



Angelus Letter  
21 April 2022  
LETTER #168  
*Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

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

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed after all Masses this weekend. For more information on "What is Divine Mercy Sunday" and the indulgences attached (especially for those unable to attend the community praying of chaplet before the Blessed Sacrament) click on the following link: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/indulgences-attached-to-divine-mercy-devotions-1963> or contact our parishioner Pat Clark-Varga, [patcv1984@yahoo.com](mailto:patcv1984@yahoo.com).

### EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of the Elms to St. Sebastian Parish (0.8 miles) beginning at 3PM at Our Lady of the Elms Chapel on Sunday, May 1st. Benediction to follow at St. Sebastian Parish Church.

### NEW MINISTRY FOR COUPLES HAVING DIFFICULTIES BEGINNING A FAMILY

Struggling to conceive a child and the journey to create a family is not always easy. Many people have experienced different circumstances that are often hidden and not discussed for many reasons. You are not alone in your frustrations and grief. Within our Parish there are so many others who have gone through the heartbreak of these situations that affect both men and women. Infertility, miscarriage, and loss are a sad reality of our world. Just know there is understanding and hope in speaking with others. If you are in need to connect with others who have experienced loss or if you have been through a situation where you may be helpful to others, please consider lending your name to this healing group. Sharing your story can make a world of difference for someone struggling. For more information, contact Kathy at (330) 328-2240.

### SURVEY CONCERNING CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES

If you or someone you know has a child with significant developmental challenges, that is, a student who would not be adequately served by the parish school, the parish school of religion or the Julie Billiard School, please take the following survey especially if their needs are keeping them (or you!) from receiving the sacraments:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAJ8h7ocv1j4zdU3r3bbOcdtIqmHPQ8SHhSuCUGEqSH8duPA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAJ8h7ocv1j4zdU3r3bbOcdtIqmHPQ8SHhSuCUGEqSH8duPA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### CONCERT SERIES

**Breaking News:** Our already outstanding Concert Series **just got better**. In addition to the currently scheduled concerts, a **University of Notre Dame Chorale Society that is going to be on a concert tour wants to stop at St. Sebastian Parish to perform one of their concerts in May!** More information on this and other concerts coming soon.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everybody who helped make our Triduum and Easter Sunday celebrations such wonderful events. I don't think even I have a complete handle on how many people and how many jobs and projects it takes to put on these celebrations, certainly scores of people and hundreds of combined hours. This is not even to mention all who came to worship and pray! How very, very blessed we are. Please know of my prayers and gratitude.

### WELCOME!

For those of you who were not able to be at the Easter Vigil, we are very happy to welcome into the Catholic Church and the St. Sebastian family: Tiffany Croff, Kylissa Himes and Karen Mihalick. Welcome!!

### FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

If you didn't have the opportunity to see it, the Akron Beacon Journal ran a very nice story on our "Forgotten Cabinet" letters! If you would like to see the online version (that has some extra pictures in it) click on the following link: <https://www.beaconjournal.com/story/news/2022/04/14/st-sebastian-priest-finds-war-letters-forgotten-cabinet-akron-catholic-church-world-war-ii-korean-wa/7159007001/>

Today's letter from Thomas A. Ferns of the Equitable Life Assurance Society in the First National Tower is more interesting (I think) than it first appears. I'll explain why at the end.

**THOMAS A. FERNS**  
**717 First National Tower**  
**Akron 8, OHIO**  
**TELEPHONE: JE 2115**

January 25, 1955

Dear Father Zwisler,

In case you are at all interested, I picked up the enclosed announcement pamphlet that is used at St. Bernard's Parish.

As I told you when we had our delightful dinner and visit with you a week ago, these announcements are in a receptacle at all the east ends of the church and the parishioners take them as they file out of the church. They are not passed around by the ushers, therefore only those parishioners that want them for information and reference take them.

Personally, I would very much like to see St. Sebastian adopt something of this sort because it is something the people can keep from week to week as a reference. Of course, if there is any time that something needs to be emphasize such as Masses on Holy Days of Obligation, this can be done from the pulpit.

I want to thank you again, Father, for the very delightful dinner and evening we spent with you.

Sincerely,  
Tom Ferns

**FROM FR. VALENCHECK:** The "announcement pamphlet" about which he is referring is what is now known as the Parish Bulletin! Everything has to have a start and apparently our parish bulletin has been in print for only about 67 years. St. Bernard Parish was on the forefront of this new idea and beat St. Sebastian to the punch!

Attached to the letter was the single sheet, folded in half and a bulletin that had a drawn picture of St. Bernard church on the front, the pastor's name, Fr. Edward Wolf and his two assistants, and the parish phone number: BL-3-7234.

Inside it listed the daily Masses of which there were four a day between 6:30 and 8:30AM. Sunday Masses were at 6, 8, 9, 10 (High), 11 and at Noon with Benediction. Confessions were daily.

The reported 1954 St Bernard collection for the previous Sunday was \$1,729 (an equivalent of about \$20,000 today.) Statistics for 1954: 39 deaths (4 of which were children), 59 converts, 44 marriages and 258 baptisms! Inquiry classes were beginning with "No fees. No obligations . . . just your time." The Chair of Unity Octave was announced, which called for prayers for those straying from the Church and for missionary activity. The Mothers and Altar Society were having a card party for the book fund at the school, next week would be a Meatloaf Dinner sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Boy Scouts and banns of matrimony were printed for upcoming weddings.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

## 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, Jo Cooney, 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, Jenny Kerrigan, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnhoff, Ann Loftus, 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, Steve Watral and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck  
St. Sebastian, 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.