition when giving to a charitable organization, but it is even better when it is possible to see the results of your generosity in your own community. Those who give to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation are afforded that advantage.

There is no wondering if the resources that are shared with the Foundation are really going to the causes that are near and dear to your heart. If you give for a scholarship, you see the very students who benefit from it. If you donate to a project, you get to witness that project taking place step by step. If you assist a program, that program will blossom around you.

For example, past donors of scholarships have been invited to gatherings to meet their recipients. Those who gave for the stone walkways can see them being repaired, just as those who have given to the greenhouse project will see it constructed on our grounds in 2024. Those who give for programs such as our musical arts programming or speaker series see these programs being offered and attended by hundreds of people.

In these pages you will find even more examples of how your donations support the causes for which they are intended, not toward heavy administrative or overhead costs. The mission of Christ and St. Sebastian Parish marches forward in ever greater strength because people like you decide to steer some of your resources toward the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, an organization and community right in your own backyard, serving your faith community and taking place in a real and visible way.

*This stunning picture of the parish church belltower, featured here and on the front cover, was taken by Mario Micale using drone technology.*

*The four sides of our 129-foot bell tower display symbols of the four evangelists: a young man for St. Matthew, a lion for St. Mark, an ox for St. Luke, and an eagle for St. John. Each creature holds a Gospel book and a cross. As the bells ring out from the tower, they carry the call of the Gospel with them.*

Thank you to everyone who supports, volunteers, works, or prays for the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. It is the Foundation that makes the dreams and mission of the parish come true both today, and most especially, in the future. Please know of my prayers of appreciation for your generosity and support.

God bless you,

Rev. John A. Valencheck  
Pastor, St. Sebastian Parish

St. Sebastian, **PRAY FOR US!**



# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On behalf of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Board, I would like to thank each and every one of you who have supported our mission. The Foundation is exclusively dedicated to providing for the long-term financial stability of our parish, and I give thanks every day to Fr. Byrider and the founding members for this prolific gift. Our Foundation has provided over \$12.5 million in support to our parish – servicing our facilities, enhancing ministries and programs in our church and school, enriching our experience through arts, offering numerous scholarships to students in our school, and providing funding for unexpected expenses. Your generosity and kindness make this happen! I can tell you that the impact of your dollars is multiplied and continued through the people who have benefitted and who have gone on to help others.

I fondly look at all the people in this report who have felt it worthy to bestow their gifts to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. There are many generational names that have been around St. Sebastian since its inception. Many families who helped to create our wonderful parish are still supporters to this very day. Others, like myself, joined with young families and found a spiritual home here. As new parishioners continue to join our faith community, my hope is that they too will continue this legacy of support through donations to the Foundation. Generation to generation, for nearly 100 years, this support is no less critical today than in the past. Wonderful examples of how you can make an impact through a donation to the Foundation's funds and endowments can be found in this annual report.

The Foundation is so very fortunate to support Fr. Valencheck as he leads and ministers to our parish. In addition to being our spiritual leader, he has assembled a knowledgeable and experienced team to help him manage our parish operations.

The Foundation supports capital improvements of our facilities, which are well maintained due to the vigilance of Business Manager Milissa Smith and Facilities Manager Mike Zimmerman, along with the parish staff and the Grounds Crew volunteers who put their hands in the

soil. The Foundation supports the school, Principal Anthony Rohr, the teachers, and staff, in many ways, including an extensive scholarship program. This year, many of you have stepped forward to celebrate Fr. Valencheck's 25th ordination anniversary by providing funding for the greenhouse project that has always been on his wish list. We look forward to the greenhouse serving as a wonderful resource for cultivating beautiful flowers and greenery for our liturgies.

At this time, I would like to extend my gratitude and thankfulness for the dedication and service of the members of the Foundation Board. The time, talent, and treasures they offer to the Foundation to support the efforts of our Development Team and our parish are greatly appreciated. Kathy Holaday has welcomed Ron Klamert to our Foundation staff. Together with Anne Dennée, they have nurtured and cared for the many funds and endowments, including the all-important Unrestricted Fund for the areas of greatest need. With Kathy's leadership, they have done an exemplary job in developing relationships and streamlining our projects, publications, events, and inner workings of the Foundation. Thank you for the work you do on our behalf: every positive word you spread has an impact on our success.

Part of our goal in 2023 was to build our Unrestricted Fund for the greatest needs of the parish. We have succeeded in growing in this area and hope to continue that goal in this coming year. As we look to the future, there are projects on the horizon, much continued work on our campus, and as always, new challenges to consider. I am truly humbled to lead this Foundation and see firsthand the generosity and selflessness of our parishioners and friends. I hope you will join me and every member of the board to continue to support the Foundation's ongoing efforts to make St. Sebastian Parish the place we want to call home.

Best Regards,



Brenda Pier Beck



## 2023 St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Board

Brenda Pier Beck, *President*

Ken Contrera, *Treasurer*

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Tim Beringer

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Sophia Veillette

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2022 and 2023. Contributions to the church and school from the Foundation from 1971 through 2023 total **\$12,552,187**.

ASSETS	2022	2023
Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 188,191	\$ 183,960
Long-term Investments at Market:		
Fixed Income	\$ 2,305,872	\$ 2,664,444
Equities	\$ 3,295,610	\$ 3,847,383
Total Assets	\$ 5,789,673	\$ 6,695,787

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	2022	2023
Fund Balance	\$ 5,789,673	\$ 6,695,787
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 5,789,673	\$ 6,695,787

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Income and Expenses for the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2022 and 2023.

