



Angelus Letter  
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LETTER #156  
*St. Angela Merici*

Dear Parish Family,

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND**

**Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Friday Confessions at 4PM**

**Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Saturday Confessions at 9:30AM**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Bozek**

**Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Bozek**  
**Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Pascal OSB**

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**

This coming week, our parish will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Our parish school will host an Open House this Sunday, January 30th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to tour the school, meet with teachers and visit our beautiful classrooms. Please keep our awesome school, Julie Billiard School, and Catholic education in general in your prayers!

### **CONGRATULATIONS FR. MERZWEILER**

This past Monday evening, native son of St. Sebastian Parish, The Reverend Jeremy Merzweiler was installed as pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish. Congratulations! And if you were unaware, many of our local parishes had their feast days recently:

- 13th St. Hilary
- 20th St. Sebastian
- 24th St. Francis de Sales
- 25th St. Paul (Conversion of St. Paul)

A great month for celebrations and blessings to all of our parishes!

### **GAS LINES ALONG MULL AVENUE UPDATE**

I was surprised to see that work on the gas lines actually began on this past blustery, winter Monday morning and even more surprised that it seemed they were working on our property and not up the street at Schneider Park as we were told. So, I trudged out to work site to find out what was going on. Very accommodating workers explained that, while they were indeed beginning further up the road, they had placed all of the pipes in Elmdale Park (aka The Triangle) and would have to dig them all out before they could begin work!

The pipes were excavated from under snow and ice and work has begun up the street. So far, we have experienced slight traffic obstacles, but not until after 9AM and they should not affect us at all over the weekend.

### **MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Fr. Bozek and I switched Masses this Thursday morning, which is why the priest celebrant did not correspond with the bulletin. I had Finance Council and so I celebrated the Parish School Mass later in the morning while Fr. Bozek celebrated the general parish Mass. If you were unaware, there are a number of Masses and Confession Sessions that are held at or by St. Sebastian Parish that do not make it into our bulletin such as that for our School, Julie Billiard School, nursing homes and other such groups and institutions.

### **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL POSTPONED**

The International Festival has been postponed! They are currently looking at other dates and will let us

know when we can celebrate this great festival together! Stay tuned!

## FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

With this installment we bring to an end the "Letters from the Diocese" folders found in the forgotten cabinet. Perhaps we will start on another set of interesting files for those who enjoy these little gems of history.

The years 1953 through 1957 were all combined into one file folder and the first letter from 1954 concerned the results of the St. Sebastian Parish Catholic Charities campaign. The number of registered households was 1,618, a bit lower than we have on our books today, although households today are considerably smaller than they were in the 50's. The parish raised \$17,265.75 with 84% of the parish participating. The total amount raised included special gifts from businesses and other sources connected to the parish.

Another letter from this same year caught my eye. It said, "The Most Reverend Archbishop is justly proud of the results of the Thanksgiving Clothing Drive at your parish and is most grateful to you for your cooperation in making the Drive such a success." It made me think, "Wow, we must have done a really good job to deserve such a personal letter!" Then I noticed an exact copy of this letter the next year and both requested money from the parish to help cover the freight charges for the clothing to the New York Terminal. Ah well.

In 1955 there was a letter that stated, "As you probably know, the Most Reverend Archbishop recently has included the management of Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron under the Diocesan Cemeteries Association. Accordingly, we shall conduct services at Holy Cross Cemetery on Sunday, October 30, at 3PM." This service was in honor of All Souls.

1956 marked the 100th anniversary of the Papal Decree marking the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus universal throughout the whole Church. Among other things suggested, to help celebrate this anniversary, was to participate in the "Crusade for a Better World." The goal was to help mankind grow into their realization of being sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of each other and to organize our way of living "in a manner worthy of one vast family, a family which is as one, human and divine."

We bring our tour through these historic documents to an end with a large document sent out from Saint John College, Cleveland (no longer in existence) about "The Morality of Right-to-Work Laws." You may have seen billboards in our own day as you drive to Cleveland concerning this controversial topic. The document begins with a quote from Bishop Robert of Reno who wrote,

"The difficulty is that some theologians and Catholic publicists are prone to write and speak as though they were the Holy Father himself. Instead of stating the facts and drawing their conclusions, with emphasis on the actual limitation of their authority, they sometimes create the impression that they have a private pipeline to infallibility. It is unavoidable that a certain amount of confusion should arise from this."

Not a bad thing for such writers of controversial topics in our own day! And a good thing for readers of such documents to keep in mind.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Annette Bailey, Svetlana Barber, 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, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Beverly & Mike Preston, Mary Ricks, Nancy Ropchock, Beatrice Laura Ryan, 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. Angela Merici, 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.