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ANNUAL
REPORT



St. Sebastian Parish School Celebrates 90th Anniversary Year

While the parish celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2018, the school celebrated its 90th anniversary during the 2019-2020 school year. The school is a little more than one year younger than the church because the school did not begin classes until the fall of 1929, about 14 months after the parish was established in July of 1928. Construction of the parish's combined church/school building was well underway in 1929, but it was not complete in time for the start of the school year. So for a few months, the Sisters of the Humility of Mary taught classes in a Knights of Columbus building on West Market Street. The school portion of the new building opened on November 1, 1929. The church was completed soon after, with services moving from a temporary site to the new building on November 28, 1929. During the 2019-2020 school year, St. Sebastian Parish School celebrated its 90th anniversary with several projects and events, pictured here and on page 1.



Student Prayers to St. Sebastian:

All 329 of our students created special prayers to St. Sebastian, and three students were selected to read their prayers at the statue dedication ceremony in November.



Project Spruce Up: The school's hallways and stairwells underwent a major renovation, including fresh paint and 7,150 square feet of new flooring. See page 11 for more details.



Website Redesign: The parish launched a new, mobile-friendly website, featuring a virtual tour of the school as well as many online resources for school families.



Sebastian Spectacular: The 16th Annual Sebastian Spectacular, which was held on February 22, 2020 and raised over \$90,000, featured a Roaring '20s theme in honor of the parish's founding decade.



Come Home for the 90th Event:

On November, 29, 2019 the Foundation hosted alumni, parents, teachers and friends of the school for a night of school tours, music, refreshments, reconnecting and reminiscing.



Living Rosary: Students and families gathered twice during the school year to pray a Living Rosary, which involved creating a rosary that covered almost the entire gym floor in Byrider Hall. The first time, balloons were used to represent the rosary beads. The second time, the rosary shape was created using students to stand where the beads would be. Both times, several students from every grade read the prayers for each bead as the school community prayed the rosary together.

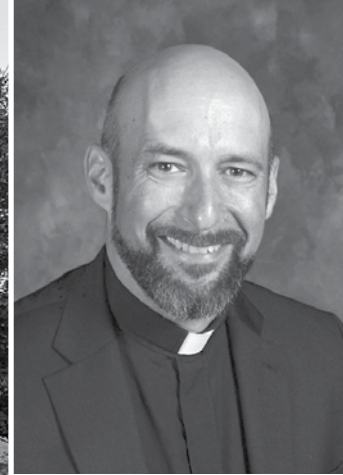


Exterior Cleaning/Repair: Before the start of the 2019-2020 school year, extensive exterior cleaning and tuck-point repairs were completed on all of the buildings except for the church, which had been cleaned and repaired in 2018 during the Cornerstone restoration project. The buildings include the rectory, the main school building, the Beringer Center for Early Learning (previously the convent), and Byrider Hall.



From the cover: When the original combined church/school building was constructed, the doors of the school were adorned with the Latin phrases "Pro Deo" (for God) and "Pro Patria" (for Country).

FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings,

Every brick on this property, all the warm air in the church on a cold day, each marble step in the sanctuary, every employee, every school desk, every pipe in the organ, every hand towel in every restroom, even the bread and wine that is turned into the Body and Blood of our Lord was made possible by our community. Everything that we have and do is made possible by you – the people of West Akron and surrounding communities. God gives us the mission, the grace, and the action of the Holy Spirit, but you provide the resources from the gifts with which God has blessed you to make this awesome parish exist on Mull Avenue.

Look around. All that you see and touch and hear was made possible by a St. Sebastianite. It enables us to worship, educate, create community and practice charity very well. And it doesn't have to be! It would take a very short time for it to disappear if people like you stopped caring and considering this place so vital to our lives. But, thanks be to God, you and a great many people like you, think that this mission is essential, and so you sacrifice to make sure that it is here to pass on to future generations.

Thank you for your support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Please know how important, appreciated and well-tended your donations are. May God bless you for your generosity.

God bless,

Rev. John A. Valencheck
Pastor, St. Sebastian Parish

Dedication of a New St. Sebastian Statue

On November 1, 2019 – exactly 90 years after the first classes were held in the new school building – our parish school celebrated its anniversary with a dedication ceremony for a new statue of St. Sebastian, our patron saint. The day began with a special all-school Mass, during which the new statue was displayed. After Mass, the early 19th-century statue was carried to Zwisler Hall in a procession of our school community, led by our clergy and accompanied by music from our school band. Fr. Valencheck blessed the statue and several students read prayers they wrote to St. Sebastian. After the ceremony, students were treated to doughnuts with yellow and green sprinkles. The statue was installed in its permanent display location on the first floor of the school.





FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear St. Sebastian Parishioners, Alumni, and Friends,

THANK YOU to all of our St. Sebastian parishioners, alumni, and friends of the St. Sebastian community who

have made 2019 another positive year for the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. It's inspiring to see all of the generous donations of so many people that help to make our Foundation strong.

Once again, this year the Foundation disbursed funds to the parish and school for capital improvements and repairs; special ministries and projects; student scholarships and tuition assistance; and teacher enrichment and educational materials. In 2019, the Foundation disbursed over \$391,000, which brings the Foundation's total contributions to the church and school during the life of the Foundation to over \$11 million. Because of our generous donors, volunteers and staff who supported the Foundation this year, we were able to meet the needs of the parish and school in 2019 and continue to build the Foundation to prepare for the future.

We are thankful for your ongoing support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. The Foundation has served our parish since 1971 with your generous gifts to both Restricted and Unrestricted Funds. Gifts

given to a restricted fund provide direct support for a specific fund, endowment or scholarship and are important for special programs, projects and scholarships.

As the Foundation looks to the future, the board is focused on expanding support for the Foundation's Unrestricted Funds. As a parish, we do not know the challenges and opportunities that we will meet in the future, but we are committed to meeting the long-term needs of our community. Unrestricted Funds are of vital importance for our parish and school as they help pay for unexpected expenses.

Thank you for your prayers and support, which help the Foundation Board of Trustees and the Development Office team work throughout the year to serve our parish. With your support, we will continue to build a strong and stable Foundation in order to provide a home for our Catholic families and a place of peace for the West Akron community.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, we thank you for your commitment and loyalty to St. Sebastian Parish and our Foundation.