INCOME	2022	2023
Gifts & Fundraisers	\$ 792,908	\$ 880,460
Net Gains/Losses from Investments	– \$ 1,000,497	\$ 709,471
Total Gifts and Gains	– \$ 207,589	\$ 1,589,931

DISTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES	2022	2023
Distributions to Church and School	\$ 282,474	\$ 438,905
Expenses	\$ 224,647	\$ 233,196
Total Distributions and Expenses	\$ 507,121	\$ 672,101

The Foundation value over the last four years.

## Total Market Value

2023	\$6,695,787
2022	\$5,789,673
2021	\$6,519,361
2020	\$5,505,512

## Unrestricted Value

2023	\$2,676,693
2022	\$2,341,030
2021	\$2,301,550
2020	\$2,118,836

## Restricted Value

2023	\$4,019,094
2022	\$3,448,642
2021	\$4,217,811
2020	\$3,386,676

*Pictured here is the beautiful artwork located on the ceiling of our church directly over the tabernacle. It is called a tester, which is a canopy or cover over where Mass is celebrated and/or where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. It is an ancient custom in the Church to cover that which is sacred. The letters "IHS" are a monogram for Jesus in the Greek language.*



# FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Greetings to our Parishioners, Alumni, School Families and Friends!

It is always such a pleasure to sit down and write this letter and share the many projects, campus improvements, and accomplishments of the Foundation during the past 12 months. Thank you for directing your support to our Foundation! We know there are so many worthy charitable organizations in need of funding. Please know that your generosity to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation provides essential financial support to our parish and is very much appreciated.

Once again, in 2023, we were fortunate to increase the number of endowments, funds and scholarships that the Foundation manages. Please refer to page 5 for a full list. If you are interested in donating toward the Unrestricted Fund, which is dedicated to the areas of greatest need in the parish, or any of the existing projects and ministries that the Foundation manages, please do not hesitate to contact me! I would also be happy to work with you to establish your own named, restricted endowment, fund or scholarship.

Pages 12-15 of this report list the many lovely donations made to the Foundation in memory, in honor, or in celebration of a loved one or a significant date. Thank you to everyone who chose to support our parish with these meaningful contributions. This year, over 160 donations were made to the Foundation in honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th anniversary of his ordination, with the funds designated to the purchase of a greenhouse. The Foundation is pleased to share that a new greenhouse will be added to our beautiful campus in 2024. Thank you to the generous donors who decided to help check off this long-standing item from Fr. Valencheck's wish list! In addition, the Foundation Board Members commissioned our parish sacristan, Karen McCusker Spangler (Class of 1978), to design and create a new vestment in honor of Fr. Valencheck's anniversary. The Foundation's 2024 Annual Report will include pictures of the 25th anniversary vestment and the new greenhouse!

A special thank you for the support shown to our Foundation! The giving lists found in this report are a reflection of our faith community's commitment to support the needs of our parish today while building a legacy for the future. Wonderful examples of legacy giving are the Arrow Society and Arrow Society Circle,

part of the Foundation's Planned Giving program. We are grateful for those who have included the Foundation as a beneficiary. Please see page 9 for more details.

We are so very fortunate to have such a vibrant parish, a beautiful and inviting campus and, really, so much to celebrate each year! This year, 2023, was no different, as it marked the 95th anniversary of our parish and also the 15th year of Fr. Valencheck's role as our pastor.

Speaking of our beautiful campus, if you are in the Akron area and would like a tour of our campus, please give me a call! I would enjoy visiting with you and learning more about the memories you might have of our faith community, school, and campus. In the meantime, if you are unable to visit our campus, we have created a "Virtual Tour" that can be viewed by visiting [www.stsebastian.org/foundation](http://www.stsebastian.org/foundation) and then clicking on "Foundation 50th Anniversary Virtual Tour."

The Foundation wishes to thank Kathy McMahon Campbell (Class of 1977), who served for over three years as a valued member of the Development Office team, and we welcome Ron Klamert, who is our new Development Assistant, Bookkeeper. The Foundation also extends deep appreciation to all who have generously supported the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. We are so fortunate to have such an incredible parish family providing this legacy of giving and allowing the heritage and traditions of St. Sebastian to continue well into the future. Thank you for being an integral part of our parish community!

Sincerely,



Kathleen Zehenni Holaday  
Director of Development  
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



## 2023 St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Development Office

Kathleen Holaday, *Director of Development*  
Kathy Campbell, *Development Assistant*  
Anne Dennée, *Development Assistant*



# FUNDS AND ENDOWMENTS

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation oversees 85+ named funds, endowments, and scholarships. If you would like to support any of the endowments or funds listed on this page, please feel free to use the enclosed envelope. If you would like to start your own named fund or endowment with the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, we can help! Starting an endowment or fund is a great way to help secure the financial future of the parish. For more information, please contact Kathy Holaday (330-836-2233 x113 or holadayk@stsebastian.org) or go to [stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments](http://stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments).

