

ALUMNI ARROW

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2026

SCHOOL WELCOMES GABRIELLE REDOVIAN AS NEW PRINCIPAL



The St. Sebastian Parish community is pleased to welcome Gabrielle Redovian as the new principal of St. Sebastian Parish School! Gabrielle is a distinguished educator, parishioner, and current school parent. She began her career in education in 2010 at Buckeye Local Schools. In 2017, she joined Julie Billiart School in Akron, a Catholic school that serves students with learning differences in grades K-8. At Julie Billiart, Gabrielle worked as an Intervention Specialist before being named Assistant Principal and Director of Special Education. She then served three years as principal of Julie Billiart (2023-2026) before she accepted the job as principal at St. Sebastian, beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Gabrielle, who attended Our Lady of the Elms from first through twelfth grade, grew up in West Akron and has been an active parishioner of St. Sebastian Parish since middle school. Over the years, she has been deeply committed to Catholic education and connected to the St. Sebastian community as a parishioner, parent, and now school leader. “I am excited to lead this school,” says Gabrielle, “the school is firmly guided by faith and grounded in mission, and I look forward to strengthening a community that upholds Catholic tradition, fosters excellence in learning, and forms students for lives of purpose and service.”

ALUMNI ARROW MEETING ROOM CHALLENGE

Alumni from the Class of 1974 are challenging all St. Sebastian School alumni to compete to see which class generates the most donors to name a meeting room in the new Helen Hamlin Marshall Activity Center. The meeting room will be named “The Alumni Arrow Meeting Room” in honor of all St. Sebastian alumni – but which class will have the most donors?

Information on how to donate to the challenge as well as links to renderings of the Helen Hamlin Marshall Activity Center, which will begin construction the summer of 2027, may be found at stsebastian.org/foundation/current-needs.

If you have questions, would like to make a pledge (for up to 3 years), or would like to lead the challenge for your class, please contact Kathy Holaday at holadayk@stsebastian.org or 330-836-2233 x113.

The winning class will receive special recognition on a plaque in the Alumni Arrow Meeting Room. Show your Terrier pride by donating or making a pledge today!

ALUMNI ARROW Meeting Room

*Generously Supported by Alumni
of St. Sebastian Parish School*

**Your Name and
Graduation Year Here!**

*Special Appreciation to
the Class of XXXX
for winning the class challenge
with the highest number of donors!*



ALUMNI UPDATES

CLASS OF 1952

Arlene Aloï Shackelford is living in Michigan with her son and daughter-in-law.

CLASS OF 1972

Jay Bonner and his wife Donna live in Maitland, FL and have four children in their '30s: Morgan, Isabella, Joseph, and Gianna. Jay is retired after 40 years as a periodontist. He writes, "I now write full time under my own name (JWBonner) and am concentrating on Catholic-based novels. I will be publishing my first two series this fall under my new official name. One trilogy is a medical murder mystery and the other will be called 'The Relic Warden' series (this is directed at teen boys and above in the hopes of inspiring them to investigate Catholicism more closely). My family is healthy and we are active in our parish." His current website is jwbonner.com, and he also has the website waltbrowning.com for works completed during the ten years he wrote part time under a pseudonym.



INTERESTED IN PLANNING A REUNION?

Reunions for individual classes are organized by volunteers from the class. The Alumni Association is ready to assist you by providing class lists and by promoting the event in our publications. Please contact the Alumni Association at alumni@stsebastian.org.

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is happy to provide informal tours for reunion groups or alumni at any time!

Please contact Kathy Holaday at
330-836-2233 x113 or
foundation@stsebastian.org.

For more information on
reunion planning, visit
stsebastian.org/school/alumni/events.

