

Angelus Letter
10 February 2022
LETTER #158
St. Scholastica

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Confessions at 4PM with Fr. G. David Bline assisting

Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Cameron Popik
Saturday Confessions at 9:30AM with Fr. Peter Morris assisting
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Bede OSB

While Fr. Bozek is in Poland, we have a few priests who graciously agreed to come by and help out from time to time. We welcome Fr. G. David Bline, spiritual director at our seminary and former pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Fr. Popik, parochial vicar at St. Hilary, and Fr. Peter Morris returns to us from his duties at Sts. Peter and Paul. Thank you, gentlemen! (Please remember them in your prayers for their kind assistance.)

INSTALLED ACOLYTE

A small band of St. Sebastianites braved another winter storm and went to see Bishop Malesic install the eight men who make up the First Theology class at St. Mary Major Seminary into the office of acolyte. You are familiar with almost half the class. Joe Ho, Charlie Bulger and Cameron Ferrell lived at St. Sebastian Parish and assisted us greatly through the difficulties we experienced during COVID. Not even the Bishop, it seemed, was greeted as well as our Marcy Smith who has cooked for so many of the seminarians over the years. Please offer a prayer for these young men as they continue their studies.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY!

The Great State of Ohio is making it possible for you to direct **up to \$750 in tax credit against your income tax to support Catholic schools.** (Wow!) The Diocese of Cleveland recently became an official grant gifting organization for this program. Here is how it works:

You can designate up to \$750 of your *liable income tax* to go to Catholic schools. It can either be undesignated, which means the diocese will direct it to the neediest students in the diocese, or it can be designated to go to a specific school. That means that it is possible for these tax dollars to stay right here in your neighborhood. Although the funds may go to a specific school, they may not go to a specific student.

This is not a tax deduction, it is a tax credit. Instead of tax dollars that you are already paying going to where the state decides where it will go, you get to determine where your tax dollars go. It is money that is already out of your pocket, you just get to determine a little more directly where it goes and on what it is spent.

The resulting scholarships may be available as soon as Fall of 2022 and the diocese is encouraging all students at our elementary and high schools to apply. What the exact requirements are I do not yet know. We can expect a lot of information coming out from the diocese and from St. Sebastian Parish School soon. In the meantime, you may find more information here:

<https://charitable.ohioago.gov>

EXTRAORDINARY FORM QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey for all Catholics in the diocese of Cleveland is still active if you have not filled it out yet.

You can find the questionnaire

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Our annual Catholic Charities Appeal is coming up in a couple of weeks! This year you can donate via your phone if you wish! More information coming!

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Parishes around the world are participating in this program of gathering people for prayer and to host structured listening sessions for the faithful. Each parish is asked to have a couple of these listening sessions, the results of which will then be sent to the diocese and, ultimately, put together in a document to be sent to Rome. To help understand what the Synod is:

Here is the official website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Here is the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/synod>

Here is our Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/synod>

(This last one is probably the easiest to understand.)

Our Parish Catechetical Leader, Keith Johnson, will be leading two sessions for our parish, Wednesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 30 from 7:00-9:00 in Z Hall. Watch the bulletin for more details.

CONCERT: The Chardon Polka Band will be playing in Zwisler Hall on Sunday, February 20th at 4PM as part of our "Coffee House Concert Series." Bring your friends!

SPECTACULAR: Our annual St. Sebastian Spectacular, our parish school's largest fundraiser is coming up on February 26th! All the dollars raised at this event support tuition reductions for all our students, make investments in technology and our school's endowment and for this year, will be raising funds for the upgraded lighting, sound and audio systems in Zwisler Hall. To purchase tickets, make a donation, become a sponsor or bid on silent auction items visit www.BidPal.net/SebastianSpectaclr.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

The final two folders for servers contain receipts for end of year outings for food, transportation and such to Granger Park, and various letters from parents and servers. One person wrote a thank you note to Fr. Zwisler in 1955 for having him, his wife and son attend one of the server dinners. In part he wrote,

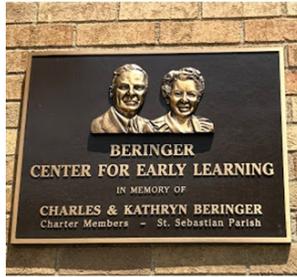
I finished John Carroll on June 6th with a "magna cum laude" and have been accepted at the University of Pennsylvania for Medical School this September. A prayer would be much appreciated, Father, for my continued success in the field of medical studies. Again, thanks for the dinner, Respectfully, Carl E. Krill, 12 July, 1955.