## Foundation Funds and Endowments

### Unrestricted Fund

Unrestricted Gifts for the Greatest Needs of the Parish

## Church Funds and Endowments

### Adult Education

Foley Family Adult Religious Education Endowment  
Fr. William D. Karg Faith Formation Fund

### Bereavement

Paul A. and Patricia A. Hummel Bereavement Endowment

### Capital

Adoration Chapel Fund  
Byrider Hall Improvement Fund  
Church Improvement Fund  
John L. and Nellie A. Tormey Rectory Restoration Fund

### Clergy

Fickes Family Clergy Enrichment Endowment  
Seminarian Scholarship Fund  
Vocational Health and Wellness Fund

### Education

The Academy of Culture and Arts Fund

### Grounds

Grounds Crew Flower Fund  
Zwisler Hall Plaza Grounds Fund

### Music

Music Endowment  
Organ Fund

### Other

Boy Scout Troop #96 Fund  
Greenhouse Fund  
Knights of Columbus Council #14255 Deacon Terry Peacock Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Natural Family Planning (NFP) Fund  
Catherine Paparella Memorial Fund  
Sanctuary Society Fund  
Marcy Smith Rectory Kitchen Fund  
St. Gabriel Fund

## School Funds and Endowments

### Athletics

Athletic Booster Club Fund

### Capital

St. Sebastian School Fund

### Education

Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund  
Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund  
Mary Jane Hudak Roberts Math Endowment  
Spectacular Arts and Cultural Enrichment Fund  
Spectacular Garden Fund  
Spectacular General Fund  
James R. and Marie T. White School Library Endowment

### Tuition Assistance

Alumni Scholarship Endowment  
Frances and Bernard Amer Family Scholarship Endowment  
The Thomas and Marjorie Burkley Memorial Fund  
Fr. Charles Byrider Education Endowment  
Hugh Colopy Scholarship Endowment  
Meyo Clarke Comunale Scholarship Endowment  
Dayspring Tuition Grant Fund  
Deacon Terry Parish School Endowment  
Franklin K. and Delores H. Dietzler Education Endowment  
Alberta Hensley Scholarship Endowment  
Hank and Eileen Hudson Scholarship Endowment  
John and Joan Kelley Scholarship Endowment  
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lyons, Sr. Family Endowment  
M.G. O'Neil Scholarship Endowment  
Wm. J. O'Neil Scholarship Endowment  
Lewis and Kathleen Seikel Scholarship Endowment  
Sheeks Family Scholarship Endowment  
Stiller Family Scholarship Endowment  
Jay and Marilyn Stitz Scholarship Endowment  
Terrier Family Scholarship Fund  
Victor and Maralyn Yanko Family Scholarship Endowment

### Tuition Assistance and Teacher/Staff Support

Dr. H. Thomas and Mary Rita Baumgardner Scholarship Endowment  
Cleary Family Scholarship Endowment  
Eugene D. and Marie T. Graham Scholarship Endowment  
Dr. Carl E. Krill, Sr. Family Endowment  
McFarland Education Scholarship Endowment  
Esther Simonetti Owen Scholarship Endowment  
James M. Pier, Sr. Scholarship Endowment  
William and Mildred Walzer Education Endowment  
Richard and Carroll Weber Scholarship Endowment

### Teacher/Staff Support

Louis H. Amer Education Endowment  
Christopher James Consilio Student Enrichment Award  
Mary Jo Costigan Teacher's Salary Endowment  
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment  
Social Ministry Fund  
St. Sebastian School Employee Spectacular Fund  
Teacher Bonus Fund

### Scholarships

Michael R. Beck III Memorial Scholarship Fund (new)  
Mary Ley Burke Scholarship Endowment  
Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship Endowment  
Elms Family Scholarship Fund  
Denise Maroon Finley Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Lynn Frey-Steward Organ Scholarship Fund  
Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship Endowment  
GOAL Scholarship Endowment (Graves O'Neill Academic Leaders)  
Hanlon Family Scholarship Endowment  
Karg Family Scholarship Endowment  
Tom and Jeanne LaRose Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment (new)  
William and Mildred Loftus Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Frances L. Sharp Music Scholarship Endowment  
John A. Trecaso Scholarship Fund



# THANK YOU

*to everyone who donated to the  
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in 2023!*

The Foundation is deeply thankful for the steadfast support of the St. Sebastian Parish community. Your donations in 2023 helped provide crucial annual support for our church and school through unrestricted donations, which are directed to the areas of greatest need, as well as restricted donations, which are designated for specific ministries, needs, and projects.

Listed below are the individuals and organizations who made a gift to the Foundation during the 2023 calendar year (Jan. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023). If we have incorrectly listed or inadvertently omitted your name, please contact the Foundation (330-836-2233 x113, [foundation@stsebastian.org](mailto:foundation@stsebastian.org)) so we may correct our records. Thank you for your generous support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation!

## RESTRICTED GIFTS

### **Adoration Chapel Fund**

Dennis and Charise Kasper  
James and Kathleen Smith

### **Alumni Scholarship Endowment**

Judith A. Buzzi  
Anne Lynett Clark  
Deborah A. Roesel Culver  
Thomas Gardner\*  
Michael and Kristene  
Hergenrother  
John and Alice Luse  
Bob and Debbie Mancino  
Tricia Marks Marshel  
Jim Maurer  
William McCulley  
James T. McDermott  
Mike and Ginny McGuckin  
Patrick O'Neill '00  
Elizabeth Pinkerton  
John Reichart  
Toni Schapansky  
Nancy Money Penny Simon  
Susie Straits  
Teresa Kloss Thompson  
Fr. Christopher Trenta  
T. Mark and Gail Yakubowski

### **Louis H. Amer Education Endowment**

Estate of Janet Loree Amer

### **Frances and Bernard Amer Family Scholarship Endowment**

Nancy Beringer  
Timothy and Jennifer DelMedico  
The Folk Charitable Foundation  
Sophie and Bob Veillette

