

The Parishioners of St. Sebastian & St. Charles Catholic Churches of McLean County would like to thank all the businesses that help support our bulletin both in the past and the present.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is administered upon request. Parents and Godparents must attend class on Baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact the pastor or the office to set up an appointment for this class at least a month in advance. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic for their child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age, and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

Is anyone sick/admitted in the hospital?

If anyone is sick or admitted in the hospital, please let Pastor know or call the office.

Sacrament of Penance

Sacrament of Penance is administered every Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment at St. Sebastian Church.

<u>Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):</u> Adults interested in becoming Catholic participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith. This is for persons who are seeking baptism in the Catholic Church or full communion with the Catholic tradition through the Profession of Faith, reception of Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are interested, please call the office.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months before the desired wedding date. According to the guidelines of our diocese, you should not make absolute plans for a specific wedding date until after meeting with the pastor. The couple will be required to attend a marriage preparation course which will include at least one formal program such as an Engaged Encounter weekend of the Sponsor Couple Program.

Bulletin Information

Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Sebastian's office by Wednesday. 270-273-3185 or stsebch@outlook.com

St. Sebastian & St. Charles Churches invite you to contact the church office at 270-273-3185 if you or someone you know are unable to come to church due to any type of disability. Do not let this keep you from coming to Mass. We will make every effort to come get you and take you home.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



St. Sebastian Church 180 Hwy 136 West Calhoun, KY 42327

We the people of the Catholic churches of McLean County come together as a loving parish family-reaching out as one, with open hearts, minds and souls to share our love for God and our neighbor centered around the Holy Eucharist.

STAFF & CONTACTS

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ST. SEBASTIAN

Parish Council: Marc Searcy 270-993-8161 Finance Committee: Tony Searcy 270-993-1775 Rel Education Coord.: Lindsay Searcy & Laura Fritz Youth Group: Kevin & Laura Fritz St. Vincent de Paul: 270-499-2309 Knights of Columbus Council 15484: Meet every 3rd Monday at 6pm/St. Sebastian Neil Scott 270-9 Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314 Cathy Burden 270-316-444 Parish Hall Rental: Church Office 270-273-3185 Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185

Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

St. Sebastian will pray the rosary every Sunday at 8:0 Parish breakfast First Sunday of every month after m Donut breakfast all other Sundays after mass.

ST. CHARLES

Parish Council: Christina Hudson 270- 871-6644 Finance Committee: Derek Miller 270-314-2007 Bereavement Committee: Carol Rhodes 270-278-27

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am Parish potluck brunch First Sunday of every mont mass.

ALL ARE WELCOME - IF YOU ARE A VISITOR TO OUR CHURCH, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISHES, CALL 273-3185 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS TO REGISTER.

JANUARY 5, 2025





St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352

	<u>Upcoming Meetings</u> Jan. 6 th - Fish Fry Meeting at 6pm – St. Sebastian Jan. 7 th - St. Sebastain Parish Council at 6pm Jan. 8 th - St. Charles Parish /Finance Council at 6pm Jan. 9 th - St. Sebastian Finance Committee at 6pm
960	<u>Christmas Décor</u> Both churches will be taking down the decorations on January 12 th after the Mass. Your help would be much appreciated.
	Convocation Fr. Jegin will be away for priests' convocation from Jan. 13-16. There will be no daily Mass during this time. Thank you.
993-7370 4-8290 488	<u>Father's Vacation</u> Fr. Jegin will be leaving for India on January 20 th and returning February 27 th . During this time there will be no Vigil Mass. Vigil Mass will return on March 8 th . Also, please be aware of scam calls and text messages. Fr. Jegin will never ask for any money or gift cards through text message.
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759	<u>Condolences</u> We offer our prayers and condolences to Lisa Vaught and Jennifer Ferguson on the passing of their father/grandfather, Charles "Peck" Wahl. <i>Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,</i>
m. hth after	and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today we are celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany means manifestation. This feast is all about Jesus' revelation to Gentiles. "Epiphany" refers to God's self-revelation as well as the revelation of Jesus as His Son. Today's Gospel tells us the story of the magi's encounter with the evil King Herod. The coming of Magi's and their encounter symbolizes three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration. The Gospel narrates three different groups of people and their reaction when they came to know about the birth of Jesus. The first group is headed by King Herod who makes plan to destroy Jesus. The second group is composed of priests and scribes who ignores Jesus. The third group is the magi-who came to offer homage to the Child Jesus. Today, the first question each one should reflect on is, which category do we belong to?

Our great faith teaches us that in the present world Jesus is manifested to each of us in different ways. From the scripture we know that at first God the Father was speaking to us through His Word- the Word of God. Secondly, the Word became flesh through the birth of Jesus and today we should see the presence of God in others. Thirdly, to be with us always, God in His great wisdom instituted the Holy Eucharist. Today, the second question each one should reflect on is what is our attitude towards different manifestations of God in today's world? How do I approach them?

John the evangelist states that, when Jesus came to this world, "the world did not know him and His own people did not receive Him." (Jn1:10-11) The words spoken by the evangelist John is true when we look around the world situations today, sadly we Christians are greatly included in this statement too. Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, our main challenge is to accept Jesus in our lives and make Him known to this world through our lives. To accomplish this great task, our great models today are the wise men from the East, who are not Israelites, but foreigners. Of course, poor shepherds recognized Jesus at His birth. Dear friends, after having celebrated Christmas, this feast of the Epiphany is a wakeup call for each one of us to examine the effort we have made for Christ in this world-to accept and make known Jesus in and through us.

