



**Angelus Letter
29 June 2023
LETTER #230
Saints Peter and Paul**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

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

**Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Saturday Confessions at 9:30 a.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 (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Justin OSB**

MEETING WITH THE BISHOP

In a somewhat unprecedented move, our Bishop asked all of the priests of the diocese to drop what they were doing and come to the seminary for an important meeting because this year, you and I will be asked to vote on some important **state-wide issues**. As citizens of this nation whose opinions matter as much as any other, we are called to understand, share our knowledge and vote accordingly on these matters.

The first may seem odd. It is a vote to take place in Ohio on August 8, 2023. Issue 1 asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters on the proposed amendment." Ohio Bishops have no position on this piece of legislation because there is no moral content. However, raising threshold for a constitutional change from a simple majority to 60 percent is a strategic move considering the next piece of legislation that will become law later in the year.

In November, we will be presented with a proposed change to the Ohio Constitution which will enshrine extremely liberal abortion laws in our state. It will be attempted to be done through subterfuge and an extreme ad campaign. Under the mask of keeping abortion safe for women the amendment actually goes much, much deeper.

The subtle wording of this amendment is so incredibly draconian that even for those with pro-abortion inclinations, this bill is too heinous to pass. Its aims are not **clearly and honestly** stated. They are obfuscated so that voters will not know exactly what they are voting on. Here are some examples:

"Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions."

Notice that it does not say, "Women have a right." This phrasing will be used to include minors who may seek such operations without parent consent.

"The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with . . ."

"These words are specific legal terms interpreted by courts nation-wide to strike down parental notification and consent laws." This means that your child will still need a permission slip to go on a field trip to the museum with her class but can obtain this medical procedure without a parent even being notified.

"The State . . . will not interfere with a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right."

This means that your child's school, her soccer coach, an aunt, the creepy guy around the corner may assist your child in obtaining an abortion and as parents you will have no legal recourse. A teacher may face legal action if it allows an underage person to see an **R-rated** movie, but a summer camp leader that takes your child to an abortion clinic can do so **with impunity**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Here are some sites in order to keep you abreast:

For more information on Issue One go [HERE](#).

For more general information on these issues go [HERE](#).

For the Catholic Conference of Ohio go [HERE](#).

Message from the Bishops of Ohio [HERE](#).

You will be provided with more information as we continue forward.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The offices will be CLOSED on July Fourth
Mass will be at 9 a.m. on Independence Day.

Due to the holiday, the parish will not be having Adoration, Benediction or Confession on Tues. July 4th.

PARISH SUMMER FESTIVAL

Our Parish's Summer Festival will be held on Saturday, August 5th. It will be a day full of fun activities for all ages. The evening before, there will be a pig roast and bourbon tasting at the rectory. Tickets for the pig roast and festival raffle baskets are now available for purchase at <https://one.bidpal.net/parishsummerfestival/welcome>. Please continue to read the festival updates in our parish bulletin and our website as more details are finalized.

FREE NATURAL PLANNING TALK

Fr. Pat Schultz and Gina Haas are presenting a Free talk on what the Church teaches around NFP vs. Contraception and how to start for the kickoff of NFP Awareness week in July. This is for single adults, engaged couples or married couples; anyone who wants to learn! There will be heavy appetizers and drinks provided.

Please note: The St. Sebastian Foundation has a special fund to help cover the expense of the NFP classes. If interested, please contact Kathy Holaday: holadayk@stsebastian.org or 330-836-2233 Ext. 113

For more information go [HERE](#).

For registration go [HERE](#).

A flyer for a "NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING" event. The title is in large white letters on a blue background. Below the title, there are two circular portraits. The left portrait is of Fr. Patrick Schultz, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a black clerical shirt. Above his portrait is a small white box with the text "CONTRACEPTION VS. NFP?". Below his portrait is his name and title: "FR. PATRICK SCHULTZ, Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish". The right portrait is of Gina Haas, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. Above her portrait is a small white box with the text "HOW TO START USING NFP". Below her portrait is her name and title: "GINA HAAS RD, LD, Marquette Method Instructor, UseNFP.com". In the center, between the portraits, the date and time are listed: "Friday, July 21, 6:30 pm, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church". Below this, there is a yellow button with the text "REGISTER TODAY". At the bottom right, there is a small circular logo with a heart and a cross.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

There are a couple of lonely letters in the folder marked, "BOARD OF EDUCATION - AKRON." There were a couple of notices from the Health Department concerning examinations for preschoolers about to begin their academic careers and a letter promoting a 1947 operating budget level of 3.85 million on the ballot at the coming election. Then there were a couple of letters concerning the agreement between the Catholic schools and the public schools not to allow students to change schools during the school year. This first is dated a month after St. Sebastian Parish School opened from the Assistant Superintendent of Akron City Schools.

Dear Father Zwisler,

Permission is granted Harry, Marcell, and Edna Biher . . . to transfer from the Schumacher public school to the St. Sebastian parochial school. While this is not in conformity with the operating agreement between the public and parochial schools in which we have said that no transfers shall take place after the first two weeks of a semester, I am extending this privilege to these children because you are opening your new school at this present time. I do not feel that this should constitute a precedent for the future.

Very sincerely yours,

R. H. Erwine

In 1930, another family made a move from Public Schools to St. Sebastian which elicited another letter:

Dear Reverend Zwisler,

Permission is granted James (Class of 1932), Helen (Class of 1935), and Loretta (Class of 1938) Stankard to transfer from Schumacher to St. Sebastian school effective Monday, December 8. (Note from Fr. V: that would be the Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

This does not constitute a violation of the agreement between the parochial and the public schools due to the fact that the family has moved from Winton to Roslyn Ave.

Very sincerely yours,

R. H Erwine.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, John Buhalak, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Peggy Jo Cybulski, Anthony D'Attoma, Marjorie DeLuca, Deanna Ferris, Rosemarie George, Kenneth Gessford, Rita Buhalak Gessford, Robert Hickey, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, James Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Charise Kasper, Janet Kendrick, Candace Kidd, Fred Kovacic, Jean Labate, Frank Livigni, Mary Loftus, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Monica and Thad Ricker, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Betty Sarich, Kim Sarich, Denise Schmidt, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

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