



**Angelus Letter  
5 October 2023  
LETTER #242  
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos  
& Saint Faustina Kowalska**

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. Bozek  
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck  
Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Bede OSB**

**REPORT ON BISHOP MALESIC'S VISIT**

On Monday, the Feast of the Guardian Angels, Bishop Malesic came to St. Sebastian Parish School to help us continue our celebration of the school earning the National Blue-Ribbon Award. The children, available parents, some of our benefactors, faculty, staff, Fr. Bozek and I had Mass with our bishop who praised the school and parish for achieving this great honor. The seventh and eighth grade choir sang magnificently, and our servers were praised by the Bishop's Master of Ceremonies.

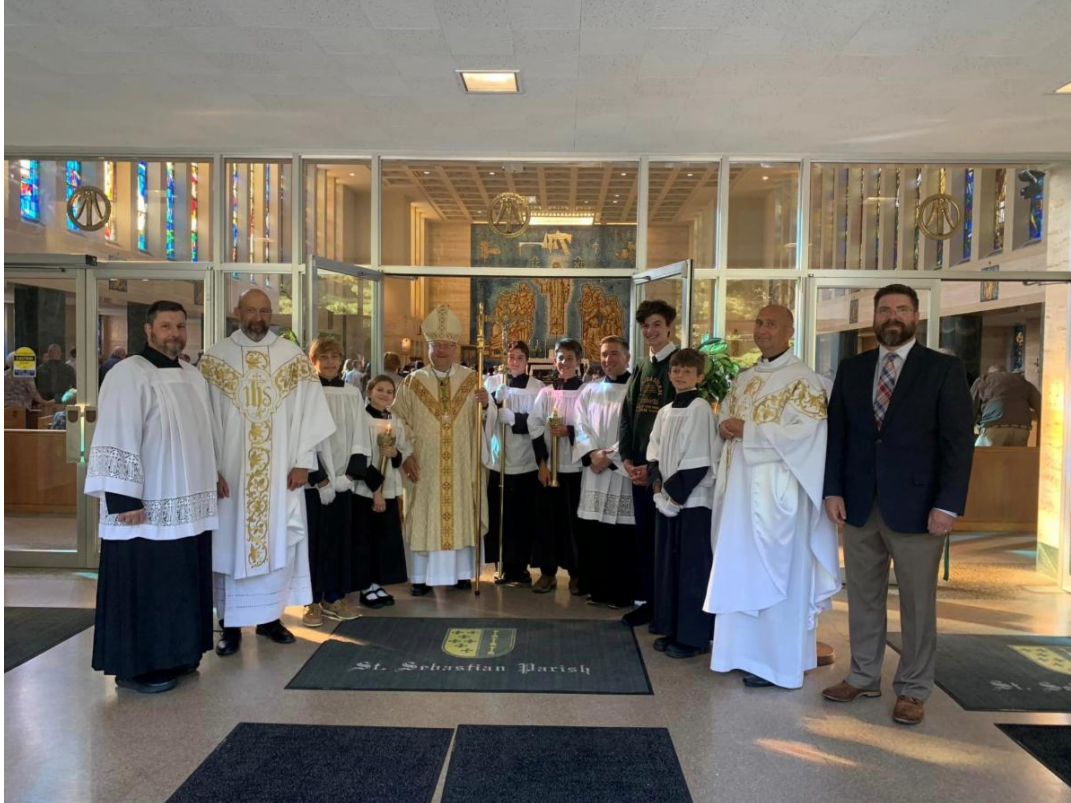
The Mayor was unable to join us owing to a funeral, but he promised to come to another event to offer his congratulations. But he did send a proclamation for the day. Because of the school's high academic achievement and because it was one of only forty private schools recognized and one of only nineteen schools recognized in the state of Ohio, the proclamation read in part, "Now therefore: I, Daniel Horrigan, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 2, 2023 as "ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH SCHOOL DAY" in the city of Akron and ask all residents to congratulate the clergy, educators, staff, students, and families at St. Sebastian Parish School for receiving the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education."

The Secretary of Education, Miguel A. Cardona Ed.D. sent a proclamation also that reads in part, "Your distinction as a 2023 National Blue-Ribbon School also is a testament to your school's intentional collaboration with parents, families, and your broader community to wrap students in care for their overall well-being and to provide them with rich well-rounded, and engaging learning experiences. Your practices are serving as a model for schools across the United States."

