



**Angelus Letter
24 August 2023
LETTER #238
St. Bartholomew**

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. 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. Bede OSB**

IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Although the completion date did not coincide with the first day of school as we hoped, there is good news to report. Firstly, during school hours this week (a little late for you to know now I realize) they have been opening Elmdale for crossing. It is expected, that by this weekend for Masses, the brick road up through Greenwood should be open! That means that you will have access from Hawkins up to and including Greenwood, which also means that our full parking lot should, in theory, be available for the weekend AND that Mull Avenue will be available for you to park on for Mass! When the Greenwood intersection is complete, they will close the Elmdale intersection again so in order to complete the construction east of the parish.

But that's not all! We were originally informed that the curtesy sidewalk, the narrow walk right along the road that gave access to walks across the devil strip was not going to be replaced because it was too expensive. On Monday, I walked out there and lo and behold, they had, in fact, replaced it! So, it will be there to help cross the devil strip on extra wet or snowy days.

Here are two pictures of the construction from the bell tower!





MOVING IN DAY

The picture above is my classmate and former pastor of St. Francis de Sales, the Rev. G. David Blin. He is seen here welcoming the seminarians from our parish to the seminary. Fr. Blin is one of the spiritual directors there. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

There is one, lone Western Union Telegraph in the file we are exploring. It is from Thomas McGovern who was a priest of the diocese who passed away in 2021. He would eventually be assigned here under Fr. Zwisl, but for some mysterious reason, he sent the cable to Fr. Zwisl in 1950 (he would be ordained in 1958.) He was not a member of the parish at the time, but his cable read thus:

DUE TO UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS I AM FORCED TO CHANGE MY PLANS REGARDING ENTERING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER THOUGHT IT BEST TO ADVISE YOU IMMEDIATELY WILL EXPLAIN DETAILS WHEN YOU RETURN KINDLY CONFIRM THIS WIRE BY MAIL=

THOMAS MCGOVERN

If you have any idea, I would be interested in knowing. In other news, politics and religion have always mixed and been controversial. There is a pamphlet in this file describing a bill concerning government money benefitting children in non-public schools. One paragraph might give the idea of what was going on:

"Once we have decided that tonsil clinics for children are an appropriate use of taxpayers money, we cannot differentiate one set of tonsils from another on the basis of their owner's religion or the school he happens to attend. The only reason for denying public health services to pupils at (a Catholic school) while granting the same services to pupils at (the public school) would be that Catholic tonsils are less important than Protestant or public-school tonsils and that their possessor is somehow a second-class citizen."

That doesn't really sound too different from arguments still held today save the change in the topic! The more things change, the more they stay the same.

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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, 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.

St. Bartholomew, pray for us.

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