



Angelus Letter  
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LETTER #213

Dear Parish Family,

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek  
Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m.  
Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.  
CONFIRMATION MASS at 7 p.m. with Bishop Malesic  
**Canceled: 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck  
Saturday Confessions at 9:30-10 a.m.  
Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Bozek

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. Justin OSB

#### BISHOP MALESIC TO VISIT ST. SEBASTIAN

On Friday night at 7 p.m. Bishop Malesic will be the celebrant at Mass as he confirms our students as well as those from St. Bernard Parish and St. Mary Parish. Congratulations to all of our parishioners in eighth grade who will be confirmed! I look forward to seeing your ministry blossom.

#### NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY NIGHT

**Due to the Confirmation Mass this Friday night, there will not be Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.** There will, however, still be Stations at 1:45 p.m.

#### PARISH LENTEN MISSION – MARCH 12-14

We are 10 days into our Pray40Days journey of prayer. Fr. Michael Denk will be with us next weekend to begin our parish Lenten mission on this topic. He will be talking about the various ways of prayer that are mentioned in his book. Fr. Michael will be speaking at all Masses next weekend and then the mission will begin at 7:00pm Sunday evening and will be at the same time on Monday and Tuesday. I hope you are planning to be with us for all of those nights and that you are inviting friends to come with you.

#### PARISH ARCHIVES MINISTRY

The parish is looking for a leader and additional team members for this very important parish ministry. A team of volunteers have met a number of times to start the process to organize and catalogue our amazing archives. There is still time to get involved. The Parish Archive Ministry's goal is to have things ready for the 100th Anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish in 2028.

If you are interested in helping us organize, catalog and create a library of our precious photos and memorabilia, please send an email with Archives in the subject line to: [church@stsebastian.org](mailto:church@stsebastian.org) -or- call Cathy Sivec at 330-836-2233.

Thank you for your help on this very important ministry to preserve and organize our history and traditions!

#### LEAK!

Now that we have had sufficient rain to check our theory, we have successfully located the source of the leak in the church! The downspout that is concealed within the walls of the church must have frozen and burst. Unfortunately, this pipe is between the plaster wall and the exterior brick wall. One (and the cheapest) way to fix this problem is to permanently install an exterior downspout. I am not particularly enamored with this solution and from those I've casually mentioned this to, neither are many other people. Solutions are being sought out as to how to correct our problem while maintaining the integrity of the architecture. I will keep you up to date on the progress. The temporary downspout will remain in place until we are ready for the repair work.

When this pipe is repaired and now that we have successfully stopped all of our leaks with the replacement of the upper roof, after giving a couple of months for the plaster to completely dry out, we will bring in a company to begin plaster repair and painting.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES THANK YOU

Bishop Malesic has [THIS](#) personal thank you to all who participated in any way in this year's appeal.

## MISCELLANEOUS

119 people were fed at the Peter Maurin Center during St. Sebastian Parish's turn to volunteer. Thank you to all who participated. For more information on the Peter Maurin Center, go [HERE](#).

Our pre-kindergarten classes are filling up. I encourage parishioners to sign up at your earliest convenience so that the class does not get filled before you register!!

Congratulations to our girls basketball champs and those who received honors at the Power of the Pen competition!

It has been brought up that, since so many people no longer get a local newspaper, that there are times when hearing about a funeral at the weekend Masses is too late. Say, for example, a parishioner passes away on Sunday night and the funeral is on Thursday, there is a chance that somebody would not hear about the funeral until it was already over. So, for those cases, we will begin to announce funeral services in this Thursday letter to try to help fill that gap in information.

The new schedule that we received concerning the replacement of waterlines along Mull Avenue has almost expired and no work has been sighted as of yet. Soon we will contact the city to see if there has been any updates.

The Mull/Hawkins circle project continues to move forward. Current estimates show that the project, not including artwork, will cost about \$13,500, about \$8,000 of which is already pledged. More as things develop.

We are still accepting your nomination for Parish Pastoral Council! Nominations will be closing soon.

Here is Joan's progress!





#### FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Here is some interesting news. This is a series of letters from Fr. Zwislser to Mr. Conrad Preschley concerning the pipe organ that was installed in our original church. I won't give you the entirety of the letters since that would be quite lengthy, but here are some interesting excerpts:"

January 26th, 1931:

My intention was to call you last month and kindly request you to give our organ the final inspection at the end of the first year of service. The busy schedule of the holidays prevented me from doing so, though the organ then as now, needs some adjustments. The organist reminded me again this morning that no adjustment has been made

since last summer.

May 23rd, 1931

We would appreciate it very much if you would make a check on our organ during the early part of the week of May 24th.

July 31st, 1931

The noise cause by the organ motor when running has been quite annoying. It detracts from the fine sound quality of the organ and distracts the people at prayer. I have no doubt that you have some remedy for this. As I will be away during the next ten days, I should like to have you investigate and report your findings by the time I return.

October 8th, 1931

The proposition by you in your last communication concerning the muffling of the noise in our organ is acceptable to us and we ask that you take care of this as soon as possible.

October 22nd, 1931

Would it be possible for you to do the work of eliminating the blower noise in our organ during first part of next week? Owing to the fact that we are having special services during the latter part of the week we would appreciate your kind attention.

The original building at St. Sebastian which was a combination church, school, hall and convent was begun in 1928 and completed in 1929. We now know that the original organ was installed in early 1930 and had all the kinks worked out of it by the latter part of 1931. Up and until the age of computers, pipe organs were the most complicated, common pieces of machinery in the world. It is no wonder that it took a year to install and perfect. Those who were aware of our current organ being installed would know that, even with the aid of computers, the perfecting of the installation still took about a year to perfect. But, OH! how wonderful it is!

#### 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, James 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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