God bless,

Heidi S. Heinle
President
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



2019 FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Heidi Heinle, President
Ken Contrera, Treasurer
Fr. John Valencheck, Secretary
Brenda Pier Beck
Tim Beringer
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Lois Gerstenmaier
Amanda Leffler
Patrick O'Neill
Orville Reed
Sophia Veillette
Steve Wilt

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Kathleen Holaday, Director of Development
Anne Dennée, Development Assistant
Kate Mathis, Development Assistant

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2018 and 2019. Contributions to the church and school from the Foundation from 1971 through 2019 total: **\$11,314,778**.

Assets	2018	2019
Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 133,623	\$ 4,511
Long-term Investments at Market:		
Fixed Income	\$ 2,330,106	\$ 1,893,097
Equities	\$ 1,884,807	\$ 2,780,536
Total Assets	\$ 4,348,536	\$ 4,678,144

Liabilities and Fund Balances	2018	2019
Parish Monies Held for Church Improvement	\$ 191,837	\$ 0
Fund Balances	\$ 4,156,699	\$ 4,678,144
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 4,348,536	\$ 4,678,144

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Income and Expenses for the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2018 and 2019.

Income	2018	2019
Gifts & Fundraisers	\$ 828,608	\$ 475,118
Net Gains/[Losses] from Investments	\$ (194,082)	\$ 662,720
Total Gifts and Net Gains	\$ 634,526	\$ 1,137,838

Distributions and Expenses	2018	2019
Distributions to Church and School	\$ 1,355,964	\$ 391,942
Expenses	\$ 201,652	\$ 224,452
Total Distributions and Expenses	\$ 1,557,616	\$ 616,394

The Foundation value over the last four years.

Total Market Value

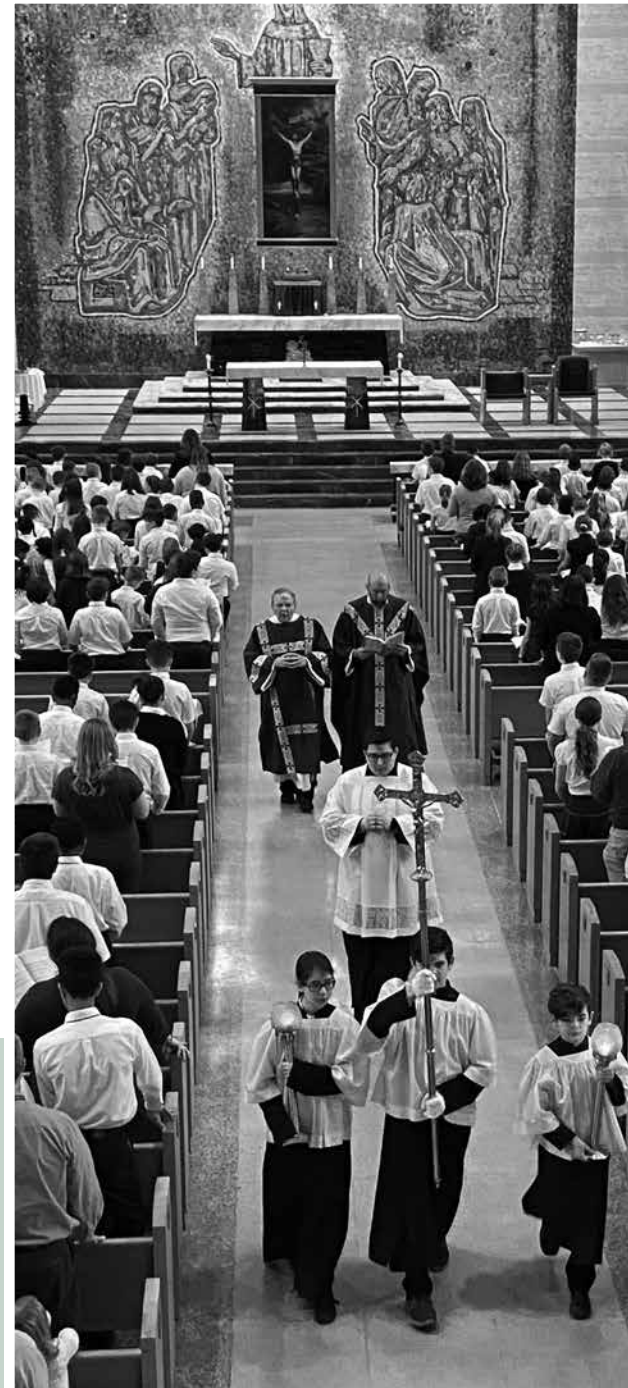
2019	\$4,678,144
2018	\$4,156,699
2017	\$5,079,789
2016	\$4,289,076

Unrestricted Value

2019	\$1,596,797
2018	\$1,700,049
2017	\$1,986,487
2016	\$2,046,602

Restricted Value

2019	\$3,081,347
2018	\$2,456,650
2017	\$3,093,302
2016	\$2,242,474



One of St. Sebastian Parish School's most steadfast traditions is worshipping together, including weekly all-school Masses as well as Holy Day Masses and Stations of the Cross.

Many of the photos in this report were provided by parishioners Ed Balaun (Class of 1976) and David Sboray. Their talents and generosity are much appreciated.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Happy 90th Anniversary St. Sebastian Parish School!

These past two years have certainly been exciting for our parish community. Our parish marked its 90th anniversary on July 6, 2018, and our school marked its 90th anniversary on November 1, 2019. Observance of our back-to-back anniversaries has meant non-stop projects, programs and celebrations!

In June of 2019, the Foundation hosted a "Meet the Board" night, a lovely wine & cheese event that featured members of our Board of Trustees and their stories about how they became involved and how others can carry on the important legacy of the Foundation. In November, the Foundation had the honor of welcoming home alumni and friends of the school at our "Come Home for the 90th" event, which was a wonderful evening of food, fun and reminiscing.

Also in 2019, we welcomed three new additions to our amazing list of endowments, scholarships and funds. I hope you will enjoy learning more about them. They are featured on pages 7-9. A full list of all the Foundation's funds can be found in this report as well as on the Foundation's re-designed web pages (www.stsebastian.org/foundation), which were launched in September.

In honor of the school's 90th anniversary, in 2019 the Foundation launched "Project Spruce Up," a \$100,000 campaign focused on replacing the school's hallway floors, repairing the stairwells, and painting and cleaning the school hallways. To date, we have raised nearly \$60,000. Thank you! If you are interested in supporting the project or would like a tour of our amazing campus, please give me a call. More details on this project can be found on page 11.



I am pleased to share this annual report highlighting the efforts of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in 2019. As you can see in these pages, the legacy that started in 1971 with the establishment of the Foundation has proven to be an extraordinary blessing for our parish. The Foundation is proud to be part of this community, and we appreciate your kindness and generosity to the Foundation over the past 49 years. Please stay tuned for the Foundation's 50th anniversary in 2021. We are planning to celebrate YOU, our loyal and generous parishioners, alumni, school families and friends of St. Sebastian Parish!