### **Baumgardner Scholarship Endowment**

Bill and Kelly Baumgardner  
Mark Baumgardner  
Ken and Peggy Contrera

### **Michael R. Beck III Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Mike, Brenda, and Kim Beck of  
The Beck Family Foundation  
Nancy Beringer  
Debbie Cook  
Jenny and Tim DelMedico  
Christopher and Christina  
Denholm  
David and Kathy Forbes  
Julie and Robert Handlos  
Nick and Maureen Katanic  
Barbara Carroll LaRose  
LaRose Family and the House of  
LaRose, Inc  
Terry and Joyce Nolan  
Eric Schumacher  
Ed and Kathy Seeley  
Thomas and Tracey Wathen

### **Donations received in 2022 in Memory of Michael R. Beck III which were applied to the memorial fund in 2023:**

Tom and Chris Baugh  
The Bob and Lori Campana Family  
Michael's Friends at ChromaScape  
Lois and John Gerstenmaier  
David A. Redle

### **Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund**

Kathleen J. Buehrle  
Lorena Floccari  
Rosemary and Frank Floccari

### **Mary Ley Burke Scholarship Endowment**

Thomas and Laurie Burke  
Nancy and Ben Harmon  
Rich and Mary Ellen Crowley  
Huesken  
Carla Bouschere Steiner

### **Thomas and Marjorie Burkley Memorial Fund**

Stephen Hinkle  
Bill and Peggy Keller  
Carla Bouschere Steiner

### **Fr. Charles Byrider Education Endowment**

Anonymous  
Mr. and Mrs. John Blike, Jr.  
Rose Calvaruso  
Dave and Pat Fitzgibbons  
Chuck and Laura Franceschi  
Frederick George  
Lois and John Gerstenmaier  
Deidre A. Hanlon and  
Ronald E. George  
Louise J. Hughes  
Tim and Carole Johnson  
Ron Koly\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kraus, Jr.  
David Newyear and Kristina  
Gallagher  
Robin and Marian Olsen  
Jeffery and Marjorie Parrish  
Thomas Reiderman  
Stephanie Rose  
Marcy Smith  
Richard Spangler  
Marianne Spiros  
John F. Stafford, Jr.  
Lou and Micki Trenta  
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Wittler

### **Church Improvement Fund**

Tom and Kathy Dietrich  
Paul and Cathy Mungo  
Al and Phyllis Rose



**Cleary Family Scholarship Endowment**

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Cleary  
Thomas and Patricia Cleary  
Dennis and Kari Danko  
The Fiely Family  
Catherine and Kevin Gallagher  
Louis and Susan Gigliotti, Jr.  
Michael and Diane Carney Hart  
The Family of Trude and  
George Hartnett  
Cathleen Cleary Hawes  
Paul and Joanna Hemmer  
Erin Cleary Herbst  
Brian King  
Ronald and Carolyn Lang  
Jim and Debbie Large  
Stephen and Kimberly Large  
Stanley and Jennifer  
Kelly Masloski  
Elizabeth A. McGrath  
John, Eric, Kim, Chris and  
Ned Morris Families  
Tammy Patrick  
Susan Rote-Kay  
Jackie Large Savage  
Adam Sherer  
Colleen N. Shook

**Meyo Clarke Comunale Scholarship Endowment**

Frank Comunale  
Stephen A. Comunale

**Christopher James Consilio Memorial Fund**

Anonymous  
William Cotter  
Ms. Marjean M. Hull

**Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship Fund**

Dayspring Foundation

**Dayspring Tuition Grant**

Dayspring Foundation

**Deacon Terry Parish School Endowment**

Lawrence and Mary Beth Furman  
Sally Halsey

**James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment**

Patrick N. Yakubowski

**Elms Family Scholarship**

Ronald and Margaret Klamert

**Fickes Family Clergy Enrichment Endowment**

Paul and Cathy Mungo

**Lynn Frey-Steward Organ Scholarship Fund**

Anonymous

**Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship Endowment**

Courtney Gerstenmaier Felton  
Lois and John Gerstenmaier

**GOAL (Graves O'Neill Academic Leaders) Scholarship Endowment**

Mari O'Neill Eggleton

**Greenhouse Fund, Honoring Fr. Valencheck's 25th Ordination Anniversary**

Richard and Rosemary Acker  
Mark and Rebecca Adamczyk  
Jim and Dianne Adams  
Janice Alpeter  
Anonymous (17)  
George and Jan Bachmann  
Edward Balaun  
Mary Barnes  
Kathy Barnhart  
Mike and Brenda Beck  
Max and Josellen Bedell  
Julian and Margie Belman  
Brigid Beringer  
Tim and Linda Beringer  
Tony and Lynda Blanchard  
Mr. and Mrs. John Blike, Jr.  
Paulo and Anaciolo Borges  
Jill and Robert Branham  
William Broadhurst  
Rose Calvaruso  
Emilio and Mary Cheuy  
Ceil Cohen  
Deborah Cook  
Jim Costigan  
Terence and Barbara Crawford  
Jennifer Curtis-Bradley  
Tracie and Jerry D'Antonio  
Daniel Deckler and Susan Clark  
John and Marijean Donofrio  
Brian and Jennifer Doucet  
Anne and David Dyer  
Sharon Evans  
Ann and John Fairweather  
Nick\* and Emily Fernandez  
Dave and Pat Fitzgibbons  
Chuck and Laura Franceschi  
Lawrence and Mary Beth Furman