CLASS OF 1972

Several members of the St. Sebastian Class of 1972 who also attended Our Lady of the Elms gathered for a group photo during their 50th high school graduation reunion at D'Agnese's Restaurant on September 19, 2026. Pictured here are (front): **Mary Jane Mariani Walker, Mich Martucci, Mary Kay Welsh Thompson;** (back): **Kathy Beringer Reed, Peggy Baumgardner Contrera, Patty Hardt Donaldson, Patty Abdenour Montgomery, Margaret Payerle Hoffner, and Anne Najeway Vainer.**

CLASS OF 1977 – 50TH REUNION

Plans are underway for the Class of 1977's 50th reunion in 2027! Please update your contact information, especially your email address, so the planners can keep you informed. Updates may be submitted online (stsebastian.org/school/alumni/update-info) or emailed to the Alumni Association (alumni@stsebastian.org).

CLASS OF 1998

Blast from the past! Can you help us identify everyone in this basketball team picture from the archives?

Email us at alumni@stsebastian.org.



Please Send Us Your Updates & Memories!

We love to hear from our alumni!

Do you have a favorite story or memory from grade school?

Do you have a new job, spouse, child, or a new address or phone number?

Share your memories with us by emailing them to alumni@stsebastian.org or contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113.

CLASS OF 2019 & 2021

Shane Adamczyk '19 and **Jacob Dennée '21** worked as interns in the Cleveland Diocese this summer as part of the Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd Institute. Shane worked at St. Albert the Great Parish in North Royalton. Jacob worked at St. John Vianney in Mentor, where he worked under the guidance of Fr. Ian Kelly, who spent time at St. Sebastian in 2019 and 2020 while he was a seminarian.



CLASS OF 2022

Rowan Kelly, a Wadsworth High School graduate, signed to play volleyball with Ohio University. In 2025, Rowan was named Suburban League Player of the Year, First Team All-District, and All-Ohio First Team. **Logan Smith**, an Archbishop Hoban High School graduate, signed as a track & field athlete with Malone University to compete in sprints and hurdles.

CLASSES OF 2022-2023

Congratulations to the following 19 alumni who earned AP honors as students at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. AP Scholar with Distinction (average score of at least 3.5 and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more AP exams): **Louisa Dennée '23, Dietrich Loyed '22, Julia Rea '23, Jude Rothkopf '22, Isaac Sullivan '23, Susan Thomas '22, and Owen Ziemann '23**; AP Scholar with Honor (average score of at least 3.25 and scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams): **Isabella Incorvia '22, Allison Raita '23**; AP Scholar (scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more exams.): **Steven Bitecofer '22, Joseph Danzy '22, Madelyn Kastelic '22, Giovanni Nonno '23, Jane Porter '23, Owen Schlueter '22, Nathan Sparhawk '22, William Tober '23, Quinn Yori '22, and Zoey Zachardy '22.**

CLASS OF 2024

Grace Keso, Noelle Keso, and Jordan Large were selected as Marianist LIFE (Living in Faith Experience) Leaders for St. Vincent-St. Mary High School for the 2026-27 school year. These students will lead their peers in faith and build a stronger Catholic community at STVM. Over the summer, they attended a Marianist LIFE retreat at the University of Dayton, where they grew their leadership skills, deepened their faith, and connected with students from Marianist high schools across the country.

ANNUAL ALUMNI MASS

Saturday, November 28

4:30 p.m. Mass

Livestream available

All alumni and their families are invited to celebrate Mass at St. Sebastian Parish Church on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

No RSVP required. If you want to join us virtually, the Mass will be live-streamed on the parish

YouTube channel:

youtube.com/StSebastianParish

Questions? Please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or HoladayK@stsebastian.org.

CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION



The Class of 1976 celebrated a wonderful evening in Zwislser Hall on October 3rd for their 50th reunion. Over 40 classmates spent the evening together with Mass, a school tour, and reminiscing about our time at St. Sebastian. Fun was had by all, and the group is looking forward to the next one! Pictured here are: (Row 1): Steven Pinkerton, Amy Rizzo, Kathy Madigan Hager, Joe LaMonica, Paul Koehler, Cathy Vitt O'Toole, Barb Kazar Duff, Sue Preston, Mary Murphy LeFever, Jim Maher; (Row 2): Paul Sheeks, Mark Bachmann, Steve Large, David White, Lois Dillick Eisenbrei; (Row 3): Pat Greathouse, Bill Baumgardner, Michael "Mitch" Williams, Jeff Bruno, Pat Sheehy, Theresa Munka, Mary Domchick Childers, Tom Dannemiller, Lynn McNeill Ruby, Vince Sullivan; (Row 4): Jim Pianalto, Kris Kipp, Tom Abdenour, Bob Watterson, Larry Aylward, Steve Ondecker, Paula Davis Tucci, Jim Meadows, Rich McCarty, Brian Collins, Debbie Marshall Hinson, Jim Graves, Jim Barter, Juli Pier Uecker; Not pictured: Cheryl Rusyn Masters.