At this time, the Foundation would like to extend its appreciation to Orville Reed, who retired from the board of trustees at the end of 2019, for his 19 years of dedicated service to the board. We are pleased to welcome our newest board members: Amanda Leffler and Sophie Veillette. Profiles of these individuals are included on page 15. The Foundation also extends its appreciation to Rosanne Burns, who retired after nearly five years as a valuable member of the Development Office team, and we welcome Kate Mathis, who is our new Development Assistant, Financial Analyst.

We are so fortunate to have such an incredible parish family supporting this legacy of giving and allowing the heritage and traditions of St. Sebastian Parish to continue well into the future. Thank you for being an integral part of our parish community! We are grateful for your continued support and dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Zehenni Holaday".

Kathleen Zehenni Holaday
Director of Development
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation

FOUNDATION TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS IN 2021



St. Sebastian Parish
FOUNDATION

In 2021, the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation will mark 50 years of supporting our beloved parish. St. Sebastian Parish is exceedingly fortunate that a group of forward-thinking parishioners established the Foundation in 1971 to provide long-term, stable means of financial support for the church and school. We look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary with you on September 16, 2021. Please stay tuned for details!

FUNDS AND ENDOWMENTS

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation oversees more than 70 named funds and endowments. If you would like to support any of the endowments or funds listed on this page, please feel free to use the enclosed envelope. If you would like to start your own named endowment with the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, we can help! Starting an endowment or fund is a great way to help secure the financial future of the parish. For more information, please contact Kathy Holaday (330-836-2233 x113 or holadayk@stsebastian.org). Additional information may be found on our web pages at: stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments.

Foundation Funds and Endowments

Unrestricted Fund

Unrestricted Gifts for the Greatest Needs of the Parish

Church Funds and Endowments

Adult Education

Foley Family Adult Religious Education Endowment
Fr. William D. Karg Faith Formation Fund

Bereavement

Paul A. and Patricia A. Hummel Bereavement Endowment

Capital

Adoration Chapel Fund
Church Improvement Fund
John L. and Nellie A. Tormey Rectory Restoration Fund

Clergy

Fickes Family Clergy Enrichment Endowment
Seminarian Scholarship Fund
Vocational Health and Wellness Fund

Education

The Academy of Culture and Arts Fund

Grounds

Grounds Crew Flower Fund
Zwisler Hall Plaza Grounds Fund

Music

Music Endowment
Organ Fund

Other

Boy Scout Troop #96 Fund
Natural Family Planning (NFP) Fund
Catherine Paparella Memorial Fund
Sanctuary Society Fund

School Funds and Endowments

Athletics

Athletic Booster Club Fund
Byrider Hall Window Replacement Fund

Capital

St. Sebastian School Fund

Education

Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund
Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund
Mary Jane Hudak Roberts Math Endowment
Spectacular Arts and Cultural Enrichment Fund
Spectacular Garden Fund
Spectacular General Fund
James R. and Marie T. White School Library Endowment

Other

St. Sebastian School Employee Spectacular Fund

Tuition Assistance

Alumni Scholarship Endowment
Fr. Charles Byrider Education Endowment
Hugh Colopy Scholarship Endowment
Meyo Clarke Comunale Scholarship Endowment
Franklin K. and Delores H. Dietzler Education Endowment
Alberta Hensley Scholarship Endowment
Hank and Eileen Hudson Scholarship Endowment
John and Joan Kelley Scholarship Endowment
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lyons, Sr. Family Endowment
M.G. O'Neil Scholarship Endowment
Wm. J. O'Neil Scholarship Endowment
Lewis and Kathleen Seikel Scholarship Endowment

Sheeks Family Scholarship Endowment
Stiller Family Scholarship Endowment
Jay and Marilyn Stitz Scholarship Endowment
Victor Yanko Scholarship Endowment

Tuition Assistance and Teacher/Staff Support

Dr. H. Thomas and Mary Rita Baumgardner Scholarship Endowment
Cleary Family Scholarship Endowment
Eugene D. and Marie T. Graham Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Carl E. Krill, Sr. Family Endowment
McFarland Education Scholarship Endowment
Esther Simonetti Owen Scholarship Endowment
James M. Pier, Sr. Scholarship Endowment
William and Mildred Walzer Education Endowment
Richard and Carroll Weber Scholarship Endowment

Teacher/Staff Support

Louis H. Amer Education Endowment
Mary Jo Costigan Teacher's Salary Endowment
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment
Social Ministry Fund

Scholarships

Mary Ley Burke Scholarship Endowment
Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship Fund
Denise Maroon Finley Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lynn Frey-Steward Organ Scholarship Fund
Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship Endowment
GOAL Scholarship Endowment
(Graves O'Neill Academic Leaders)
The Frances L. Sharp Scholarship Endowment
John A. Trecaso Scholarship Fund

Pictured here is the class of 1930, the first graduating class of St. Sebastian Parish School. Since its establishment 90 years ago, St. Sebastian has been home to more than 5,800 students and maintains a proud tradition of excellence in academics in a Christ-centered environment.



THANK YOU

to everyone who made a donation to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in 2019!

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is deeply thankful for the steadfast support of the St. Sebastian Parish community. Your donations in 2019 helped provide crucial annual support for our church and school through unrestricted donations directed to the areas of greatest need as well as restricted donations designated for specific ministries, needs, and projects.

Listed below are the individuals and organizations who made a gift to the Foundation during the 2019 fiscal year (Jan. 1, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019). If we have incorrectly listed or inadvertently omitted your name, please contact the Foundation (330-836-2233 ext. 113, foundation@stsebastian.org) so we may correct our records. Thank you for your generous support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation!

Restricted Gifts

Academy of Culture and Arts

Sharon Deitrick

Alumni Scholarship Endowment

Patty Abdenour

Anonymous (3)

Max Bedell

Patty Royer Belch

Roland and Sara Bertolini

Thomas F. Bray, Jr.

David and Teresa Brostowitz

Anne Lynett Clark

Peggy McMullen Cogar

Michael Collett

Deborah A. Roesel Culver

William L. Fanelli

Kevin and Cindy Hackett

Lawrence Halter

Stephen and Tracy Hamilton

Patty Harrison

Paul and Dianne Hergenrother

Katelyn Holaday

The House of LaRose, Inc.

