



**Angelus Letter
30 November 2023
LETTER #250
Saint Andrew**

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. Valencheck
Saturday Confessions at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Bozek**

**Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bozek**

THERE IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION NEXT WEEK!

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is next **Friday, December 8th**. It is under this title that she is patroness of the United States. It is also the anniversary of Bishop Pevic, celebrating Mass for us and installing me as pastor. In these days, our nation and our parish could use prayers more than ever before.

Our Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 7th at 7 p.m.

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

TWO CONCERTS THIS WEEK

On **Sunday night at 6:30pm**, there will be a praise and worship service in the church with Daniel Oberreuter. If you would like a taste of his music, go [HERE](#). We are hosting this prayer and music evening as a promotional event for Hallow, the Catholic prayer and meditation app. There will be special offers for those who come this Sunday. For more information on Hallow, go [HERE](#).

On Tuesday there will be the first of three Noon Adoration and Organ Recitals. For approximately thirty minutes, a local organist will provide advent music as you pray and enjoy celebrating advent, which so often gets overlooked.

Both of these events are free and open to the public.

LETTER

I've been meaning to tell you about this letter for a long time but keep forgetting. We get a lot of compliments about our servers but this one was particularly notable. I'll share it with you in part:

We are so blessed at St. Sebastian Church to have Altar Servers who are attentive, respectful and have great reverence to their duties at each Mass. Our hearts are filled with pride for their willingness to care so lovingly to their faith . . . Thanks to all who have instructed them and again to the servers for their genuine dedication . . .

Sincerely,

Bill (Class of 1961) and Linda Wiandt

weGiveCatholic UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2023 #weGiveCatholic project, "The Greenhouse, in honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th Ordination Anniversary"!

This year we raised over \$5,900 from the 56 donors supporting the November 28th on-line day of giving. We have also had a variety of other ways to support the project: special #weGive offertory envelopes, and donations mailed to the Foundation!

If you did not get the chance to support The Greenhouse Project, special Greenhouse envelopes have been included in the December offertory envelope packet that was mailed. Additional envelopes will be available in the church pews.

We appreciate your support! Final results will be provided in an upcoming church bulletin. Questions? Please contact: Kathy Holaday [330-836-2233 x113](tel:330-836-2233) or holadayk@stsebastian.org

SEMINARY UPDATE

This week, Ryan Arto, our intern, is having his evaluations in preparation to being called to orders. Fr. Stalla, from

the formation office, is meeting with me and various persons in the parish including staff and his lay board to see how he is doing. If all goes well, we should be celebrating his ordination to the transitional diaconate this spring!

The two seminarians from our parish, John Scantling and Christopher Villarreal, were home this past weekend for Thanksgiving. Classes began again for them on Monday, but we should see them a bit during their Christmas break which begins in about two weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

As you should be aware, the seminary has been going through major renovations thanks to your generosity to the Heart of the Shepherd Campaign. It was thought that the newly renovated chapel would be finished in time for the seminary to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this coming Friday, but construction delays have delayed the event to a later date. Our parish will have a hand in that celebration, however. Our very own Karen Spangler, head sacristan, was commissioned to create new vestments for the seminary. (You see many of her vestments worn at our parish.) They were completed on time! Now they must wait until the chapel is finished.



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

The formal invitation read as follows:

You and a guest are cordially invited
to attend the
St. Sebastian Christmas Reunion
given for
Classes Graduating from Our School
Nineteen Hundred and Forty Seven
through
Nineteen Hundred and Fifty One.

Renew Your School Friendships on
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1955
Recreation Center
Seven to Nine O'clock

R.S.V.P. Father Zwisler

The year before was the "Second Annual" reunion making the above the 3rd. A report shows that all of the years from '48 through '52 had eight chairwomen headed by a "Class Mother." Each year someone was assigned a job such as "Decorate Tea Table and Year Tables," "Entertainment, music," or "Registration and hostesses." All "Mothers" were to bring sandwiches. Table decorations were supplied by Mrs. John Dettling.

The cost of the event was \$70.43. Those who attended made donations that exceeded this amount by \$30.57. One dollar was returned to each "Mother." Mrs. Emmett Conway stored a roll of paper for table coverings, green tulle for the tea tables and Christmas napkins for the following year. This report was respectfully submitted by Germaine Karg, Chairman, and Verna A. Klocker, Co-Chairman.

At the 1955 event, 125 alumni showed up, "many without guests." 450 pieces of "French Pastries" were served. Five years were represented as having committees:

1947: Mrs. Carl Krill, Mrs. Thomas Hillary, Joseph Kraker, Michael Vassel, Lewis A. Seidel, Paul Baldacci.

1948: Mrs. John A. Dettling Jr., Frank Karg, Emmet Conway, Walter Kidder, Fred Censky.

1949: Mrs. Jas. R. Meadows, Wm. Seib, John Bachman, Frank Steel, L. M. Dannemiller, Edw. McCafferty.

1950 Mrs. C. A. Beringer, Chas. Scanlon, Ted Dettling, Robt. Wendelken, Paul Haley.

1951: Mrs. Joe Iacomini, Robt. Ross, L. A. Lombardi, W. H. Stalling, Joseph Collins, Joe LaMonica.

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, 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.

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