



Angelus Letter
7 December 2023
LETTER #251
Saint Ambrose

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Please note the change in the Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday* Mass* at 7 p.m. with Fr. Bozek

Friday* Mass* at 9 a.m. with Fr. Bozek

Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.

Friday* Mass* at 7 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck

Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek

NO 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

** Note the Mass times available for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation.*

** There are NO PUBLIC confessions this day due to our second-grade students making their first confessions.*

FRIDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is tomorrow, **Friday, December 8th**. It is under this title that she is patroness of the United States.

Our Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 7th at 7 p.m.

Friday, December 8th at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS SECOND GRADERS!

All of our second graders will be making their First Confessions this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Because of this, **there will be no regular, public confessions at that time**. Please pray for those about to experience the sacrament for the first time.

PUT YOUR OHIO TAXES TO WORK IN AKRON

The Angel Scholarship program can direct your Ohio taxes to assist St. Sebastian Parish School. All that you have to do is send your donation to the Angel Scholarship Program for the amount that you are liable to the State of Ohio up to \$750 (\$1500 if married filing jointly). Then you will receive a voucher letter to send in with your taxes in place of a check. The funds will then go toward a St. Sebastian student who needs assistance covering the cost of tuition. It's that easy! For more information, go [HERE](#).

LIFE!

The Diocese of Cleveland provides many services for those faced with difficult pregnancy/birth situations. Look [HERE](#) for more details.

ST. LUCY DAY

Wednesday, December 13th is St. Lucy Day. Among other things, she is patron saint of the blind. The Xavier Society has provided religious, spiritual, and inspirational reading materials in braille and audio to blind and visually impaired individuals worldwide free of charge for over 120 years. They will be having a St. Lucy Mass live streamed on that day at 12:05 p.m. ET. You may find it [HERE](#) on their website.

TWO ORGAN RECITALS AND CONCERT COMING UP:

There are two more Tuesday Advent Noon Adoration and Organ Recitals left. Each last approximately a half hour. Our parish Candlelight Christmas Concert is coming up on Sunday, December 17th at 7 p.m. in our parish church.

As a follow up to the Hallow concert we had last week, if you scan the code on the back of the purple cards, you may receive a free trial period of the app. If you like it, you can keep on with a regular membership or you can cancel before you pay a penny. Thank you to Hallow who sponsored the concert/mission here at St. Sebastian Parish.

PICTURE

As you can see, the restoration of Elmdale Park is coming along now that the Mull Avenue construction project is almost completed. Fences, rubbish and equipment are mostly gone, the ground largely restored, grass planted, and straw spread out over the dirt. I am looking forward to what it will look like in the spring!



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

“You gladly spend \$1.50 to watch MEN play baseball, won’t you spend \$1.50 a year to give Akron’s kids a chance to play?” screamed a full-page ad in “The Record.” In the 1940s, things were booming in Akron and there was a drive to get people to vote for a tax to increase the amount of parks and recreation areas there were in the city.

“Between the years of 1943-1947, the period which saw the development of many playgrounds in Akron, citizens also marked a decrease in the number of juvenile delinquency cases in that city. In those four years, 25 playgrounds turned to 51; winter indoor recreation centers from 10 to 20; summer playground attendance from 570,000 to 300,474; total yearly attendance from 570,000 to 1,398,781; the juvenile division of Summit County Common Pleas Court, of which Akron is the county seat, reported a reduction of more than 600 cases of juvenile delinquency.”

“Only 3 bucks per family per week is all it costs to give Akron its recreational needs.”

There is a section in which prominent persons in the city are asked to give an endorsement of the levy. Heads of rubber companies, heads of groups such as the League of Women Voters and the Akron Municipal Band (I wish we still had that!) and various pastors including the Akron Baptists Temple and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward B. Conry, pastor of St. Vincent Church who said, “Every right-minded citizen is in favor of the precept that speaks of the love of our neighbor. Your support for the Recreation Levy will be your effort to prove that you are in favor of a healthy, happy and safe place for our children to play. We all should work for a reasonable amount of rightly supervised play for our children.”

Even then our religious organizations were involved in moral political movements. In fact, they were expected to be as we will see in next week’s “From the Forgotten Cabinet.”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all 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, 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, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mabel Randall, Monica and Thad Ricker, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, 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. Ambrose, pray for us.

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