John C. Jost

Susan Korosa

Chuck Maroon

Emerson and Katie Marshall

Dennis McAleese

Michael McGuckin

Richard McGuckin

Kathleen Messing

Paul R. Murrow

J. Philip and Mary Karen O'Neil

David L. Osborne

Jeanne Ott

Sholar, Madison, and Olivia Petit

Elizabeth Pinkerton

Lawrence J. Placanica

Mary Kalail Pulekins

John Reichart

Charlotte Hummel Reymann

Jacqueline Savage

Tim Scanlon

Toni Schapansky

Paul J. Slaven

Bill and Linda Wiandt

Victor E. Buehrle, Jr.

Science Lab Fund

Rosemary and Frank Floccari

Mary Ley Burke Scholarship

Thomas and Laurie Burke

Nancy Burke Harmon

Fr. Charles Byrider

Education Endowment

Anonymous

Helen Conway

Thomas Donatelli

Sherri and Steven Gibbon

Pat Groetz

Andrea and George Kneier and Family

David and Penny Labate

Donna Leahy

Denise Leffler

Paula and Frank Maggio

Nancy Mannion

Presper Financial Architects

Judy and Tom Stecz

Dean and Mary Syracopoulos

Genevieve E. Tetzl

Church Improvement Fund

(Includes Contributions and Pledge Payments to the Cornerstone of Our Faith Campaign)

The Adamczyk Family

Anonymous

Ellen and Kevin Audin

Thomas and Christine Baugh

Ray and Andrea Bologna

Ken and Peggy Contrera

Tracie and Jerry D'Antonio

Timothy and Jennifer DelMedico

Dr. Thomas and Kathryn Dietrich

The Freeman Family

Lawrence and Mary Beth Furman

Tony and Tricia Gerak

Heidi and Matthew Heinle

Cathi and Jeff Heitger

John P. Hickey

Walter Kidder

Fred and Jeannie King

Tom and Chris Marks

John Martin

The Nave Family

The Peters Family

Nathaniel and Heather Petersen

James and Rosemary Reed

Orville and Kathy Reed

Joseph and Cheryl Regueiro

Lois M. Reymann

David J. and Kaye M. Rowe

The Ruscak Family

Greg Sain

Stephen V. and Linda Marie Saliga

Charles and Susanne Sassano

Jeff and Cynthia Sheeks

Harry and Cathy Sivec

Maureen Anne Slone

Marcy Smith

Timothy and Lynn Steward

Diane C. Underman

Aretha Wilson

Cleary Family Scholarship Endowment

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cleary

Patricia and Thomas Cleary

Patrick Cleary

Meyo Clarke Comunale Scholarship Endowment

Stephen A. Comunale

Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship Fund

Dayspring Foundation

James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment

Anonymous

James E. and Yvonne Dietrich

Foley Family Adult Religious Education Endowment

Noreen Marie Foley *

Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship Endowment

John and Lois Gerstenmaier

GOAL Endowment

(Graves O'Neill Academic Leaders)
Patrick and Pamela O'Neill

Eugene D. and Marie T. Graham Scholarship Endowment

Marie Karg Graham *

Reverend William D. Karg

Grounds Crew Flower Fund

Shirley Foster

Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund

The Richard M. and Yvonne
Hamlin Foundation

Hank and Eileen Hudson Scholarship Endowment

The Stephen and Carol Jost
Charitable Fund

**Paul A. and Patricia A. Hummel
Bereavement Endowment**

John Whalen

**John and Joan Kelley
Scholarship Endowment**

Jim and Joan Kelley
Mary and Jim Lyons

Dr. Carl Krill, Sr. Family Endowment

Robertta Krill Hawkins
Carl Krill
Kevin and Mary Lynne Krill

**Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lyons, Sr.
Family Endowment**

Mary and Jim Lyons

Music Endowment

Suzanne Barth
Tom and Chris Baugh
Karen W. Feth
The Greer Family
Tracy and Steve Hamilton
Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Leedy
Meg Leister
Harriet and Lawrence Richman
Kathleen Seikel
Frances L. Sharp
Deb and Bob Stevens
Erin Trautmann
Lynne K. Walters
Lois and David Weis
Annemarie Weist
Bill and Linda Wiandt

Natural Family Planning Fund

Daniel Slattery

**James M. Pier, Sr. Scholarship
Endowment**

Tom and Chris Baugh

Plaza Fund (Zwisler Hall)

Commemorative Bricks/Benches

Michelle Balaun
Brian Dettling
Mary Dettling
Sue Dettling
Angela Fanizzi
Louise Anne Hellwig
Francis and Diane Ross
Michelle Ross
Barbara and Pete Stamatis

**Mary Jane Hudak Roberts
Mathematics Endowment**

James E. Roberts Jr. *

**The Lewis and Kathleen Seikel
Scholarship Endowment**

Kathleen Seikel
Mary Kay and Leo * Walter
Sean and Theresa Walter

**Frances L. Sharp Scholarship
Endowment**

Jannis Bachmann
Frances L. Sharp

**Sheeks Family Scholarship
Endowment**

Donn Cramblette

**Social Ministry Christmas Boutique
Sponsors**

Mark and Rebecca Adamczyk
Artists Inc.
Darko Brdarski
Laura and Kenneth Buehner
Laura DiNicola
Lois Gerstenmaier
Michael Kinney and Natalie
Griffin-Kinney
Rachel and Michael Hagenbush
Huckabee Enterprises LLC
Andrea and Eric Jopperi
Mary Jo Kormushoff
Patrick and Pamela O'Neill
Carrie M. Pozsgay
Rubber City Appraisal Studio LLC
The Social Dept. LLC
Daniel and Christine Stummer
VTCA Inc
Woodford Realty Co.
John and Colleen Zografakis

Spectacular General Fund

Anonymous
Ann Amer Brennan
The House of LaRose
The Maynard Family Foundation

**St. Sebastian School Employee
Spectacular Fund**

Tracie and Jerry D'Antonio

St. Sebastian School Fund

Janis Peacock Bellack
Vincent and Jacquelyn DelMedico
Rosemary Flanagan

THE MARY LEY BURKE Scholarship Endowment



The Mary Ley Burke Scholarship Endowment was established in 2019 by Tom Burke '44 in honor of his mother. Mary and Paul Burke were charter members of St. Sebastian in 1928. Paul passed away while relatively young, leaving Mary to raise their three children: Paul Mark Jr., Marjorie Ann, and Thomas Edward. Mary, who was a member of the Ley family that helped establish St. Bernard Church and School, ensured that all three of her children graduated from the new St. Sebastian Parish School.