CLASS OF 1986 40TH REUNION

The Class of 1986 kicked off our reunion weekend in June with a casual meet and greet on Friday night at Vinifera in Cuyahoga Falls with a special appearance by our beloved 7th grade teacher Susie Seikel Ahbe, who did a reading of "To the Confirmation Class of 1986," a special poem she wrote for our class that included descriptors of every student! There was not a dry eye in the room, as the poem culminated with heartfelt comments about our friend and classmate Ryan Jarboe, who left the world way too soon. Saturday night began with Mass celebrated with our 1970s parish priest Fr. Semonin and 1st grade teacher Mrs. Adams, a tour of the school, and dinner with '80s music at The Trailhead in Akron. Approximately 30 classmates and many spouses/ significant others attended, with classmates traveling from more than half a dozen states! Julie Bachmann Vesco and Susie Beringer Dix were amazing hosts with Steve Ajamie reaching out to members of the class of '86 from far and wide! It was a TOTALLY RADICAL weekend well worth a 40-year wait!



Pictured here are (Row 1): Meghan Williams Mehler, Susie Gardner; (Row 2): Lisa Dalessandro Walker, Jessica Waters Joseph, Steve Woll, Susie Beringer Dix; (Row 3): Mike Kaminsky, Bridget Palko Dunbar, Julie Bachmann Vesco, Dan Cotter, Jennifer DiCresce, Pat Dalessandro; (Row 4): Steve Ajamie, Paul Hummel, Mike Rozak, Greg Varga, Billy Romano, Mike Gerst, David Carey; (Row 5): Eric Toth, Ben Williams, Jason Segedy, Paul Hergenrother.

CLASS OF 2001 25TH REUNION

The St. Sebastian Class of 2001 celebrated their 25th reunion on Saturday, September 12th. Members from the class traveled from Columbus, North Carolina, California, and even Switzerland to celebrate friendships that started in 1993! They enjoyed a tour of the school, dinner from Fiesta Pizza (owned by our classmate, Melissa Ajamie), visited with previous middle school teachers (Mrs. Maryanne Anderson and Mrs. Paula McCarthy), looked at their yearbooks, and even watched their graduation VHS tape! They finished the night at Brighten Brewery in Copley (owned by another classmate, Tom Robbins). The class would like to thank the alumni association, Kathy Holaday, and Anne Dennée as well as Terry Tolson, for all their assistance in planning this wonderful event. Betsy Mason is updating contact info for future events. If you were unable to attend, but would like to in the future, please message her at 330-310-9058.

(Row 1): Mrs. Paula McCarthy, Mrs. Maryanne Anderson, Nick DelMedico, Jeremy Stone, Alan Manley, Max Bedell, Lauren Miller, Laura Large O'Donnell, Emily Buehrle Boarman, Robert Gandy; (Row 2): David Negrelli, Eugene Borders, Adam Brown, Ben Wooley, Ryan Arman, Jack Leslie, Patrick VanAuker, Tom Robbins, Michelle Zrebiec, Melissa Ajamie, Paul Heavenly, Kettie McDowell, Betsy Mason, Lauren Buehrle Junk.



Stay Connected Online

SCHOOL Facebook: St. Sebastian Parish School; Instagram: @st.sebastianschool

PARISH Facebook: St. Sebastian Parish; Instagram: @st.sebastianparish

YouTube: youtube.com/@StSebastianParish/videos

++ We Will Remember ... ++

The Alumni Association extends our sincerest sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased alumni (approx. June 1, 2026-Sept. 30, 2026). If you learn of the passing of a St. Sebastian alumnus, please contact us by phone at 330-836-2233 x113 or by email at alumni@stsebastian.org.

Thomas G. Baldacci '50, June 18, 2026
Samuel D. Comeriato '66, July 4, 2026
John A. Roetzel '66, August 4, 2026
David S. Flanagan '68, June 14, 2026

Tammie Marie Paris '72, August 4, 2026
Joseph D. Wheeler '73, March 9, 2026
Margaret Kramer Taylor '76, July 10, 2026
Kathleen Collins Gerski '88, June 17, 2026

DID YOU KNOW? ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH BY THE NUMBERS

St. Sebastian Parish recently completed the "Status Animarum," an annual compilation of statistics submitted to the diocese. Here are some numbers reported as of September, 2026:

Households: 1,878 (5,369 persons)

Parish School Students: 411
(361 grades K-8, 50 preschool)

First Communicants: 68
(51 second grade students)

Baptisms: 80 (67 infants)

Weddings: 18; Funerals: 45

2025 #WEGIVECATHOLIC: THE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who supported the #weGiveCatholic effort on Dec. 2, 2025! We raised \$11,331 from 140 donors for "The Playground Project: Growing in Mind, Body and Spirit." All proceeds went toward the purchase of new playground equipment. Don't worry, the iconic big tire still remains! Additional funding came from the paddle raise at the 2026 St. Sebastian Spectacular, the school's annual fundraiser. Pictured here is current student Daniel McFadden, son of **Annie Ochsenhirt McFadden '96**, before he cuts the ribbon to officially open the new playground on August 25, 2026.



ATTENTION CYO ATHLETIC TERRIERS PAST & PRESENT

The Athletic Booster Club is Seeking CYO Championship Records

The St. Sebastian Booster Club is making plans to adorn Byrider Gym with new banners showing the individual and team championships throughout the years.

We have wonderful records of the most recent championships (2010-current) – as shown here by the championship banners that currently hang in our gym – but very little (accurate) record of championships that came before 2010.

Tim Tober, current Booster Club President, is seeking your help. If you, or anyone you know, has been part of a CYO Championship team prior to 2010, please contact Tim. He would love to have any information, photos or memorabilia that you can share, and he would also be happy to sit down with you and hear your "glory days" stories! Please send an email to terrierboosterclub@gmail.com.
GO, TERRIERS!

ST. SEBASTIAN DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CYO CHAMPIONS	
2010.....	GIRLS SOCCER
2013.....	FOOTBALL
2013-14.....	BOYS BASKETBALL
2016.....	FOOTBALL
2021.....	BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
2022.....	BOYS TRACK & FIELD
2022.....	GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
2022.....	BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
2022-23.....	7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL
2023.....	BOYS TRACK & FIELD
2023.....	BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
+ GO TERRIERS	

ST. SEBASTIAN DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CYO CHAMPIONS	
2014.....	CROSS COUNTRY TWO MILE: Alex Phillip (11:51.6)
2015.....	TRACK & FIELD GIRLS 4x100 METER RELAY: Audrey Calvin, Kathryn Coughlin, Maddie McSteen, Cecelia Walter (56.28) BOYS 200 METERS: PJ Calleri (25.24) BOYS 1600 METERS: Alex Phillip (5:05.07)
2022.....	TRACK & FIELD GIRLS 400 METERS: Arden Powell (1:06.04) BOYS SHOTPUT: Nathan Sparhawk (36-00.00) BOYS DISCUS: Nathan Sparhawk (115-03) BOYS LONG JUMP: Everett Salisbury (16-08.00)
2023.....	TRACK & FIELD BOYS 100 METERS: Gage Caruthers (12.20) BOYS 200 METERS: Gage Caruthers (24.76) BOYS 1600 METERS: Marcus Chuba (5.12) GIRLS 400 METERS: Jane Porter (1:04.06)
2023.....	CROSS COUNTRY TWO MILE: Nathaniel Chuba (12:47:09)
+ GO TERRIERS	