As an aside, Carl graduated from our grade school in 1947 and indeed went on to become a medical doctor. Carl was well known in the medical community and upon return to the Akron area, continued his career at Akron Children's Hospital. He was the founding director of the Division of Hematology-Oncology. An endowment was established at our Foundation in memory of Carl; The Dr. Carl E. Krill Family Endowment was established to support the students and educational staff of St. Sebastian School.

Other letters from parents asked Father to consider their sons as servers, such as this one:

We know, of course, there are many boys who, through various circumstances, are unable to realize their desire to serve the priest at the altar, but we hope our boy will be among those who will be steadfast in training and will eventually have the honor and privilege of assisting you in the Mass. You may be sure we are giving him every possible encouragement. Cordially, Charlie Beringer, July 6, 1936.

As an aside, the original convent on our campus was updated and remodeled in 2000 due to a generous donation to our Foundation. The convent was transformed into what is today our Early Learning Center for our preschool and kindergarten students. When you visit the building, be sure to see the beautiful plaque on the Elmdale- facing side of the center: Charles and Kathryn were charter members of our parish and parents to these alumni: Charles ('38), James ('39), John ('45), Marjorie Dettling ('50), Mary "Jane" Crawford ('52), Kathleen Buehrle ('41) and William.



There were some essays written by the boys on what constitutes a good server. Here are a couple of excerpts:

"A good server must get good grades in his school work and also be obedient. A server must always be dependable and faithful in his duties, not to go to basketball games or any place else but come to church first." - Terry Penrod ('56)

"When serving, a boy must wear a cassock, surplus and special shoes. As these are blessed, they must never be thrown on the floor. Just as your parents would not want you to throw clothes on the floor at home, you must never throw them on the floor in the check room. These special clothes cost money for which the church must pay." - George Dick Jr. ('56)

"You must learn to be graceful on the altar and don't run when you do things or move things. Just take your time. If you come early, you will not have to run to get the altar ready." - Billy Teodosio ('56)

One last interesting letter is a copy of a note that was sent to the seminary:

"October 6, 1959

Dear Gordon,

The enclosed check is a little token for the good services on behalf of the new altar boys. Best wishes for a happy year at St. Mary (Seminary.)

Sincerely,

Fr. Zwisler

If you didn't catch that, it was to a young man who would soon be known as Fr. Gordon Yahner ('51), son of the parish and former pastor of St. Hilary. Rest in peace!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TO GIVE TO THE PARISH: <https://www.stsebastian.org/donate>

TO GIVE TO THE FOUNDATION: <https://www.stsebastian.org/foundation/donate>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Annette Bailey, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Rita Cummings, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Robert Hickey, Phil Hochstetler, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnoff, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Beverly & Mike Preston, Mary Ricks, Nancy Ropchock, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Victor Strelbicki, Steve Watral and Dona Wolff.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck
St. Sebastian, pray for us.
St. Scholastica, pray for us.

**Novena to St. Sebastian,
Protector Against the Plague**



Glorious Saint Sebastian, you who had great courage, help us to be witnesses of Jesus before this unbelieving world as you have brought others to Christ. Help us to have the love of neighbor that you had and to give our lives for our brothers, even in difficulties and dangers. Help us to have faith in the pains of life as you endured cruel martyrdom. Protect all soldiers, military and police against every danger in their work. Protect all nations against wars, hunger and pestilence. Intercede for the grace that I need...

[Mention your intention here...]

Amen.