Mary supported her family with wartime (WWII) office work at the Karg family's industrial company, a long career at the Akron Beacon Journal, and as Akron correspondent for Catholic Universe Bulletin (now Northeast Ohio Catholic). She always had time for her beloved Sanctuary Society at St. Sebastian – her evening with “The Girls.” Mary, who passed away in 1989 at age 91, has 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Two of her grandchildren (her daughter Marge's children, Charlie Crowley '74 and Mary Ellen Crowley Huesken '78) grew up with “Gram” in the parish.

Mary's son Tom was a frequent altar boy for Father Zwisler (before his elevation to Monsignor) and considered him a “beacon” of faith and guidance. Tom carried with him the lessons he learned from growing up in the parish as he pursued his career, rising to senior executive with Marriott Corporation. Now 89, he and his wife, Laurie, live in Hilton Head, SC. Tom and Laurie established the scholarship in the belief that teaching children to have faith in God is the greatest gift we can give them – and our best hope for today's divided world. Tom is especially proud to honor his mom by helping families obtain a St. Sebastian education steeped in God's love.

THE DENISE MAROON FINLEY Memorial Scholarship Fund



The Denise Maroon Finley Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in 2019 in memory of beloved teacher Denise Maroon Finley '65, who passed away August 13, 2019. This scholarship was funded thanks to many generous donations made to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in Denise's honor. The scholarship will be awarded to an eighth-grade student from St. Sebastian Parish School who will be continuing their Catholic education at Archbishop Hoban High School. The award is for \$500 toward freshman year tuition, and the first scholarship was awarded in the spring of 2020.

Denise's family is proud to carry on her love of Catholic education with the establishment of this scholarship. St. Sebastian Parish School was in her veins: Denise attended school here, sent her own children to school here, and taught here for an amazing 23 years. She made an incredible impact on so many students in her time as a teacher at St. Sebastian, and this scholarship will allow that impact to carry on for years to come.

St. Sebastian School Fund cont'd

Alice and Richard Gross
Bill and Anne Hergenrother
Sam Hinkle
Elizabeth and Thomas Indriolo
Joseph and Lina Kloss
Ann and Mary Loftus
Edna McCort
Medina Kennel Club Inc
Medina Swarm Agility

Morabito Family
Charles and Elizabeth Murphy
Pat and Barb Neman
Rob and Marian Olsen
Nancy and Larry Peacock
Regina Petit
Liz and Jim Rhodes
Marilouise Saltis
Carolyn Schmidlin
Kathleen Seikel

Frances L. Sharp
Harry and Cathy Sivec
Lou and Micki Trenta
Mary and David Tschantz
Ronald and Nancy Ulrich

St. Sebastian School Fund:

Project Spruce Up

Patty Abdenour
Steve Abdenour
Akron Children's Hospital Employee
Foundation
Janice Alpeter
Anonymous (4)
Lawrence Aylward
Carol and Mark Bachmann
Joe Bachmann
John and Kathleen Bachmann
Robert Ball
Charles Barresi
Jim and Andrea Barter
Thomas C. Bauer
Linda Becker
Max Bedell
Kathy Coyne Bergh
Bridget E. Beringer
John and Nancy Beringer
Stanley and Lisa Bernat
Barbara Farr Brizes
Teresa Redle Brostowitz
Joan and Bert Brownfield
Bill Burke
Mrs. Marjorie Burkley
Rosanne and Jim Burns
Stephen and Catherine Buschko
Kenneth L. Calhoun Charitable Trust
Albert J. Caliri
Anne Clark
Ken and Peggy Contrera
Charlie Crowley
Edward Dannemiller
Becky and Jeff Davis
Francis J. Del Greco
Mike DelMedico
Michael Demeter
Anne Morgan Dennée
Katherine Furman DesJardins
Richard Desman
Robert Dettling
Ronald and Margaret Elsner
William L. Fanelly
Courtney Gerstenmaier Felton
Dewey and Brendan Ford Family Fund
of The Columbus Foundation
Janie George Frank
Jeffrey Franks

Thomas Freeman
Margaret Freer
Anne Frey
Karen Frey
Colleen Furman
Larry and Mary Beth Furman
Megan Furman
Thomas Gardner
Ronald George
Alice and Richard Gross
Cathleen Cleary Hawes
Louise Anne Hellwig
James T. and Marie Henry
Bill and Anne Hergenrother
Michael Hergenrother
Al and Jennifer Hilkert
Katelyn Holaday
Kathy and Mark Holaday
The House of LaRose, Inc.
The Howland Memorial Fund
Michelle Traverse Huber
Rich and Mary Ellen Crowley Huesken
Paul and Patricia Hummel, Jr.
Alice and Jeff Incorvia
Margaret Karg
Richard A. Keeney
Susan Korosa
Dennis and Darlene Krill
Denise Labut
James LaRose
Ann LaRose-McIntyre
The Lehner Family Foundation
Teddy Ley
Mariwin and William Linsenmayer
Ann and Mary Loftus
Paul and Linda Longville
Sally Longville
Jim Luby
Michael Maloy
Charles Marshall
David and Sherry Marshall
Emerson Marshall
James Maurer
The Maynard Family Foundation
Dennis McAleese
Paul McCann
Michael McGuckin
Theresa and Jim Meadows, II
Alan and Maureen Murrow
David Naples
Jeanne Ott
Barbara and Steve Panzner
Marjorie and Jeffery Parrish
Elizabeth Pinkerton
Mary Pittak
Patricia Post

Joyce Scheatzle Rajki
 Allyn Rose
 Bernard P. Rothermel
 Kaye Kipp Rowe
 Patrick Schwartz
 Jeff Shaffer
 Elaine Markel Shean
 Paul and Laura Sheeks Family
 Foundation
 Marcy Smith
 Terry Steel
 Patricia Snyder Stiller
 William Stiller
 Susie Straits
 Jim and Patti Perkins Taylor
 Brian Thomas
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 Mary Joan (Micki) Trenta
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Patty Abdenour
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**ST. SEBASTIAN
 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE
 Spectacular Fund**



Parishioners Tracie and Jerry D'Antonio established the St. Sebastian School Employee Spectacular Fund in 2019 to provide a steady source of funding for our school's teachers and staff to attend the St. Sebastian Spectacular free of charge. As long-time parishioners who have been active in parish leadership, Tracie and Jerry understand both the importance of the St. Sebastian Spectacular as the school's largest annual fundraiser and the importance of our dedicated teachers and staff as the people who shape the future leaders of our parish and community.

The new fund will pay for tickets for a table of teachers and staff to attend the event, treating the teachers to a well-deserved night of fun, and relieving the event planners of the yearly task of securing a sponsor for the teacher/staff table.

