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	 <p>JESUS' BAPTISM</p>	<p>Charlie's Compost  "Your plants will love us." 270-499-1435</p>
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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.

Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):
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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



JANUARY 12, 2025

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

St. Charles Church
506 Hill Street
Livermore, KY 42352

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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Christmas Décor
Both churches will be taking down the decorations today 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.

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 270-993-7370
Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314-8290
Cathy Burden 270-316-4488
Parish Hall Rental: Church Office 270-273-3185
Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185
Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

Father's Vacation
Fr. Jegin will be leaving for India on January 20th and returning February 27th. During this time there will be no Vigil Mass. Vigil Mass will return on March 8th. Also, please be aware of scam calls and text messages. If you happen to get any emails, calls, or text messages in the name of or on behalf of Fr. Jegin please do not respond.

"Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God."
-St. Vincent Ferrer

St. Sebastian will pray the rosary every Sunday at 8:00am.
Parish breakfast First Sunday of every month after mass.
Donut breakfast all other Sundays after mass.

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.

ST. CHARLES
Parish Council: Christina Hudson 270- 871-6644
Finance Committee: Derek Miller 270-314-2007
Bereavement Committee: Carol Rhodes 270-278-2759

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.

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

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, and it marks the official end of the Christmas season. Until yesterday, we celebrated and reflected about the life of the 'infant Jesus', but starting today, we celebrate and reflect about the life of the 'adult Jesus.' With this celebration Jesus officially begins His public ministry. The Baptism of the Lord also invites each of us to renew our Baptismal vows to the Lord and to live for Jesus.

It is great and wonderful to be called "Beloved" by someone, because this word is filled with much love and affection. It is the feeling of being loved by someone. This word contains lots of power, and feelings of safety for each of us. Each of us is the beloved of someone here in the world, and it is the reason we all live in this world. However, at times, we feel insecure and helpless even though we are the beloved of someone in this world, and it gives us the message that love that you and I experience from the other person is not perfect. Now where can we experience this perfect love?

We know that the perfect love never questions, argues and complains about anything. It bears everything for the sake of the other. The symbol of this perfect love could be found only in Jesus Christ, and it is the beginning of this perfect love that we celebrate today through the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear from the Bible that, when Jesus received His Baptism from St. John the Baptist there happened extra ordinary things happened such as: Opening of the Heaven, descending of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the God saying, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." What a beautiful experience Jesus had in His Baptism? Dear friends, believe it or not, it is this great feeling of beloved of the Lord that brought us around this Eucharistic table. As we are participating in this great sacrifice, we are having a baptism into the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus in our lives. But here is the question to be answered; do I experience the same Heavenly experience Jesus had, here in this sacrifice? A time to reflect and rectify our lives and live better to become more beloved.

We are chosen to be the beloved ones of Jesus, but do I consider Jesus as my beloved in my life? To become a beloved one, we need to be like Jesus. We see in the pictures of Jesus' Baptism that, though Jesus is God, He is bowing down before St. John the Baptist to receive Baptism. Secondly, He is not shaky when He receives the Baptism-just stands like a sacrificial Lamb and this unshakable character we can find till the last moment of His death, and that is the authenticity of his responsibility towards His

Father. Now, examine our own baptism and see the difference! When the Holy water falls on our head, we become shaky and cry aloud and this same attitude we see in our faith life too. Very shaky in our faith when difficulties arise in our lives, secondly, we never bow down before others too.

Dear Friends, this feast teaches us a great lesson. The Holy Spirit is the free gift of God from Heaven. If we want Heaven to be opened, and the Holy Spirit to be come down, there is only one way, be ready to bow down before others just as Jesus did. The world will teach us that, we should never bow down before others or never be humble, but Jesus teaches us that we should be ready to humble and bow down before others. This is what Jesus says, "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Yes, it is then we will hear a beautiful voice from Heaven "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." May the good Lord grant us wisdom to be humble before Him always.

Thank you

From the bottom of my heart, I thank each of you personally for your special way of being with me through your Christmas gifts, greetings, love and prayers especially during this Christmas season and for my 20th Ordination Anniversary. You all know how to make someone feel special. In return for your love and prayers, please be sure to count on my special prayers and love for you. God Bless you.

**"Creation" Women's Retreat with Sarah Hart
January 25th 2025**

Registration is now open for this Inspirational Renewal Event for all Generations. As a Grammy-nominated songwriter, recording artist, author, worship leader and leading contemporary Catholic musician. We'll begin to gather with coffee at 9:30am, and the retreat will begin promptly at 10:00 am and run through to 4:00 pm. For those who wish to stay, we will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration and 4:30 pm Vigil Mass. Light refreshments available throughout the day, plus lunch. Minimum suggested donation of \$15 person to cover lunch. Space is limited! Register at holyspiritcatholic.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Financial Report – January 5, 2024	
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,187.00 weekly.	
Regular Collection	\$2,308.00 (-879.00)
Emergency Fund	\$ 270.00

Financial Report – January 5, 2024	
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,468.00 weekly.	
Regular Collection	\$ 450.00 (-1,018.00)
Emergency Fund	\$ 30.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 55.00

**Mass Schedule
January 12 – January 19**

- Sunday – The Baptism of the Lord**
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Scott Caraway*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Bill & Minnie Logsdon*
- Monday – No Mass**
- Tuesday – No Mass**
- Wednesday – No Mass**
- Thursday – No Mass**
- Friday – No Mass**
- Saturday – Christmas Weekday**
-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian – *All Parishioners*
- Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Robert Warren*
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – *Howard Campbell*

LAZARUS RETREAT at Gasper River

February 14-16 2025 for all High School Youth (9th-12th Grades). Gasper River Youth Camp and Retreat Center. So, they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me. And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" John 11: 41-43

The Devil writes down our sins - our Guardian Angel all our merits. Labor that the Guardian Angel's book may be full, and the Devil's empty. – St. John Vianney

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 Guenther, 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, Cindy Schwartz and Gary Daugherty.

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 12 – Class
January 19 - Class
January 26 - Class

Win a New Truck at the Annual St. Mary Magdalene Truck Raffle!!

St Mary Magdalene will be giving away a truck this March at the Fat Tuesday Party. <https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/stmarymagd/truck-raffle>

Cursillo upcoming events

Men's and women's weekends are taking registrations now. Men's weekend is Feb. 27-March 2, 2025. Women's weekend is March 6-9, 2024. For more information or to sign up, contact Christy Allard at (270) 889-1526.

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Eli Hayden – Jan.15

**Ministry Schedule
Saturday, January 18, 2024**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Volunteer
Lectors: Michael Cooper

**Ministry Schedule
Sunday, January 19, 2024**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Mike Vollman
Debra Hamilton
Sid Hayden
Lectors: Cathy Burden
Paula Hayden
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Durbin
Altar Servers: Will Searcy
Liam Cooper
Money Counters: Mike Dant
Mike Hayden
Donuts: Neil & Laurie Scott

St. Charles Euch: Min: Jackie Lee
Lee Edwards
Lectors: Philip Logsdon
Ann Renfrew
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hardison
Money Counters: Pat Martinez
Philip Logsdon