Stan and Jen Galiczynski  
Frederick George  
Jack and Erica Gerstenmaier  
Lois and John Gerstenmaier  
Sandra Goble  
Lynn Gorman  
Charlotte A. Graves  
The H. E. Graves, Jr.  
Family Foundation  
Alice and Richard Gross  
Daniel and Laura Haramis  
Kathleen and Mark Holaday

Karen Lee Howard  
Michelle and Mike Huber  
Louise J. Hughes  
Tim and Carole Johnson  
Tim and Tara Johnson  
Kurt and Laura Karhoff  
Mary Anne Kim  
Fred and Jeannie Zeno King  
Marilyn Kirk  
Ronald and Margaret Klamert  
Jim and Sally Klein  
Dr. Joseph Kloss

## The Michael R. Beck III Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was created in 2023 by Mike and Brenda Beck in honor and in loving memory of Michael R. Beck III (Class of 1989) who passed away on December 24, 2022. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide tuition assistance to graduates of St. Sebastian Parish School who attend Walsh Jesuit High School. This is a freshman-year only scholarship.

To learn more about donating to The Michael R. Beck III Memorial Scholarship Fund, please contact Kathy Holaday at the Foundation (330-836-2233 x113, [holadayk@stsebastian.org](mailto:holadayk@stsebastian.org)) or visit the Foundation's Funds and Endowments web page: [stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments](https://stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments).



**Greenhouse Fund, Honoring  
Fr. Valencheck's 25th  
Ordination Anniversary,  
continued**

Judith and John Klotz  
Mark and Lori Krohn  
Frank and Celeste Lamanna  
Jim and Debbie Large  
Lee and Connie Lemon  
Andrea Machado  
Donna J. Malloy  
Tim and Emily Marks  
Tim and Maria Maximovich

Jennifer McCormick  
Bill and Marlene McFadden  
Michael and Jean McGlinchy  
Mike and Ginny McGuckin  
Michael and MacKenzie McKeon  
Peter and Karen Mihalick  
Dr. Steve Miller  
Ken and Patty Minrovic  
Lynette Monaghan  
William and Laura Montgomery  
Margaret Nasrallah  
Jean Naswadi  
The Nave Family

David Newyear and  
Kristina Gallagher  
Paul Oakes, Sr.  
John O'Connor  
Betty L. O'Hara  
Robin and Marian Olsen  
Susan and Brian Orians  
Marjorie and Jeffery Parrish  
Michael and Hannah Paulin  
Regina Petit  
Robert and Sharon Rader  
Chris and Lauren Rafferty  
Betty Regan  
Richard Roberts  
Nancy Ryland  
Chuck and Sue Sassano  
Eric and Kathryn Schlachter  
Corinne and Charles Schulz  
Frances Sharp  
Patricia A. Shea  
Harry and Cathy Sivec  
Marcy Smith  
Matthew and Abby Smith  
Robert Sosenko  
Marianne Spiros  
Ken and Sally Stenger  
Ray and Mary Stone  
James and Patricia Strausser  
Katrina Suckling  
Susan Teagarden  
Ann Traverse  
Lou and Micki Trenta  
Ben and Pam Urdiales  
Donna Valentine  
Gina and Thomas Walker  
Lois and David Weis  
Bill and Peggy Wellemeyer  
Joanne and Tom Welsh  
Lawrence and Barbara Whitney  
Susan Wilgus  
Jim and Linda Wilkins  
Steve and Holly Wilt  
Elliott and Ashley Woolf  
Sara and Robert Wyszynski  
Carole Zachardy

**Grounds Crew Flower Fund**

Dee and John Fogt  
Shirley Ann Foster  
Bob Keidan  
Ronald and Margaret Klamert  
Paul and Cathy Mungo  
Kitty and Skip Scherer

**Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund**

Earl W. Hamlin III  
Yvonne Hamlin\*

**Hanlon Family Scholarship  
Endowment**

Ronald E. George  
Deidre A. Hanlon

**Hank and Eileen Hudson  
Scholarship Endowment**

John and Barbara Jost  
Mark Jost  
The Stephen and Carol Jost  
Charitable Fund

**Paul and Patricia Hummel  
Bereavement Endowment**

Paul and Jenny Hummel  
Paul and Patricia Hummel, Jr.

**Karg Family Scholarship**

Brunswick Auto Mart  
William and Jane Ibold  
Jim and Debbie Kane  
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*The Greenhouse Project*

IN HONOR OF FATHER VALENCHECK'S  
25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

## The Greenhouse Fund

In 2023, the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, in honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th Ordination Anniversary, raised money for the purchase of a new greenhouse for the parish. This new, stately greenhouse will not only enhance our grounds, but also provide floral arrangements to beautify our altar. In addition, the new greenhouse will house bulbs and plantings for our cutting garden and the grounds crew flower gardens. Also, this new greenhouse will be a place to cultivate and winterize plants, bulbs, and greenery that the parish would typically have to throw out or store at parishioners' houses. As part of this fundraising effort, all of the proceeds from the 2023 #weGiveCatholic appeal were dedicated to the Greenhouse Project. Parishioners also received special offertory envelopes designated for the Greenhouse Project. Fr. Valencheck and the Foundation are so thankful for the wonderful response, with over 160 donors contributing more than \$109,000 toward this project by the end of 2023! Thanks to your generosity, this project is scheduled for installation in 2024.