SHAPING A LEGACY OF HOPE FOR ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH



Planned Giving

You can shape a legacy of hope for future generations and ensure the integrity and impact of your family's charitable giving by creating a personalized Planned Gift through the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation.

Planned Gifts are simply donations that will be received sometime in the future. A Planned Gift to the Foundation is a wonderful way to support the parish as a place of hope and worship for future generations.

A Planned Gift is your final and lasting act of stewardship with your parish, and as such is deserving of our deep appreciation. Examples include designating St. Sebastian Parish Foundation as a beneficiary of a will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank account or stock holding.

ARROW SOCIETY

When you include St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in your estate plans and an estate gift is received by the Foundation, your name will be added to our beautiful Arrow Society remembrance plaque in the church narthex.

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 Sally Shantz
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 Jocelyn, and Killian
 Robert Sosenko
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before



after

PROJECT SPRUCE UP!

In honor of St. Sebastian Parish School's 90th anniversary, the Foundation led a fundraising effort called Project Spruce Up, a \$100,000 campaign to refurbish the school's hallways and stairwells.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported Project Spruce Up! We are so appreciative of the generosity of the families, foundations, and individuals – including many of our fabulous alumni – who donated to this important effort.

PHASE 1 of the project included the installation of polymer epoxy coating on all 7,150 square feet of the hallway flooring in the school.

PHASE 2 included repairs and upgrades to the stairwells and the painted portions of the hallway walls.

Project work was completed last summer, so families were welcomed back to school in the fall of 2019 with shiny new floors, beautifully refurbished stairwells, and fresh paint in the hallways!

Donors who made a gift to Project Spruce Up in 2019 are listed on pages 8-9. As of December 31, 2019, the Foundation received nearly \$60,000 in donations – more than halfway to the \$100,000 goal for funding this project! Thank you!

Donations are still being gratefully accepted. Please visit: stsebastian.org/foundation/current-needs to donate online or to learn more about the project. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Holaday at holadayk@stsebastian.org or 330-836-2233 ext. 113.



before



after



before



after

THANK YOU

Gifts in Memory, Honor and Celebration



Gifts in Memory

In memory of the Deceased Classmates of 1958

Dennis McAleese

In memory of the Deceased Classmates of 1971

Mary Ellen Wheeler Padula

In memory of Michael Abbott

The Ryan Family Foundation

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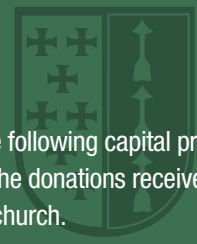
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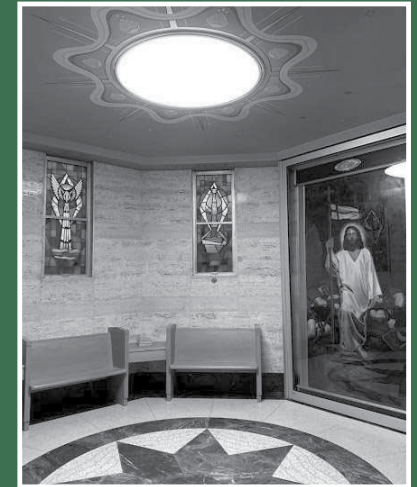
OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS



In addition to Project Spruce Up, the Foundation secured funding for the following capital projects completed in 2019. Special thanks and appreciation are extended for the donations received by the Foundation in order to make these capital improvements to our parish church.

Reflection Room and Accessible Confessional

The former baptistery, located at the west entrance by the bell tower, was renovated to become a Reflection Room that includes inspirational artwork and new lighting as well as pews and, possibly in the future, kneelers. The Reflection Room, which features wide doors and open space, will also serve as a confessional for those with disabilities – a need the church has long desired to fulfill.



Protective Frames for Major Artwork

High-quality, protective metal frames were installed on both of the large, original paintings by artist Eric Armusik. The covers will protect the paintings from damage by light (or by the curious hands of admirers) while they are displayed in the new Reflection Room.



McDonough Library Relocation

The McDonough Library was relocated to the server sacristy room previously used mainly for storage of the servers' vestments, which is located near the south entrance/left side of the altar. The library space was refreshed with new tables and chairs and an area rug. Parishioners now have space to peruse the available materials in a more library-like setting.

Actuator Button Installations

One of the final projects completed as part of the Cornerstone of Our Faith restoration project was the installation of actuator buttons on the doors on the south entrance. The south entrance now offers a second fully-accessible entrance to the church with a ramp. The front entrance on Mull Avenue also has a new ramp and door actuator buttons, which were installed in 2018 as part of the Cornerstone project work.

Covers for Breaking Bread Missals

Protective covers were purchased for all 700 of the Breaking Bread annual missal books. The sturdy plastic covers, combined with the book racks installed in the pews as part of the Cornerstone of Our Faith restoration project, have decreased both the amount of wear and tear on the books and the need to purchase extra books to replace worn out copies.

YOUR GIFT MAKES AN IMPACT!

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation relies on the generosity of our community to help secure a stable future for our parish for generations. Because of generous gifts to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, we are able to help ensure that the traditions of St. Sebastian Parish continue for many years to come. As you consider your annual charitable giving, please consider making a donation to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Your donation will make a real difference, with a measurable impact to our faith community. No gift is too big or too small, and all donations are tax deductible.

Gift Methods

- Cash or check
- Online donations at stsebastian.org/foundation/donate
- Transfer of stock holdings or retirement plan
- Choosing the Foundation as a beneficiary of a will or trust

Gift Designations

- To support the Unrestricted Fund for the parish's greatest current need
- To support any of the over 70 funds and endowments

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In memory of Jane Zachardy
Carole Zachardy

In memory of Monsignor Hilary Zwisler
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Gifts in Honor

In honor of Mike and Pat Bedell
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In honor of John and Nancy Beringer
Tim and Linda Beringer

In honor of Eva Day and Sheila Holmes - Best Friends
Angela Fanizzi

In honor of John and Eva Day - Proud Grandparents
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In honor of Leo and Julia Kalail
Mary Kalail Pullekings

Gifts in Celebration

In celebration of Marion Bray

Thomas F. Bray, Jr.

In celebration of the Marriage of Olivia and William Culver

Deborah A. Roesel Culver

In celebration of The Humility of Mary sisters who taught at St. Sebastian

Susan Korosa

In celebration of the Parish Choir

Lois and David Weis

In celebration of Gregg and Nicole Pier's Sacrament of Marriage

Tom and Chris Baugh

In celebration of Domenica Formento Toffenetti

Andrea Kornbluh

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BOARD MEMBER NEWS

In 2019, the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation welcomed two new members to the Board of Trustees, Amanda Leffler and Sophie Veillette, and said farewell and thank you to Orville Reed, who retired from the board.