The wise men from the East, as soon as they were made aware of the birth of Jesus, they willingly left everything, their home and country in search of God. In their diligent search for God, they were led to the source of true knowledge-to Jesus Christ, the light and wisdom of God. When they found the newborn

king, they humbly worshiped and gave Him gifts fitting for a King-Gold. Frankincense and Myrrh. Dear friends. from the attitude of wise men, one thing is very clear, that to find Jesus in our lives, we need great determination. If our search for Jesus is sincere, there won't be any difficulty in sacrificing many things in this world and be sure even nature would be supporting us, just like the star which guided the wise men to Bethlehem.

Of course, there will be problems during our diligent search for Jesus like Herod. This is the reason Jesus Himself reminds us that, "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Dear friends, whatever may be the situation, if our search for Jesus is sincere from our heart, we can surely find Him in our lives, because Jesus Christ is the nearest possibility for each one of us. Today, we all know about Christ, now we must make the effort to know Christ, and in order that we should be ready to walk differently, walking differently like the wise men who walked after meeting Jesus in the manger. To inspire us to walk differently, it is important that we taste Jesus first. To reach Jesus, let us not look at the sky for a guiding star, but let us walk through the light that the word of God is giving us, which is the guiding star for us today. May the Good Lord Bless you.

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly, they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man. - St John Chrysostom

Thank You!

We can't express enough how much it meant to us for our church family to help send our daughter to married life. We haven't been able to be at Mas like we would like with Kevin and my dad's health issues and you still stepped up to give Ashley and Josh a wedding shower. You all have a very special place in our hearts. Thank you so much and looking forward to being able to be involved in our family church activities again soon! Many Thanks, Kevin & Lisa Vaught.

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Financial Report – December 29, 2024</u> St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,187.00 weekly.				
Regular Collection	\$2,085.00			
Emergency Fund	\$ 280.00			
Christmas Offering	\$1,395.00			
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00			
Mass Intentions	\$ 130.00			
<u> Financial Report – December 29, 2024</u>				
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,468.00 weekly.				
Regular Collection	\$1,473.00 (+5.00)			
Christmas Offering	\$ 730.00			
Diocesan Collection	\$ 190.00			

Mass Schedule January 5 – January 12

Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Thomas & Janice Hobbs -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Bill & Minnie Logsdon

Monday – Christmas Weekday -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Robert Warren

Tuesday – Christmas Weekday -8:30pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – Isaac Caraway

Wednesday – Christmas Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Beverly Gossett -5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles - Bill & Minnie Logsdon

Thursday – Christmas Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Alexis Abney Scott

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – Christmas Weekday

-3:00pm - Confession -4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian - All Parishioners

Sunday – The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Scott Caraway

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Bill & Minnie Logsdon

Act 2:42 Meeting

St. Charles Acts 2:42 Group will continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month. Come join us on January 12 as we continue to learn and celebrate the Eucharist.

Faith Formation			
January 5 – Class			
January 12 – Class			
January 19 - Class			

Please Pray for our Military

1st Sgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zaremba, Major Jack Kaina, Major Bradley Summers, Lance Corporal Marine Joseph Ryan Hunter, Lt. Col. Michael Rezebek. A.B. Phillip Wilson, Specialist 4 Chaz McKay, Sgt. Adam Dickey, and Joseph Kyle Ward(US Air Force).

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Bernadine Edwards, Charles May, Jerry Abney, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Allison Pinkston, Theresa Rust, Cassie Alexander, Jeanie Wedding, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, Mark Vollman, Chuck Green, Rondy Humphrey, Wesley Robinson, Marie Caraway, Jimmy Tichenor, Rick McCarty, Jason Evans and Cindy Schwartz.

Women's Retreat

St. Charles will be carpooling from the church at 7 AM to the February 8, 2025, Women's Retreat "Joy, Laughter & Holiness" with Jackie Angel in Morganfield. Registration information is available at both churches. Please call Marsha Logsdon 270-836-1883 or Sherry Logsdon 270-316-9718 for carpooling.

Seeds of Faith Book Study Group

Join us every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the St. Charles Parish Hall for a time of faith sharing and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to be a part of our community as we explore and discuss inspiring books together.

"Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms." - St Augustíne

Happy Birthday - St. Charles

Robbie Freels – Jan. 8 Robert Baggett – Jan. 10

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian

Lisa Vaught – Jan. 5 Margaret Dant - Jan. 7

Ministry Schedule Saturday, January 11, 2024

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Susan Lebold Lectors: Jim Lebold

Ministry Schedule Sunday, January 12, 2024

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Neil Scott Laura Fritz Susie Alexander Lectors: Neil Scott April Vicars Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Scott Altar Servers: Joseph Fritz Henry Fritz Money Counters: Cathy Burden Gail Clayton Donuts: Drew & Brianne McCarty

St. Charles

Euch: Min: Scott Staple Marsha Logsdon Lectors: Christina Hudson Geneva Bishop Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. James Logsdon Money Counters: Sherry Logsdon Darrell Bishop