



**Angelus Letter  
27 JULY 2023  
LETTER #234**

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. Valencheck**  
**Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bozek**  
**Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Justin OSB**

**LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP**

We received a letter this past week, which stated in part, "It is with tremendous gratitude that I thank you and the parishioners of St. Sebastian Parish for reaching your 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal goal. Your compassionate leadership and the generosity of those who supported our 'A time to heal. A time to help.' campaign provides Catholic Charities with the resources to help our brothers and sisters in need throughout our diocese."

"May God bless you and those you love."  
"Most Reverend Edward Malesic, JCL"

**OUR PARISH FESTIVAL IS COMING!**

Saturday, August 5th will mark our **First Parish Festival** which is paving the way toward our 100th anniversary. This is an all-day event. To view the schedule of events visit [www.stsebastian.org/news/parish-summer-festival](http://www.stsebastian.org/news/parish-summer-festival). Join with your parish family (or even volunteer to help make it a success - call Cathy Sivec in the parish office).

**EVENTS AT FOREST LODGE THIS WEEKEND**

Currently, the giant stage is being erected once again at Forest Lodge. This weekend on Friday, July 28th and Saturday, July 29th, the Verb Ballet will be performing. These performances begin at 8:45 p.m. On Sunday, July 30th, the Akron Symphony Orchestra will also be performing beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**CONSTRUCTION & OTHER THINGS**

We were told to prepare for sidewalk removal along Mull Avenue but so far, that project has not been started. This week, so far, we have seen the installation of the new sewer drains and the pouring of more concrete in an effort to finish up the rest of the road. If the fine weather holds, we should see Mull Ave drivable by the first day of school (which is not all that far away). That doesn't mean the project will be finished, but the road will be serviceable.

Our summer work crew has spilled out from the school and has taken up painting things that need touching up outdoors. Pipes, railings and signs are all being spruced up as we speak.

Joanie and I took a walk through the Perkins property the other day. All of the underground necessities seem to be almost in place. Our new fire station also seems to be moving along nicely. And I've noticed many people already taking advantage of the new walking path around Schneider Park. The first two pictures below show the construction work from the bell tower.





The picture above was sent to us by our councilman. It is a picture of Schneider Park not only with the path that has been installed at the edges but also with proposed walks that crisscross the interior of the park. No news yet on when there might be a community meeting to determine if there is a desire for all of these additional walkways.

#### **SOME NOTABLE UPCOMING EVENTS**

5 August - Parish Summer Festival

8 August - Theology on Tap

10 August - Town Hall Meeting concerning school funding.

21 August - Theology in the Rocks with Bishop Malesic. Tickets in advance only!

**NOTES:** Ann Brennan passed away on Tuesday morning. No arrangements have been made at this time.

Charlie Bulger has been visiting the parish this past week. He has left us and returned to his studies with the Jesuits.

#### **FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET**

"SCHOOL CONTESTS", that title sounded intriguing to me. There are the remnants of three contests in the file. The first is from May of 1932, the "Akron Industrial Area Composition Contest" sponsored by the "Akron Times Press." Written on this page is the "Judgement of Rev. H. A. Zwislser of St. Sebastian School."

"Merit based on Originality, Spelling, Paragraphing, Accuracy of Facts (fun side note, accuracy was spelled incorrectly), Penmanship and Age of the Writer." First prize went to Leroy Heintz, second to Marjorie Blintz and third



to Margaret Irene Seboli.

In 1939, The Rev. John Murphy, first parochial vicar of this parish, was invited to be a judge in the Akron Beacon Journal Spelling Bee. There was a copy of the words to be used on Tuesday, May 16th at the Akron Armory in order to help the judges study and be correct in their pronunciation. Also, they were adjured to "be careful that the words do not inadvertently get into the hands of others, so that it will be fair to all." I am willing to bet that by the time we got to page six, I would have struck out with words such as, "xebec, gelid, abattoir, numismatic and sebaceous."

Finally, on May 16th of an undisclosed year, there was a Question Bee held by the Akron Beacon Journal with a men's team versing a women's team. Here is a selection of the questions:

Q: Who is the highest arresting officer in the county? A: The coroner; he can arrest the sheriff or override any decision.

Q: Is it possible to estimate the age of a cow in the same manner a farmer estimates the age of a horse - - that is, by examining the teeth? A: *No, a cow has no teeth in her upper jaw.*

Q: What was the name of the late Pope Pius XI? A: *Achille Ratto*

Q: Who was the first mayor of Akron? A: *Seth Iredale*

Q: Why has no horse won the Kentucky Derby twice? A: **Because it is only open to three-year olds.**

Q: Who were the "pen", "tongue", and "sword" of the American Revolution. A: "*pen*" Jefferson, - "*tongue*" Patrick Henry - "*sword*" George Washington.

How do you think you would have done? The men's team (Bierce, Humbert, Boggs and Hunsicker) scored 550 points. The women's team (Winkler, Emmet, Selby and Hendershot) received 600!

#### 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, Chuck Brady, 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, Marlene McFadden, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, John Perry, 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, Tim Steward, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

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