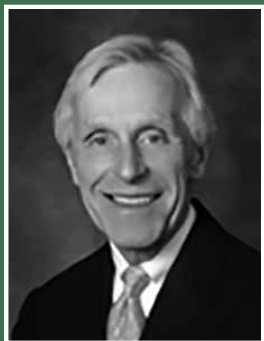
Amanda M. Leffler is Co-Chair of Brouse McDowell's Insurance Recovery Practice Group. Amanda has extensive experience in numerous types of insurance coverage disputes, including general liability, property and business interruption, construction, directors & officers, cyber, professional liability, asbestos, and environmental liability. Amanda also has experience representing companies of all sizes in their business disputes, including employment litigation, construction disputes, shareholder disputes, breach of contract, business torts, and zoning issues. Amanda is currently a member of the Leadership Akron Board of Directors, the United Disability Services Board of Directors, and the Sisler-McFawn Foundation Distribution Committee. She and her husband, Dan, live in West Akron with their two daughters. "My family has been part of the parish since 2017, and my children both attend the school," notes Amanda, "We truly feel blessed to have become part of the St. Sebastian community, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the parish as a member of the Foundation Board."



Sophie Veillette is a Partner with Schulte & Company CPA's Inc., which provides tax, tax planning, business valuation, accounting, payroll, and financial statement services with the personal touch of a local firm. Sophie earned a BS in Accounting from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a Masters in Accounting from University of Illinois, as well as a Masters in Taxation from The University of Akron, and she is also a CPA. Sophie currently serves as treasurer of the Akron Zoo Board of Trustees and Foundation and as treasurer of the Ohio Ladies Golf Association. She is also a member of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, the Akron Chamber of Commerce, and Business Network International. Sophie and her husband, Bob, have been parishioners for over 30 years and live in West Akron. "St. Sebastian Parish has been such an important part of our family life," says Sophie. "It influenced our decision to move to this neighborhood when we came to Akron from Illinois. We wanted our children to be



able to walk to school. We love hearing St. Sebastian's church bells when we work in our yard, passing the church at the beginning and end of every work day, and participating in Mass. Both of our sons graduated from St. Sebastian Parish School, and we have known so many wonderful families here. The Foundation serves our parish in so many wonderful ways; I am honored to be a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees."



Orville Reed is currently a partner in Stark & Knoll's Litigation & Employment Group. In his 40 years of practicing law in Akron, Orville has received numerous professional awards, and he was also honored to receive the 2013 Sir Thomas More Award from the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland for outstanding personal integrity, professional excellence and community service. Orville stepped down from the Foundation Board at the conclusion of 2019, after serving for 19 years. The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is sincerely thankful to Orville for his years of service as well as his expertise and loyalty.

Orville shared these reflections: "When I was first asked to serve on the board of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, I joined a team of veritable all stars: Fr. William Karg, Jim (Mr. "Fix It") Pier, Vince DelMedico, Barbara Sheeks, the ubiquitous Ann Brennan, John Beringer and John ("would you mind speaking up a bit") Kelly. (True, I batted last in the order, but I was playing on the equivalent of the 1927 Yankees.) Under the leadership of these wise titans, the Foundation's corpus grew significantly, the parish's longstanding financial debt to the diocese was eradicated, significant and needed improvements were made to the school, and "Z" Hall was transformed from an old gym/lunchroom into a beautiful, inviting facility that now houses receptions, parties and meetings and is open to everyone.

By the time I tendered my resignation, I was working with the next generation of talented and committed board members: Fr. John Valencheck, Pat O'Neill, Heidi Heinle, Tim DelMedico, Lois Gerstenmaier, Steve Wilt, Brenda Pier Beck, Ken Contrera, Tim Beringer, Amanda Leffler and Sophie Veillette. Although the names and faces changed, the results did not. The corpus continued its remarkable growth, improvements – both aesthetic and structural – were made to the church and the campus, and the needs of the school were always recognized and addressed.

Throughout all the changes I witnessed, there has been a singular constant. Without that one constant, there would be no Foundation and no reason for board membership or board meetings. That one constant is the perpetual generosity of the people of St. Sebastian. It is that constant that turned Fr. Charles Byrider's *dream* of a parish foundation into a dynamic reality. It is that constant that guarantees a bright future for the families of St. Sebastian Parish. Thank you for allowing me to serve."

SNAPSHOT OF THE LAST 10 YEARS

The Foundation provides crucial, annual support to St. Sebastian Parish in so many ways, from support of special ministries and capital improvements for our buildings and grounds, to scholarships and educational supplies for our students and teachers. Listed below is a snapshot of distributions made by the Foundation to the church and school over the last 10 years.

