



**Angelus Letter  
25 January 2024  
LETTER #259  
Conversion of St. Paul**

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

**Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck  
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bozek**

**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP**

Thank you to everyone who has chosen to support St. Sebastian Parish School through the Angel Scholarship Fund! This program allows Ohioans to receive a 100% Ohio tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) for cash donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund, and St. Sebastian may be selected to receive your donation. **For the 2023-24 school year, the school has been able to distribute almost \$70,000 in Angel Fund monies to 86 students. We recently learned that 111 donors contributed over \$102,000 in 2023 to distribute for the 2024-25 school year** (this is a preliminary total: final numbers will be released in mid-Feb. after any corrections are made and credit card fees are subtracted). We are pleased that this will enable us to help even more families next year! Please note this year there is an extended deadline for 2023 donations: Donations made by April 15, 2024, are eligible for the scholarship tax credit in the 2023 tax year (note: these funds will be included in our totals raised in 2024 to distribute for the 2025-26 school year). So, there is still time to make a contribution and factor it into your 2023 Ohio tax filing. Visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel) to learn more or to make a donation. (\*Always consult with your tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donations.) For more information, go [HERE](#).

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY!**

You are invited to the open house of our parish school this Sunday from 10 a.m. until noon. This is a great opportunity for prospective families, preschool through grade 8 to tour our parish school, talk with teachers and learn more.

**PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS**

You are invited to the annual priests vs seminarians basketball game this Sunday night at St. Edward High School. For more information, go [HERE](#).

**AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

It seems that it is on the worst days possible, workers are out digging holes and preparing Mull Avenue for its new lampposts. That is why all that equipment is still sitting on the Triangle (aka Elmdale Park.) The new fire department is really taking shape if you haven't had a chance to swing by and take a look lately. There is a hot water leak in the narthex of the church with a marble wall on one side and a brick wall on the other! It is a bit of a mystery. Eventually we will have to remove the marble to get at whatever it is underneath. But since it appears as though it has been happening for a spell, we are going to put that project off for a little bit. Between insurance and grants, there will be a lot of projects coming up around St. Sebastian Square beginning with the plastering of the church.

Meanwhile, our back brick drives and Mull Avenue seem to be holding up in our Ohio freeze and thaw cycles! (Remember when our first plaza buckled? What a headache that was!)

**FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET**

In 1940, 39 students who belonged to St. Sebastian Parish attended Our Lady of the Elms School. Five of them were boys including the three Shea boys. Familiar names rounded out the roster including Amer, Werner and Seikel. Their addresses were all on familiar streets such as Exchange, Clemmer, Elmdale, Dorchester, Castle and Greenwood. There is no explication as to why this list exists and why only 1940 was held on to.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**TO GIVE TO THE PARISH:** <https://www.stsebastian.org/donate>

**TO GIVE TO THE FOUNDATION:** <https://www.stsebastian.org/foundation/donate>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please keep all our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, John Buhalak, Regina Buhalak, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Peggy Jo Cybulski, Anthony D'Attoma, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Katherine Dennis, Deanna Ferris, Rosemarie George, Kenneth Gessford, Rita Buhalak Gessford, 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, Toni Morlan, Betty O'Hara, Ronald O'Hearn Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mabel Randall, Monica and Thad Ricker, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Betty Sarich, Kim Sarich, Denise Schmidt, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Oscar Teves, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

St. Paul, pray for us.

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