

Angelus Letter 3 August 2023 LETTER #235

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 Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck

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

PARISH FESTIVAL WEEKEND!

This weekend is our Parish Festival! All day Saturday, there are events at the parish. It begins at 10 a.m. with Family Field Day. Lots of fun games for the family, a DJ playing your favorite music, raffles and food and drink for purchase. After the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass we invite everyone to join in a procession honoring our patron Saint Sebastian. We will process over to festival for the evening activities including live entertainment, food trucks and raffles. Come for all or some! Bring your friends or come meet some. Check last week's bulletin (also found HERE) for a schedule of events.

ZWISLER HALL

All the new sound and light equipment is finally installed in Zwisler Hall. The hall has been closed all this week as workers refinish the floor. Thank you to everybody who made this project possible!

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH SCHOOL TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall Meeting in Zwisler Hall on Thursday, August 10th at 7 p.m. concerning school tuition as it relates to the new program by the State of Ohio. It seems one question that keeps popping up that was apparently not made clear in previous letters sent out is that nobody will be paying more to attend our parish school than they had already agreed to and anticipated and most (if not all) will see a reduction. Most will receive a great reduction. If you have questions, come to the meeting on Thursday or contact our Business Manager, Milissa Smith at 330-836-2233.

GABRIEL KNEY ORGAN INSTALLED AT SEMINARY

The freestanding floor organ that once was located at St. Sebastian Parish is being installed this week at one of the seminary chapels! I am so thankful they were able to save this great instrument by giving it a home. An article on the organ, written by Fr. Christopher Trenta, will be posted on their website soon.

PICTURES

At top, some of our brave summer crew in the bell tower. Below, two views from the lower roof of our cutting garden which supplies all of the summer flowers for our sanctuary.







FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

There are two short files today. The first is permission for the parish to use a Copley school building for after school instruction in 1955. Included in the permission was a note to, "Kindly inform those who will be in charge of these classes to see that the property of regular students and teachers is not disturbed, and that the children who are not in classes do not run thru the building."

The second folder is a "Diocesan Supervisory Report" on the health of the school. A form letter by the Rt. Rev. C. E. Elwell states that the report, "is a human document based solely on a few visits and therefor undoubtedly inaccurate, perhaps even incorrect on some matters." But it was a sincere effort to improve Catholic schools in general. "Supervisors agree that many of our schools could profit from better and more frequent janitorial services and maintenance . . . and beg that no teacher be given inhuman enrollments which affect her efficiency as a teacher and wear down her mental and physical health."

The 1952 report on St. Sebastian listed Sister Bernice H. H. M. as principal of a school that served first through eighth graders. There were 509 students with eight religious teachers and two lay teachers, which means there was a ratio of one teacher to 51 students. (Could you imagine that today?!)

In the category of religion, which encompassed everything from the religious tone of the school, discipline, children's attitudes and general school spirit, St. Sebastian received Superior marks. In the area of Administration, which included such things as professionalism of the teachers, the physical plant, equipment and supplies and community relations, the school received Good marks.

The adequacy of the janitorial and cleaning services were marked as Superior. Safety and the general condition of the building was listed as Satisfactory. At this time the children attended Mass twice a week.

It was signed by Sister Mary Augusta, H. H. M.

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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