



**Angelus Letter
17 August 2023
LETTER #237**

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

**Sunday Mass 9 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valenccheck
Sunday Mass (Latin) 1 p.m. with Fr. Justin OSB**

FR. VALENCHECK AWAY

If you didn't notice from the Mass schedule, I am away this week. Joanie and I are in upstate New York visiting my sister and her family.

THURSDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

School starts back up next week, and the students will be attending Mass every Thursday with the parish community. This means that the Thursday daily Mass will begin at 8:05am to allow students time to walk over to the church. This schedule begins on Thursday, August 24.

LATIN MASS

While I was on vacation, I received news that Bishop Malesic, in his effort to continue the extraordinary form in the diocese for those whom it will benefit, has petitioned Rome for the **Mass to continue at St. Mary Parish in Akron beginning November 1st**. At that time, the extraordinary form will cease in Akron at St. Sebastian and St. Paul parishes. St. Stephen's in Cleveland will be the other site that is petitioned to keep the Mass. So, there will be three locations: St. Elizabeth, St. Mary, and St. Stephen. The main church, however, will be St. Elizabeth, where it is intended that the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest will minister. It will be at St. Elizabeth that all the other sacraments will be offered in the extraordinary form. Only Mass will be offered at the other two locations. **Please bear in mind that this is all pending permission from the Holy Father.**

As for St. Mary, the area around the church has been greatly improved. It is very accessible and visible right off of the highway. And the building is arguably among the most important examples of Romanesque architecture in our nation. If this is the way forward, I hope that this gives more life and hope for this important piece of ecclesial architecture, especially since it is likely that we will lose other historic parishes with the limiting of this form of the Mass.

It was at St. Mary that the extraordinary form first had a home in Akron. Occasionally, when there was a conflict in their liturgical schedule, the Mass would be celebrated at St. Sebastian. When St. Mary went through a period of being closed, the Mass came to St. Sebastian on a more permanent basis. There is sadness as this era of our history is coming to an end. I know some will follow this Mass back to St. Mary, but I hope others will choose to stay and make their spiritual home here.

Exactly how this will all take place is yet to be seen. More information is coming from Rome, our chancery, and the other parishes as to exactly what this transition will look like. Please keep the whole process and the people involved in your prayers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please remember to drop in the collection basket the St. Vincent de Paul Society red envelope that was in your August envelope packet. The Society serves needy persons who reside within our Parish boundaries and is supported by parishioner donations and poor box offerings. The Society's mission is to address emergency or immediate short-term needs.

EVENTS

Two special events to keep in mind:

Sunday, August 20: There will be a school open house from 10 a.m. until noon following 9 A.M. Mass at which there will also be a backpack blessing! All parishioners are invited to come to the open house for donuts.

Monday, August 21: Bishop Malesic will be speaking at Theology on the Rocks. **Tickets in advance only!**

PICTURES OF JOANIE



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

This feature will continue next week.

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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, 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, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

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