

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Do you know someone who knows all about anything and everything in this universe? Even though science claims to have the knowledge of many things they don't have answers for everything. It is where science fails to answer, religion and faith begins their role in this universe. There are many things beyond the explanations of science, and as a religious person we have to approach them with our faith to understand them, and that is why Jesus says to us in today's Gospel-"*They shall all be taught by God.*" There are many things we need to be taught by our God and they are called mysteries. Yes, to understand the mysteries we need the wisdom of God.

As the children of the Holy Catholic Church we are called to believe in many mysteries. The Gospel of today is asking us to believe in one of the mysteries of the Holy Catholic Church: the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus says to us very clearly; "*I am the bread that came down from heaven.*" By hearing this statement from Jesus, the Gospel says that "*His own people murmured about Him.*" Dear friends, if we approach the Holy Eucharist with a scientific mind, we will never be able to experience Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and as a result we will have many questions like the Jews in today's Gospel. Be sure, everyone who approaches the Holy Eucharist with a scientific mind has left the Catholic Church by murmuring-I don't get anything out of the Holy Eucharist, mass is boring, it is a waste of time etc.

If anyone sitting in this Church has any kind of murmuring in your mind about the Holy Eucharist, Jesus says "*Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day.*" By this statement Jesus also reminds us that we are here in this celebration because of the grace of God. Yes, we all need a special grace of God to be part of this Eucharistic celebration. So let us be thankful to God for drawing us to His table of love.

There is no doubt the Holy Bible will be like any other book if we read it with our mind to get some knowledge, but if we read with our hearts and faith, it becomes a Holy Book. In the same way it is difficult for an ordinary person to believe the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, but remember we are not ordinary people, we are specially chosen by God through our Baptism with the gift of faith. It is to His faithful Jesus says, "*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*"

Dear friends, finally I would like to remind you again

that the Holy Eucharist is a mystery and the wisdom of God is to be with us always and forever. To experience this mystery and the wisdom of God, we all need the grace of faith in our lives. As we continue to celebrate this mass let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to give us grace of faith to experience Him in our lives in this Holy Eucharist. Eucharistic Lord, give us a new life and a new life to this world that we may find peace and happiness in you. Amen. **Blessings!**

Marriage Enrichment

Grace marriage is a quarterly, small group model of marriage enrichment where couples spend 6 hours every 90 days investing in their marriage. The diocese is expanding from three locations to five location in 2021, including Owensboro, Whitesville, and Henderson. Registrations opens in July. Groups start in August. For more details, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage. For other marriage enrichment opportunities, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment

Knights of Columbus

Meeting August 16th 7PM

Diocesan Advent Convocation

Bishop Medley invites you to Save the Date for our fourth annual Evangelization event which will take place during Advent this year. This event is for all priest, deacons, religious, schools and parish staff and will be held on December 2, 2021 at the Owensboro Convention Center. More details coming soon!

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary replaces the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time as a Holy Day of Obligation, only the Mass of the Day may be Celebrated. (ritual and funeral Masses are prohibited: weddings and funerals may be celebrated outside of the Mass).

"The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God."
St. Catherine of Siena

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to Our Churches during this unfortunate time. God Bless & Be Safe.

Financial Report - August 1, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 3360 + 476.44
Emergency Fund \$ 520

Financial Report - August 1, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 1265 + 206.78
Emergency Fund \$ 185
Cemetery \$ 9,502.58

Mass Schedule

August 8 - August 15

Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Thomas & Bernice Hobbs

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

Mary Rose Shultz

Monday - Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Jimmy Clayton

Tuesday - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (Feast)

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Tichenor-Leachman Families

Wednesday- St. Clare, Virgin (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Thursday - Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Alvin Bickett

-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles

John Miller, Jr.

Friday - Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Joe Bickett

Saturday- St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr (Memorial)

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian

Lisa Young

Sunday - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Wendell & