



Angelus Letter
16 February 2023
LETTER #211

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.

Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Saturday Confessions at 4 p.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 1 p.m. with Fr. Pfeiffer

PRESIDENTS' DAY!

Mass on Monday, February 20th will be at 9 a.m. in honor of Presidents' Day.

Parish offices will be closed this day.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This coming Wednesday, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 9:00a.m. (with school), 5:00p.m. (Latin) and 7:00p.m.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE PRACTICES BEGIN

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 to 59. Fasting permits one full meal as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to the full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding for all over the age of 14. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

LENTEN MISSION

Our **Lenten Mission will be March 12th through the 14th in the evenings at 7:00p.m. in our parish church.** Free copies of the book "Pray 40 Days" were distributed after all Masses. It was written by the Rev. Michael Denk who is a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland and also our Mission Director. The book goes along with our Mission and explains itself and how it is to be used. If you did not get your copy, please do so either this weekend or stop by the rectory office. If you are shut in, please contact Keith Johnson johnsonk@stsebastian.org.

COMMUNION

During the time of COVID, because so much was unknown about the illness, some of our practices concerning the distribution of Communion became slightly lax both to allay some concerns and to make sure as many people could receive Communion as possible. Now that our fears are largely allayed, please reinstate the following if receiving Communion on the hand:

One is only permitted to receive in the hand if one's hands and arms are completely unencumbered. If a person is holding a hymnal, purse, child or any other such thing, or if one is on crutches, has a cast or has soiled hands, that person should receive on the tongue. Gloves should be removed and sleeves that extend over the palm should be pushed up.

It is also good to remember that one hand should clearly be on top of the others so that the person distributing can easily tell onto which hand to place Our Lord. We are called upon to receive with the non-dominant hand (the hand not used for writing) with the dominant hand directly underneath. After receiving, the communicant steps to the side and receives the host by use of the dominant hand.

Thank you for your consideration in this most important matter.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This weekend is the Catholic Charities Appeal at all parishes in the diocese. Please prayerfully consider your participation for this annual appeal.

STUDENT LED MASSES

Great news! St. Sebastian will now have student led Masses. The last 9:00a.m. Mass on Sunday every month while school is in session will be led by our St. Sebastian students. The first Mass will be on Sunday, February 26th at

9:00a.m. by the 8th Graders. These 8th Graders will receive their sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, March 3rd. Please come and support our wonderful students in this endeavor.

SPECTACULAR

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Spectacular. Whether you were a sponsor, donated an item, supported the Paddle Raise, ran an advertisement or attended the event and bid on auction items, you made a difference to the all children in our parish school. Stay tuned for more exciting details on how the dollars raised for the Paddle Raise will soon transform our school library.

CURATOR NEEDED FOR THE PARISH ARCHIVES

The parish is in need for someone to head up the team who preserves our parish history. This person would be in charge of storing, retrieving our historical records and artifacts. If you are interested, please send an email to church@stsebastian.org or call Cathy Sivec at (330) 836-2233

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Tammy Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rosemarie George, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Bill Heising, Robert Hickey, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Candace Kidd, Fred Kovacic, Jean Labate, Frank Livigni, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Marlene McFadden, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Julius Peters, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Betty Sarich, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck
St. Sebastian, pray for us.



**Novena to St. Sebastian,
Protector Against the Plague**

Glorious Saint Sebastian, you who had great courage, help us to be witnesses of Jesus before this unbelieving world as you have brought others to Christ. Help us to have the love of neighbor that you had and to give our lives for our brothers, even in difficulties and dangers. Help us to have faith in the pains of life as you endured cruel martyrdom. Protect all soldiers, military and police against every danger in their work. Protect all nations against wars, hunger and pestilence. Intercede for the grace that I need...

[Mention your intention here...]
Amen.

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