2009					
Bell Tower Repair	\$4,000	GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500	Clergy Enrichment & Seminary Scholarships	\$3,211
Classroom Renovation	\$9,848	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$1,150	Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000
Deficit Reduction	\$60,117	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,075	James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Endowment	\$450
Restricted Accts. Distributions	\$156,063	Music Endowment	\$9,853	Foley Adult Education	\$419
School Financial Aid	\$35,999	Organ System Project	\$1,282	Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,500
		Piano	\$18,441	GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500
		Roof Repairs	\$56,692	Grounds Crew/Flower Fund	\$219
2010		School Door Replacement	\$16,500	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,147
Byrider Boiler Replacement	\$44,766	School Financial Aid and Scholarships	\$83,992	Music Endowment	\$1,990
Byrider Window Replacement	\$10,000	Social Ministry	\$1,277	Natural Family Planning Fund	\$75
Church Bells	\$13,300	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$127	Organ System Project	\$2,326
Classroom Renovations	\$11,666	Vocational Health & Wellness Support	\$474	Catherine Paparella Memorial Scholarship	\$800
Deficit Reduction	\$60,000	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$3,122	Roberts Math Endowment	\$1,086
Endowment Contributions	\$33,473			School Financial Aid	\$96,216
Jesus Shrine	\$22,621	2015		Frances L. Sharp Scholarship	\$1,000
Misc. Items from Directed Funds	\$63,158	AOH Scholarship	\$250	Social Ministry	\$11,131
School Boiler Repair	\$10,700	Art Classroom Supplies	\$1,751	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$1,760
School Financial Aid	\$35,000	Boy Scout Troop #96 Scholarship	\$500	John A. Trecazo Scholarship	\$500
Science Lab Renovation	\$17,625	Brick Parking Lot	\$555,905	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$307
Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$7,561	Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund	\$2,022		
		Byrider Hall Windows	\$4,946	2018	
2011		Clergy Enrichment & Seminary Scholarships	\$2,651	90th Anniversary St. Sebastian Teacher Grants	\$22,500
Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund	\$11,115	Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$500	90th Anniversary St. Sebastian Tuition Freeze	\$22,500
Byrider Renovations	\$18,500	Foley Adult Education	\$386	Boy Scout Troop #96 Fund	\$1,500
Deficit Reduction	\$34,012	Garden Fund	\$327	Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab	\$674
Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovation	\$53,061	Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,000	Clergy Enrichment & Seminary Scholarships	\$4,533
School Financial Aid	\$35,000	GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500	Cornerstone of Our Faith Restoration Project	\$900,000
Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$8,992	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$15,000	Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000
Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$9,020	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,028	James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Endowment	\$638
		iPad Fund	\$9,295	Foley Adult Education	\$404
2012		Music Endowment	\$821	Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$2,000
Art Classroom Supplies	\$3,200	Organ System Project	\$2,928	GOAL Scholarship	\$2,000
Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund	\$4,310	School Financial Aid	\$78,339	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,125
Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000	Frances L. Sharp Scholarship	\$500	Music Endowment	\$1,945
Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,500	Social Ministry	\$13,061	Catherine Paparella Memorial Scholarship	\$400
GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500	St. Anthony Scholarship	\$4,000	Mary Jane Hudak Roberts Math Endowment	\$1,065
Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$2,356	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$4,452	School Financial Aid	\$90,549
Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$983	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$17,227	Frances L. Sharp Scholarship	\$500
Organ System Project	\$125,850			Social Ministry	\$4,200
School Financial Aid	\$35,000	2016		St. Sebastian School Fund	\$4,831
Seminarian Scholarships	\$1,397	AOH Scholarship	\$250	John A. Trecazo Scholarship	\$500
Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$47,925	Boy Scout Troop #96 Scholarship	\$500	Vocational Health & Wellness Support	\$1,616
Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$272	Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund	\$2,638	James R. and Marie T. White School	\$595
		Clergy Enrichment & Seminary Scholarships	\$2,104	Library Endowment	
2013		Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$135
Art Classroom Supplies	\$2,305	Foley Adult Education	\$387		
Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund	\$2,326	Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,500	2019	
Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000	GOAL Scholarship	\$2,000	Clergy Enrichment & Seminary Scholarships	\$2,207
Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,500	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$11,529	Cornerstone Project/Church Improvement Fund	\$207,489
GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,029	Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000
Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$3,270	Music Endowment	\$1,825	James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Endowment	\$715
Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,063	Organ System Project	\$9,861	Foley Adult Education	\$464
Music Endowment	\$1,700	Catherine Paparella Memorial Scholarship	\$400	Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,000
Organ System Project	\$304,462	Roberts Math Endowment	\$979	GOAL Scholarship	\$2,000
School Financial Aid	\$35,000	School Financial Aid	\$78,546	Hummel Breavement Endowment	\$1,182
Seminarian Scholarships	\$1,200	Frances L. Sharp Scholarship	\$500	Music Endowment	\$2,100
Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$6,089	Social Ministry	\$12,355	Project Spruce Up	\$59,986
Vocational Health & Wellness Support	\$916	St. Anthony Scholarship	\$4,000	Mary Jane Hudak Roberts Math Endowment	\$1,150
Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$7,329	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$315	School Financial Aid	\$100,800
		Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$360	Frances L. Sharp Scholarship	\$1,000
2014				Social Ministry	\$27,344
Art Classroom Supplies	\$977	2017		St. Sebastian School Fund	\$36,220
Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund	\$6,946	Art Classroom Supplies	\$1,118	John A. Trecazo Scholarship	\$500
Clergy Enrichment & Seminarian Scholarships	\$4,039	Boy Scout Troop #96 Scholarship	\$500	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$19,070
Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000	Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund	\$7,580	James R. and Marie T. White School Library Fund	\$619
Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,200	Byrider Locker Fund	\$1,125	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$1,248

SINCE 1971, the Foundation has provided over \$11 million to our church and school. The graphics below highlight a portion of the many capital projects completed from 1998-2019 due to the financial support of the Foundation. In addition to these vital efforts to maintain our buildings and grounds, the Foundation also provides support for the greatest needs in the parish, as well as support for scholarships, tuition assistance, stewardship ministries, and special projects/programs.



- 1. St. Sebastian Church**
*McDonough Resource Library
Meeting Rooms
Reflection Room*
- 2. Parish Rectory**
*Parish Pastoral Offices
Priest Residence*
- 3. St. Sebastian Parish School**
- 4. Zwisler Hall**
*Stage, Reception Hall
Commercial Kitchen*
- 5. Beringer Center for Early Learning**
Preschool and Kindergarten
- 6. Byrider Hall**
*Gymnasium, Meeting Rooms 1-4
Good Samaritan Hunger Center*
- 7. Greenhouse/Commons**
- 8. Forest Lodge**
*Lodge Hall and Business Offices
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Offices*

FOUNDATION-FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHURCH AND RECTORY

2017 - 2018 Cornerstone of Our Faith, Church Restoration \$1 million	2005 - 2007 Rectory Repairs \$72,423
2012 - 2013 New Organ System \$430,312	2000 - 2001 Church Sound System \$57,479
2010 Church Bells \$13,300	1999 - 2000 Church Roof Repair \$84,605
2008 Church Exterior Repairs \$61,163	1999 - 2000 Repair & Replace Church Cooling Tower \$19,401
2006 - 2007 Church Chiller \$23,479	

FOUNDATION-FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SCHOOL

2019 Hallway Floors/Stairwells \$59,986	2010 - 2011 Victor Buehrle Science Lab \$28,740	2002 - 2003 Byrider Hall Renovation \$117,383
2015 Brick Parking Lot \$555,905	2010 Byrider Hall Boiler & Window Replacement \$54,766	2001 - 2002 Beringer Center for Early Learning \$665,264
2014 School Doors \$16,500	2007 Playground \$25,000	1999 - 2000 School Computers \$26,295
2014 Jr. High Roof \$56,692	2004 School Fence \$143,634	1999 School Boilers \$52,770
2011 - 2016 Helen Barry Hamlin Library \$86,366	2002 - 2005 Zwisler Hall Renovation \$2,266,120	1999 Parking Lot Lighting \$38,967
2010 - 2015 Zwisler Hall Plaza and Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine \$59,591	2002 - 2003 Buehrle Science Lab \$56,675	1998 - 2019 Tuition Assistance & Scholarships \$1 million +

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