To learn more about donating to The Greenhouse Fund, please contact Kathy Holaday at the Foundation (330-836-2233 x113, [holadayk@stsebastian.org](mailto:holadayk@stsebastian.org)) or visit the Foundation's Funds and Endowments web page: [stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments](http://stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments).



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# Planned Giving/Arrow Society

## Shaping a Legacy of Hope for St. Sebastian Parish

### PLANNED GIVING

You can shape a legacy of hope for future generations and ensure the integrity and impact of your family's charitable giving by creating a personalized Planned Gift through the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Planned Gifts are simply donations that will be received sometime in the future. Examples include designating the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation as a beneficiary of a will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank account or stock holding. A Planned Gift to the Foundation is a wonderful final act of financial support and stewardship for your parish.

### ARROW SOCIETY CIRCLE

When you inform the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation that you have included (or intend to include) the Foundation in your estate plans, you will become a member of the Arrow Society Circle. The Foundation will keep this information on record so that your gift intent is documented.



### ARROW SOCIETY

When your estate gift is received by the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, you will become a member of the Arrow Society. Your name will be added to our beautiful Arrow Society remembrance plaque that resides in the narthex of our church.



### NEW ARROW SOCIETY MEMBERS

These generous parishioners, alumni, and friends represent the newest members of the Foundation's Arrow Society. Their bronze nameplates will be added to the plaque in the church narthex. Our sincerest appreciation is extended to these donors and their families for remembering St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in their wills and estates and for providing these legacy donations that will support the parish as a place of hope and worship for future generations.

**Janet L. Amer**  
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**Marilyn Graci-Bohling**  
**Tom and Jeanne LaRose**

To view a complete list of all the Arrow Society members listed on this plaque, please visit [stsebastian.org/foundation/arrow-society-members](http://stsebastian.org/foundation/arrow-society-members).

For more information on Planned Giving, Arrow Society, or Arrow Society Circle, please contact Kathy Holaday at the Foundation (330-836-2233 x113, [holadayk@stsebastian.org](mailto:holadayk@stsebastian.org)) or visit the Foundation's Planned Giving web page: [stsebastian.org/foundation/planned-giving](http://stsebastian.org/foundation/planned-giving).

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# The Tom and Jeanne LaRose Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment

The Tom and Jeanne LaRose Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established in 2023 in honor and in memory of Tom and Jeanne LaRose by their children: Tom, Ann, Frank, Mark, and Jim. Tom was a St. Sebastian graduate of the Class of 1942. All five of Tom and Jeanne's children attended St. Sebastian Parish School, and Catholic education was important to both Jeanne and Tom. The purpose of this endowment is to provide scholarships to students of St. Sebastian Parish School who are parishioners and who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship is available for students entering kindergarten through eighth grade.

To learn more about donating to The Tom and Jeanne LaRose Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment, please contact Kathy Holaday at the Foundation (330-836-2233 x113, holadayk@stsebastian.org) or visit the Foundation's Funds and Endowments web page: [stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments](http://stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments).

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# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

## We Give Catholic/Giving Tuesday

### 2022 New Activity Tables and Chairs for Our Youngest Learners

In 2022, the #weGiveCatholic effort, "Our Youngest Learners," raised \$13,076 for the replacement of the activity tables and chairs in the kindergarten and preschool classrooms. These items were purchased and installed in 2023. Our youngest students and their teachers really love their new modular furniture, which is attractive, sturdy, and adaptable for many configurations for different learning activities.



### 2023 Greenhouse in Honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th Ordination Anniversary

In 2023, the focus of the #weGiveCatholic effort was funding the purchase and installation of a new greenhouse in honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th ordination anniversary. An amazing 90 donors contributed over \$11,400 for the greenhouse in response to the 2023 #weGiveCatholic effort. These funds will be combined with other dollars raised in 2023 and 2024 for this project. The greenhouse, which will be constructed in 2024, will be a wonderful resource for cultivating the many flowers and bulbs that beautify our altar and our parish grounds! We look forward to sharing pictures of the completed project in next year's annual report.



## Alumni Alley

In 2021-22, St. Sebastian Parish School renovated the easternmost school entrance along Mull Avenue to create a new main entrance. There is now a lobby area created by adding a second set of glass interior doors and walls. The final element of the project was to restore "Alumni Alley," a collection of photographs of the school displayed along the walls where the stairs lead up to the main office. In 2023, Brenda Pier Beck, the



St. Sebastian Parish Foundation's president, and Kathy Holaday, the Foundation's director, redesigned the display utilizing both old archival and current photographs. Please come for a visit and see them for yourselves!

## Repairs: A/C Units, Roofs, Brickwork

The Foundation funded important and timely repairs to the parish buildings and grounds, including work completed on the air conditioning system in Byrider Hall as well as significant roof repairs for the rectory, rectory garage, main school building and Zwislser Hall. Funding was also provided for repairs to brickwork both near the rectory and along the Sacred Heart statue outside of Zwislser Hall. The pictures here show the sagging bricks (top right) along the walls compared to the smooth surface after repairs were completed. The installation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine and the surrounding brick plaza were completed in 2015 as part of the Brick Lot Replacement Project. St. Sebastian Parish is proud to be the permanent home for this beautiful statue, which had previously inspired the people of St. Procop Parish for over 100 years.



