



**Angelus Letter**  
**29 February 2024**  
**LETTER #264**

Dear Parish Family,

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

**Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m.**  
**Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.**  
**Friday Stations of the Cross at 7 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**

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION REPORT**

In between sessions of our Parish Mission, Fr. Blau would have to drive back to Columbus where he teaches homiletics at the **Josephinum Pontifical Seminary**. Apparently, you thought him to be a good speaker because for the first time that I can remember, there were more people in attendance the second night than there was the first night! There were approximately 190 in attendance with an additional 75 watching on our YouTube channel.

I also thought that, having confessions on Friday, Saturday, and the Diocesan Night of Confessions on Wednesday, that there would not be that many people celebrating Reconciliation on the nights of the mission, but all three of your priests were needed to get through the lines! Thank you to everyone for making it a successful mission.

**WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE**

The audio-visual work in Zwisler Hall is finally completed! You might be thinking to yourself, "Wasn't that completed a couple of years ago?" We began the project just after COVID (shudder) and at first there were difficulties getting all the equipment. Then they substituted temporary pieces of equipment until ours was available. Then it was a matter of waiting until they were ready to install and then . . . well, you get the idea. The final result is, the last of our equipment was installed on Monday and now we will have a training session for those who will be responsible for the proper operation of it all and then you should begin to see it used more and more often.

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL APP**

This app offers access to free videos and audio resources on the Eucharist. It has been developed in conjunction with the National Eucharistic Revival for the Catholic Church in the United States. These resources include catechetical videos on the Eucharist for children, audiobooks by prominent Catholic theologians, a video interview with Pope Francis (as Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio), and much more. They have been provided in support of the Eucharistic Revival through the generosity of numerous Catholic publishers and apostolates. For more information go [HERE](#).

**PICTURES**

The first picture is of the men repairing the plaster and painting the patches in the church. These guys are quick and good! They are friendly and patient gentlemen who worked around our crazy schedule. The second picture is the from behind the main altar. There is a little door in the mosaic behind the tabernacle (I must duck to make it through.) You can see the edge of the mosaic wrapping around the door frame and the candlesticks on the high altar. In the distance is just a glimpse of our windows.





#### FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

The 1955 school folder contains information about programs in the diocese, at least one of which is worth noting. "In recent years, since becoming superintendent of schools, I have tried to give our school system the leadership of sound Catholic thinking. Especially as an effort has been made to dislodge and discard what were known to be, or considered to be erroneous, harmful, or obstructive principles, policies, and practices."

A number of examples were then listed but this one caught my eye: "The 'sight word' approach to reading has been abandoned in favor of an alphabetic and phonetic approach."

The reason I found this so fascinating is that in recent years, California switched to a sight word reading approach, which was considered cutting edge, with disastrous results in reading ability and comprehension. They have since abandoned it. Too bad they didn't read the 1955 Diocese of Cleveland report.

There was also the recommendation of beginning an acceleration program for gifted children.

In the diocesan "School News" bulletin, schools were given instructions on how eighth grade boys might apply to Borromeo High School Seminary (now closed). There was an article on, "Flickering and noisy florescent lights" that have been noted as "serious distractions and annoyances by several supervisors. The noise may call for replacing the ballast. Flicker causes serious eyestrain and nervous tension."

A letter from the Cleveland Safety Council was notifying the school of "Fire Prevention Week", first proclaimed by President Warren Harding in 1922 to recall the anniversary of the Chicago Fire. "It may be of interest to you to know that in 1953, 3,300 fires occurred in churches throughout the country, with an estimated loss of \$12,400,000."

Finally, the DOC Board of Education sent out a letter stating the Knights of Columbus were sponsoring a "Catholic Film Plan." They would "assemble through production and purchase a program of film with Catholic intent and teaching for the Catholic Film Distribution plan of the K of C." These films would have a favorable rating from the "Legion of Decency."

"After recent decision I find myself most reluctant to cooperate with the movie industry, feeling it might be easier to wean our children away from movies all together. I am willing to cooperate with the K of C to test whether the plan might prove of some benefit to our movie going children."

"Some of the movie houses on the list recently showed a 'condemned' film. They have given assurances of not repeating that.

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. C. E. Elwell."

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#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Julie Acus, Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, Irene Berger, 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, Mary Ricks, Jeanne Sabet, 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.

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