



Dear Friend of St. Sebastian Parish School,

Each year, our parish school hosts our largest fundraiser, the **St. Sebastian Spectacular**. A celebratory evening filled with live entertainment focused on enriching our students' educational experience. The committee and I invite you to attend this year's event on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Over the last 20 years, this event has raised over 1.5 million dollars through our live and silent auctions. Friends like you play an important role in our ability to successfully educate future leaders each year. Some of the prior year's fundraising efforts have allowed us to:

- ...reduce the cost of tuition for *every student* and supplement teachers' salaries
- ...implement technology and support in every classroom
- ...create a state-of-the-art Technology Learning Center and Innovation Lab
- ...purchase new desks and chairs for every classroom
- ...add additional safety and security features to the school
- ...purchase new library furniture to create an updated collaborative space for students

The 2025 **St. Sebastian Spectacular** paddle raise will shine a spotlight on the Arts and Culture, enhancing the well-rounded educational experience that defines our school. Building on the success of the 2024 paddle raise, which revolutionized our Technology Learning Lab with cutting-edge desktop computers and an innovative eSports platform, this year's focus will be on elevating our music, art, and band programs.

The Arts and Culture paddle raise will target key areas for improvement and expansion. In the music and art rooms, we plan to add and update essential storage solutions, ensuring that these creative spaces are both functional and inspiring for our students. The band room will benefit from new acoustical tiles, improving sound quality and providing an optimal environment for music instruction, as well as new instruments and seating in these spaces. Additionally, we aim to acquire safer, more durable choral risers, enhancing the experience of our student performances and ensuring their safety during rehearsals and presentations. Additionally, funds raised with this event will support the school's drama program.

There are multiple ways to show your support this year. In addition to the gracious gift of a monetary donation, we seek items for our Live and Silent Auctions, such as fun-themed baskets, gift certificates, tours, admission tickets, jewelry, art, home décor, or any new item. We offer advertising opportunities in our event program as well. Friends like you play an important role in our ability to successfully educate our future leaders. Please, help us remain a vibrant center for learning and consider supporting our students with a gift to the **St. Sebastian Spectacular**.

All gifts to this fundraiser are tax deductible. If you are able to donate to our event, please direct all offerings to:

St. Sebastian Parish School

Attn: The Spectacular

500 Mull Avenue

Akron, Ohio 44320

spectaculars@stsebastian.org

Your generosity has allowed us to deliver a superior, well-rounded Catholic education for 95 years. We are proud of our legacy and our reputation as an innovative learning environment, centered around family and welcoming of students with diverse backgrounds. Your support of the 2025 paddle raise will help us continue to offer an exceptional, well-rounded education that prepares our students to excel in all aspects of life. Thank you for being a part of our special school community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Anthony Rohr, Principal and The Spectacular Committee