### **Unrestricted, continued**

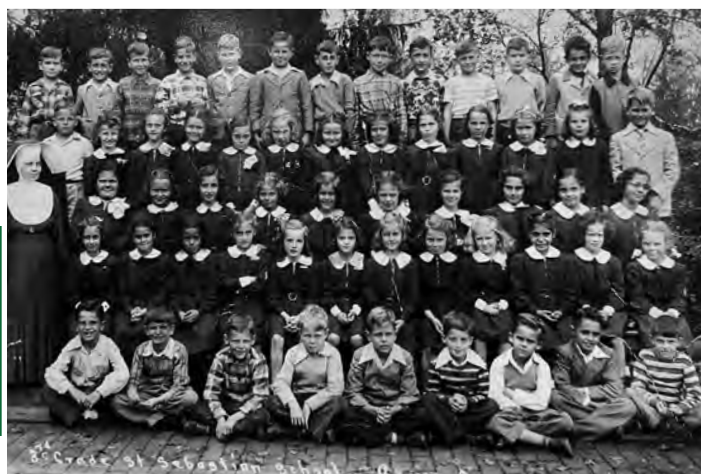
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*Thanks to a donation from Emily Butler Petrarca '53, this fantastic 3rd-grade picture of the Class of 1953 is now included in the parish archives.*



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Gifts in memory, honor and celebration

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## Parish Archive Ministry

In 2023, the responsibility for the parish archives moved from the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation back to the parish. The new Parish Archive Ministry is composed of volunteers and operates under the parish's marketing department. Archive Ministry volunteers are working to organize and preserve the parish archives into a history-rich, memory-filled and accessible collection. More details on the results and workings of the Parish Archive Ministry will be available as the parish approaches its 100th Anniversary in 2028! If you are interested in joining the archive team, or if you have items to contribute, please send an email to [archives@stsebastian.org](mailto:archives@stsebastian.org).



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**In memory of Glen and Viola Stalcup**  
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## **Your Gift Makes an Impact!**

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation relies on the generosity of our community to help secure a stable future for our parish for generations. Thanks to generous gifts to the Foundation, we are able to help ensure that the traditions of St. Sebastian Parish continue for many years to come. As you consider your annual charitable giving, please consider a donation to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Your donation will make a real difference, with a measurable impact to our faith community. No gift is too big or too small, and all donations are tax deductible.

### **Gift Methods**

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### **Does Your Employer Have a Matching Gift Program?**

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**In memory of Paul Stone, who sang in the Children's Choir at the very first Mass at St. Sebastian Church**  
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**In celebration of Jim and Julie Baltrinic**  
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# Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in response to our Annual Appeal! Every year we are blessed to have the support of parishioners, school families, alumni, and friends of the parish and school during the holidays. Gifts to the Annual Appeal are a critical source of funding for the Foundation's Unrestricted Fund, which provides support for the areas of greatest need in the parish. The cover of the 2023 Annual Appeal card featured a kaleidoscope-like picture of students gathered for school Mass at our parish church – a wonderful image of how God's love encircles us while we pray and reminds us that there is joy in the presence of the Lord.



**In honor of Helen and Leo J. Riegler**  
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**In honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th Ordination Anniversary**  
*In addition to the donors listed here, please see page 8 for the list of Greenhouse Fund donors who also donated in honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th ordination anniversary.*  
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# SNAPSHOT OF THE LAST 5 YEARS

The Foundation provides crucial, annual support to St. Sebastian Parish in so many ways, from support of special ministries and capital improvements for our buildings and grounds, to scholarships, tuition assistance and educational supplies for our students and teachers. Listed below is a snapshot of distributions made by the Foundation to the church and school over the last 5 years.

## 2019

Awards for Annual Student Scholarships	\$5,500
Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship, Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship, GOAL Scholarship, Frances L. Sharp Scholarship, John A. Trecaso Scholarship	
Clergy Enrichment and Seminary Scholarships	\$2,207
Cornerstone Project/Church Improvement Fund	\$207,489
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment	\$715
Foley Adult Education	\$464
Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,182
Music Endowment	\$2,100
Project Spruce Up	\$59,986
Mary Jane Hudak Roberts Math Endowment	\$1,150
School Financial Aid and Teacher Support	\$100,800
Social Ministry	\$27,344
St. Sebastian School Fund	\$36,220
John L. and Nellie A. Tormey Rectory Restoration Fund	\$19,070
James R. and Marie T. White School Library Fund	\$619
Zwisler Hall Plaza Grounds Fund	\$1,248

## 2020

Awards for Annual Student Scholarships	\$9,000
Mary Ley Burke Scholarship, Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship, Denise Maroon Finley Memorial Scholarship, Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship, GOAL Scholarship, Frances L. Sharp Scholarship, John A. Trecaso Scholarship	
Church Improvement Fund	\$10,177
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment	\$805
Foley Adult Education	\$447
Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund	\$27,234
Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,154
Music Endowment	\$2,042
Project Spruce Up	\$27,430
Mary Jane Hudak Roberts Math Endowment	\$1,108
School Financial Aid and Teacher Support	\$90,000
Social Ministry	\$11,699
Terrier Family Scholarship	\$2,250
James R. and Marie T. White School Library Fund	\$596
Zwisler Hall Plaza Grounds Fund	\$2,248

