

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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 270-993-7370 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

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.

ST. CHARLES

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

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

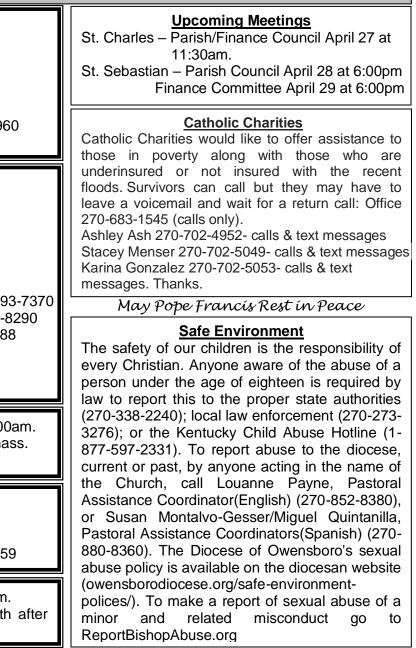
ALL ARE WELCOME - IF YOU ARE A VISITOR TO OUR CHURCH, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISHES, CALL **273-3185** OR STOP BY THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS TO REGISTER.







St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

A priest was pulled over for speeding by a police officer. As the officer was about to write the ticket, the priest said to him, *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."* The police officer gave him the ticket, and said, *"Go, and sin no more."*

The readings of today talk about God's mercy, the importance of true Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer for our liturgy today addresses our heavenly Father as the "God of everlasting Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm, we repeatedly prayed, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!" We all know that God revealed His mercy first and foremost by sending His only begotten Son, who became the corner stone of our faith and our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death, and Resurrection. It is the same mercy of God we experience every time we celebrate each sacrament in our lives.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord's healing love. The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation was intended to comfort and strengthen the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time.

As we reflect about the Gospel of today, the first part of the Gospel talks about how Jesus entrusted His mission of preaching the "Good News" of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation to His apostles. The Risen Lord gives the mission and authority to forgive sins in His Name, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Along with this mission of Jesus to His apostles, let us not forget the condition Jesus has placed through the prayer of Our Father, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespasses against us." Thus, the Gospel of today recalls Jesus' institution of the sacrament of reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. Through the liturgy, the Church has proclaimed the Mercy of God for centuries through the celebration of the Word of God and the celebration of Sacraments. The Gospel also clearly reminds us that the best way of expressing our faith in the Risen Lord is to show mercy to others through our forgiveness. We can't form a lasting Christian community without such forgiveness. Unless we forgive others, our celebration of the Eucharist is just an exercise in liturgical rubrics.

The second part of the Gospel presents the fearless apostle St. Thomas demanding a personal

experience of the risen Jesus as a condition for his belief. Thomas had not been with the Apostles when Jesus first appeared to them. As a result, he refused to believe. When the Lord appeared to Thomas later, He said: *"Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed."* Interestingly, there is never a mention of Thomas touching Jesus' wounds. Thomas was able to overcome his doubts by seeing the Risen Jesus face to face. Modern Christians, who are no longer able to "see" Jesus with their eyes, must believe what they hear. That is why Paul reminds us, *"Faith comes from hearing"* (Rom 10:17).

The declaration of St. Thomas, "My Lord and my God" is significant for three reasons. Firstly, it is the foundation of our Christian Faith. Secondly, Thomas' profession of Faith is the strongest evidence for Jesus' Resurrection. Thirdly, Thomas' profession of faith culminated in his self-surrendering to Jesus, to do anything for Him.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy of Jesus can be easily remembered by simply remembering ABC: **A**-Asking for God's Mercy through our prayers for our sins and for the whole world. **B**-Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and share the same mercy with others. **C**-Completely trusting in Jesus like Thomas. Yes, we can receive God's mercy only through our trust in the Lord. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. **God Bless.**

Quilt of the Month Club tickets still available! Order by May 1st

It's not too late to get your name into the monthly Quilt Club drawings at Mount Saint Joseph! We still have some Quilt Club tickets for 2025-26. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The first drawing took place on April 8, but you can still get 11 chances to win a new handmade quilt -- for just \$25 – if you sign up by May 1. A lucky winner's name is drawn on the first Friday of each month from April 2025 through March 2026. Watch the drawings live on the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Facebook page at noon Central Time: <u>www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj</u>. Call 270-229-2008, email <u>carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org</u> or order online at <u>https://ursulinesmsj.org/quilt-club/</u>

Thank you for your generous contributions. <u>Financial Report – April 20, 2025</u> St. Sebastian- <u>Amount Needed: \$3,187.00 weekly.</u>

Regular Collection	\$3,711.00 (+524.00)
Emergency Fund	\$ 60.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 345.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 226.00
Financial Report -	- April 20, 2025
St. Charles - Amount Need	led: \$1,468.00 weekly.
St. Charles - <u>Amount Need</u> Regular Collection	ded: \$1,468.00 weekly. \$1,488.00 (+20.00)

Mass Schedule April 27 – May 4

Sunday – Divine Mercy Sunday -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Thomas & Janice Hobbs -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Lauretta M. Adkins

Monday – Easter Weekday -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Jim Hendrickson

Tuesday – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Jason Evans

Wednesday – Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Deceased members of the Bickett Family -5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles For the return of fallen away Catholics

Thursday – Easter Weekday -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Betty Bickett

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – Sts. Philip and James, Apostles (Feast) -3:00pm - Confession -4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – All Parishioners

Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Bill & Irene Tichenor

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

"One thing alone sustains me and that is Holy Communion. From it I draw all my strength; in it is all my comfort. ... Jesus concealed in the Host is everything to me. ... I would not know how to give glory to God if I did not have the Eucharist in my heart". - Diary of St. Faustina, -1037

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, Theresa Rust, Cassie Alexander, Jeanie Wedding, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, Mark Vollman, Chuck Green, Rondy Humphrey, Wesley Robinson, Marie Caraway, Jimmy Tichenor, and Jason Evans.

