



**Angelus Letter
28 September 2023
LETTER #241
Saint Wenceslaus
& St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**

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
Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. at Fr. Justin OSB**

RELIC COMING TO ST. SEBASTIAN

This past week we were contacted by the Diocese and asked if we would host the traveling relic of St. Jude, patron saint of desperate causes, at St. Sebastian Parish on November 2nd. This particular relic is leaving Italy for the first time and touring the United States and stopping at 100 churches, ours being one of them. The tour is sponsored by, "Treasures of the Church."

When speaking with the priest in charge of the tour, Fr. Carlos Marins, he warned us that we should expect more people to come to our church than we have ever seen in her history. The one-day event will begin on Thursday at 1 p.m. and finish around 10 p.m. in the evening with a special Mass at 7 p.m. We will need plenty of volunteers that day to act as docents and help assist our guests. Keep an eye out for more information.

If you would like to read a little bit more about this event, click [HERE](#).

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Three notes this week:

Those who attend daily Mass will notice that the southwest door of the church is closed due to the replacing of the sidewalk that webs between there, the rectory brick drive, St. Theresa and the sidewalk. I thought I had another week to warn you, but I miscalculated. The walk will now be more even and the step down to the brick drive less treacherous. It should be useable by the weekend.

Thank goodness our portion of the Mull Avenue project is almost completed since we are expecting a large crowd in November! But there is still some cleanup to be done. There is still some cement work that needs to be poured, most notably a walking pad between the courtesy walk and the church plaza. Hopefully soon you will not have to make that leap. Then, of course, there is still the placement of lampposts and signage.

The church parking lot will be closed on October 12th and October 13th in order to seal and stripe the lot.

PARISHIONERS LEAVING TO START NEW MINISTRY

One of our young families, the Schechters, are leaving to begin a new ministry in Cincinnati. You may have seen Matthew, his wife Katie and their two infants at daily or weekend Masses. Here is some information on their ministry and how, if you are interested, you might assist them.

"Young adults are the group of Americans most hurriedly leaving the Catholic Church. Only 21% of people in their 20s go to church weekly, and twice the number of kids in Generation Z are atheists compared to US adults. The culture of home, friends, school, and workplaces swamp young ones who would otherwise be open to a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Church community. What they need more than anything is a home and community of up building friends and family to walk with them in learning about God and practicing their faith." This is what attracted Matthew and Katie Schechter, through the Holy Spirit, to partner with a young adult organization called Greenhouse. Greenhouse exists to bridge the gap between young Americans' relational poverty and the lack of personal discipleship within the Church. In Cincinnati, Greenhouse gathers young adult Catholic men and women into gender-separate households so that they can integrate Christianity into the entirety of their lives. Within a 9-month intensive program, members become formed in a personal holiness, mission in the workplace and world, and how to lay their lives down for the Lord Jesus in their future vocations.

"I, Matthew, will be serving as the Director of Communications with Greenhouse. My family and I, as being a part of this missionary 501c-3 organization, rely upon the gifts of other faithful to bring the gospel to America's youth. St Teresa of Calcutta said when she visited America that there is a poverty here unlike she had seen in the rest of the

world, and she was speaking of a poverty of isolation and loneliness. This is urgent work, also because the Catholic Church is dying in America faster than any other denomination or religion. We need laborers to be sent into the harvest, as Jesus said. We are praying to raise \$60,000 to cover a year of our family's housing and ministry expenses. Ask the Holy Spirit how you can be generous with us and the missionary Church. Anything pleases the Lord and feeds God's flock. Thank you and may the Holy Spirit rest on your lives that you may bear witness to Jesus' power through forgiveness."

You may speak to Matthew directly if you see him at Mass or call Cathy Sivec in the rectory office at 330-836-2233.

PICTURES

This a picture taken from the rectory of the backside walk being replaced.



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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed during the Mass with Bishop Malesic on Monday, October 2 from 10-11am.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: There will be a Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 21st in Zwislser Hall. Reservations required. Please see bulletin for details.

NOVEMBER ELECTION: [HERE](#) is a link to a new video (different from the 'new' video of last week) to help become more informed about Issue One this coming November.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

In June of 1957, there was a performance in the school, a dance recital by the Students of Cover School of Dance. There are some familiar names among the dancers. Michelle Semolina was a Morning Spirit, Ellen McSweeney (Class of 1966) and Kathleen Costigan were Stars of Tomorrow. Shelia Semonin was a nurse and Kathleen Helmkamp performed in "Gone Swimmn'." Eileen Reymann (Class of 1959) was a rainbow and Susan Molitar performed in "Steppin' Out."

The back of the program read,

"We wish to express our sincere thanks to the following:

Girls of Theta Phi Alpha for make-up and dressing room assistance.
Phillip Cover (Class of 1954), Piano Accompanist
William Cover (Class of 1954), Lights and scenery
Rev. Father Hilary Zwisler, Pastor of St. Sebastian Church for the use of the auditorium and stage.
Parents of the pupils, who made this revue possible by giving freely of their cooperation and assistance.
Program Courtesy of All States Freight, Inc.

COVER SCHOOL OF DANCE
430 White Pond Drive

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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.
Saint Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, pray for us.

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