## 2021

Awards for Annual Student Scholarships	\$13,000
Mary Ley Burke Scholarship, Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship, Denise Maroon Finley Memorial Scholarship, Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship, GOAL Scholarship, Frances L. Sharp Scholarship, John A. Trecaso Scholarship	
Bell Tower Repair	\$15,000
"Chalk the Walk" Walkway Restoration	\$15,000
Consilio Enrichment Awards for Teachers	\$3,220
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment	\$819
Fickes Family Clergy Enrichment Endowment	\$2,131
Foley Adult Education	\$524
Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,378
Music Endowment	\$2,496
School Financial Aid and Teacher Support	\$117,181
Social Ministry	\$13,428
Terrier Family Scholarship	\$2,250
John L. and Nellie A. Tormey Rectory Restoration Fund	\$5,004
Zwisler Hall Plaza Grounds Fund	\$2,508

## 2022

Awards for Annual Student Scholarships	\$17,350
Mary Ley Burke Scholarship, Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship, Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship, Denise Maroon Finley Memorial Scholarship, Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship, GOAL Scholarship, Hanlon Family Scholarship, Frances L. Sharp Scholarship, John A. Trecaso Scholarship	
Thomas and Marjorie Burkley Memorial Fund	\$4,000
Byrider Improvement Fund	\$11,043
Byrider Window Replacement	\$8,076
Consilio Enrichment Awards for Teachers	\$3,685
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment	\$996
Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,125
Music Endowment	\$2,077
School Financial Aid and Teacher Support	\$145,567
Marcy Smith Rectory Kitchen Fund	\$2,103
Social Ministry	\$19,960
Spectacular Garden Fund: Picnic Tables	\$2,267
St. Sebastian School Employee Spectacular Fund	\$750
Teacher Bonus Fund	\$1,900
Terrier Family Scholarship Fund	\$4,000
John L. and Nellie A. Tormey Rectory Restoration Fund	\$9,651

## 2023

Awards for Annual Student Scholarships	\$40,750
Michael R. Beck III Memorial Scholarship, Mary Ley Burke Scholarship, Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship, Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship, Denise Maroon Finley Memorial Scholarship, Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship, GOAL Scholarship, Hanlon Family Scholarship, Karg Family Scholarship, Tom and Jeanne LaRose Family Memorial Scholarship, William and Mildred Loftus Memorial Scholarship, Frances L. Sharp Scholarship, John A. Trecaso Scholarship	
Victor E. Buehrle Jr. Science Lab Fund	\$1,227
Thomas and Marjorie Burkley Memorial Fund	\$2,000
Byrider Improvement Fund	\$20,000
Consilio Enrichment Awards for Teachers	\$2,685
Greenhouse Fund	\$85,590
Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,023
Music Endowment	\$1,851
School Financial Aid and Teacher Support	\$142,694
Seminarian Scholarship Fund	\$1,000
Marcy Smith Rectory Kitchen Fund	\$360
St. Sebastian School Employee Spectacular Fund	\$750
St. Sebastian School Fund	\$18,366
Teacher Bonus Fund	\$4,200
John L. and Nellie A. Tormey Rectory Restoration Fund	\$14,528
Zwisler Hall Plaza Grounds Fund	\$3,200

# PARISH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation proudly hosted the annual Foundation Scholarship Mass on March 30, 2023. A remarkable **53 scholarships** were awarded to students from St. Sebastian Parish School for the 2023-24 school year. These scholarships are offered annually by four parish entities as well as the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. **The Foundation alone awarded 46 scholarships worth \$40,750, a significant increase over past years.**

Congratulations to these fantastic students, and thank you to the generous individuals and groups who made these awards possible! The Foundation is deeply thankful for the many wonderful donors who have established and supported these scholarships.

If your family would like to start your own scholarship or contribute to an existing fund to support St. Sebastian Parish School students, please contact Kathy Holaday at the Foundation (330.836.2233 x113, [holadayk@stsebastian.org](mailto:holadayk@stsebastian.org)) or visit

[www.stsebastian.org/foundation/scholarships](http://www.stsebastian.org/foundation/scholarships). For a complete list of Foundation Endowments, Funds and Scholarships that directly benefit our church and school, please visit [www.stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments](http://www.stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments).



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation manages the St. Sebastian Parish School Alumni Association. The Foundation maintains the alumni database, publishes the Alumni Arrow newsletter three times a year, and hosts the annual Alumni Mass, which is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Foundation also assists reunion planners by providing mailing lists for classmates.



## VISIT THE ALUMNI WEBSITE

The St. Sebastian Parish School alumni website ([www.stsebastian.org/school/alumni](http://www.stsebastian.org/school/alumni)) is a great place for alumni to update their current contact information so they can stay informed on reunions and the latest news from their alma mater. Alumni may also share personal news or memories of their school days through the website. We love to hear from our alumni!



## ST. SEBASTIAN EARNS NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD

St. Sebastian Parish School was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2023! This honor is given annually by the U.S. Department of Education to the highest performing schools.

St. Sebastian is one of only 40 private schools across the country, and one of only 19 in Ohio, to receive the award in 2023. On September 19, when the winners were announced, Principal Anthony Rohr and Fr. Valencheck orchestrated a special surprise announcement for the students, teachers, and staff, who were gathered in Zwislner Hall. Then they celebrated with the school band playing the St. Sebastian fight song, doughnuts with blue icing and a spirited viewing of the official announcement video. On October 2, Bishop Edward Malesic of the Diocese of Cleveland celebrated Mass with the school community, and rounding out the festivities, Principal Rohr, Fr. Valencheck, and veteran teacher Mrs. Sue Vernon attended the official award ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November. For more details and to view pictures and videos, visit [www.stsebastian.org/school/blueribbon](http://www.stsebastian.org/school/blueribbon).



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