After the Mass, the Bishop and representatives from the education office of the diocese went on a tour of the school with some of our eighth-grade student ambassadors. The Bishop was most interested in our Computer Lab, the Innovation Lab and our Science Room (he being a biologist.) He visited a class in each section of the school and then we went to the rectory for a light lunch provided by Marcy Smith.

But the day wasn't over yet! The entourage then paraded up to the [Julie Billiard School, Akron](#) to bless the new prayer room and to visit a couple of the classes there. It was a great day for our parish and schools. Thank you so much to everybody who made the day possible.

Funny side story pointing to the fact that we may be celebrating a bit much: One of our moms put a toilet bowl-cleaning disk in the water reservoir at home, which of course turned the water blue. Her child asked, "Mom! Did you do this because we won the blue ribbon?!"



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

In this week's bulletin there was made mention that the construction on the old Perkins property is set to begin in about three weeks. Twelve houses have already been sold. If you were curious as to what it is expected to look like, [HERE](#) is a computer generated "fly through" of the development that gives a general idea of what is envisioned for our newest neighborhood. (You will need to scroll down just a little.)

## MISC.

**Eucharistic Revival Art Contest:** The Diocese of Cleveland Eucharistic Revival Art Contest, for students in grades 2-12, begins October 1, 2023 and submissions will be accepted until January 12, 2024. The theme of the contest is "Eucharist: Bread of Life." Click [here](#) for guidelines and directions to submit artwork.

**An Evening of Adoration, Fellowship, and Reflection for Couples:** Saturday, November 4, 5-9:30pm | Church of the Holy Angels, Chagrin Falls. Couples are invited to attend an evening of adoration with a reflection by Deacon Michael and his wife Francine Costantini. Registration is \$25 and includes heavy appetizers. Deadline is October 25. Tickets are nonrefundable. Register [here](#).

**50th Wedding Anniversary Mass Information:** On Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 2pm, the diocese will celebrate with all couples married in 1974. Contact the Marriage and Family Office if you have any questions. This year we will also be printing anniversary certificates once a month so that couples can request them early and have them for their anniversary parties. To request a certificate, visit [dioceseofcleveland.org/50th](https://dioceseofcleveland.org/50th).

**Gender Identity Theory: A Loving Catholic Response:** The presenter, Dr. Abigail Favale, is a writer and professor at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame with an academic background in gender studies. On Saturday, October 28, beginning at 6pm at the Hofbrauhaus Cleveland. This event is co-sponsored by Marriages of Grace. Tickets are \$25 per couple. Register on the Marriages of Grace [website](#).

## FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Last week was a report on the program from the Cover Dance Company at St. Sebastian Parish. Bob Kraus (Class of 1970), wrote in to say, "I was only ten at the time but ten years later I was delivering newspapers to Mr. & Mrs. Cover on White Pond Drive. They were a very nice couple. My sister took ballet lessons from Mrs. Cover in her studio at her home . . . which is now where there is a legal office building."

In March of 1957, St. Sebastian Parish School third grade performed "The Ever-Ever Land." The cast included among others:

The Fairy.....Patricia Dallas  
 The Child.....Virginia Bader (Class of 1962)  
 Mother Goose.....Mary Klein (Class of 1962)  
 Jack.....Robert Wolf (Class of 1962)  
 The Pieman.....Ken Butler (Class of 1962)

Simple Simon.....David Cavanaugh (Class of 1962)  
Jack Horner.....Bill Costigan (Class of 1963)  
Lady Bug.....Margaret O'Neil (Class of 1962)  
Alice in Wonderland.....Mary Hilkert (Class of 1962)

The Hilkert brothers, Robert and John, would eventually become priests for the diocese of Cleveland. And their sister, featured in the cast as Alice, Sister Mary Catherine Hilkert (Class of 1962), O.P., is now a professor in the Department of Theology at University of Notre Dame. Accompanying and singing was Sister Mary Canisius.

In 1955 the sixth graders performed, "The Haunted Tea Room", The Willowmere Tea Room and Inn has a reputation of harboring a ghost, who walks at midnight. Storm bound at the Inn the night of our play, several youngsters set out to solve the mystery and what a night of it they do have!"

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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, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Toni Morlan, 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.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos and & Saint Faustina Kowalska, pray for us.

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