



**Angelus Letter
31 August 2023
LETTER #239**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

**Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.**

**Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
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**

MULL AVENUE

I can't guarantee it, but we are told that Mull Avenue should be open through the intersection of Greenwood Avenue in time for Mass this coming weekend. That means that one may drive down Mull Avenue from the circle to Greenwood, which will make the detour around Mull Avenue further east much, much shorter and easier. It will also mean that you may park on Mull Avenue for Mass and that there should be full access to our entire church parking lot! That is the plan anyway. Tell your friends and neighbors and say your prayers that everything continues as well as planned.

When Greenwood Avenue is open, however, that will mean that the Elmdale intersection will close as they continue the Mull Avenue work further east. Please bear that in mind particularly for school pick up/drop off.

LABOR DAY

As this Monday is Labor Day, **Mass will be at 9 a.m.** and the **parish offices will be closed.**

**BISHOP MALESIC'S VIDEO COMMENTS
ON NOVEMBER'S ABORTION AMENDMENT**

Bishop Malesic has posted a video concerning the Ohio Constitution Abortion Amendment coming up this November. To see it, click [HERE](#).

STATUS ANIMARUM

In this week's bulletin, you will find the basic results of our "State of the Souls" report that we send on a yearly basis to the diocese. I was not able to print everything in the bulletin (the report is pages long) but here are some more highlights that did not make it in the bulletin.

Out of the 5,079 persons who make up St. Sebastian Parish, 230 of you are young adults (18 - 20), 2,810 of you are ages 21-64 and 878 are seniors. 56% of our households have children in the home and our average household size is three though if we only count married couples, it averages out to four.

The average age of a St. Sebastianite head of household is 57. The average age of a Sebastianite in general is 40, the modal age (the most frequently reported age) is 25.

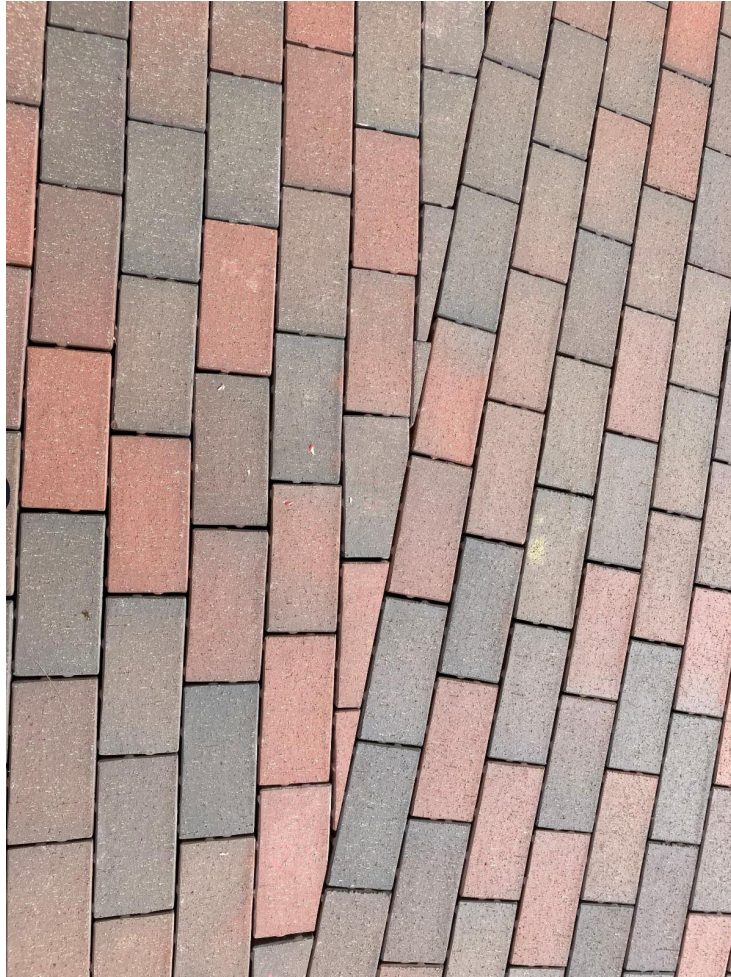
Thirty-one percent have been a member for four years or less, 29% for five to nine years and 14% have been a member for ten to fourteen years. One percent have been members for fifty years or more, the rest spread out pretty evenly over the remaining years except for those in the category of twenty-five to twenty-nine years, you make up 7%.

We were also invited to list significant events of the parish over the past year ending on July 30th. Among the events listed were:

- Two of our parishioners being accepted to the seminary
- Having an intern, Ryan Arto, assigned the parish
- Having our back driveways re-bricked
- The Mull Avenue project
- Zwisler Hall updates
- Byrider Hall improvements
- Our floor organ being given to and installed at the seminary
- Pope Francis' instructions concerning the extraordinary form

PICTURES

One of the reasons it is taking so long to put down the brick road is because Mull Avenue is not a straight street. Bricks don't bend around curves as regular paving would do. So, a "zipper line" needs to be created. Bricks must be cut at an angle to begin a new straightaway. The picture below shows what a zipper line looks like.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOTHER MARY

Friday evening, September 8th Our Mother's Hands is hosting the 4th Annual celebration of Our Mother Mary's birthday! The festivities begin at 7:00 PM with a Marian procession, then games, prizes, cake and ice cream, closing out with a candlelit living rosary photographed by a drone. Bring a friend and share the "Friday Night Light" you can only find in the sharing of our faith.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

So, how exactly was it that the Blue Nuns came to teach at St. Sebastian? This letter may solve the mystery:

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND
Office of the School Board
November 10, 1928

Dear Zwis: (That is in the original. Obviously, he and the writing priest were good friends.)

If you remember, we talked for a moment about your getting diocesan Sisters for your school when we met at John Scullen's. You were in favor of diocesan Sisters if you could get them. As you realize well enough, our future depends on strengthening our diocesan communities. Cleveland is one of the few places in the country which imports more Sisters than it can supply itself.

The Dominicans are perhaps unable to take on any more at the present time, but I have definite information that you can get the Blues in any quantity that you want at any time. You mentioned that you were practically committed to the I. H. M.s, but you must go through the process of getting the permission of the Bishop. Now, if you would care to take the Blues and still avoid a scrimmage with the I. H. M.s, you could do so easily enough by writing McFadden stating that you have spoken to the I. H. M.s about taking your prospective school and that they have manifested a willingness to accept. Mac will then write back to you telling you that the Blues have enough Sisters to take your school and that he would prefer that you take them. You can then throw the responsibility on him and the Bishop.

In case you wish to do this, the sooner you write to Mac, the better. You will find that they send good teachers to important places - - - just as every religious community in the country does. As elementary teachers, they are very good. It is too far to look ahead to high school and the chances are that you will never want a high school.

If you go through with this, will you keep me out of it - - - McFadden and the Bishop can more easily afford difficulty of this kind than I can. In any case, let me ask you to do two things: not to refer to my part in this to anyone - - - and if the above proposition is not to your liking, just to forget about it, for I do not want to do anything or suggest anything with regard to the operation of your parish which you do not wish. I am interested in seeing our diocesan communities develop, but not enough interested to let anything of this cool our friendly relations.

Starting a new parish must be a great job. I must admit, however, that I am more interested in knowing when you will have your own house to which I may repair some cold night about eleven, get some carefully concocted Buck—U—Uppo, and consider the affairs of the Church and State in a calm manner.

Yours etc . . .

(Since it was to be in confidence, I choose not to release the name of this priest.)

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, 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, John Marckel, 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.

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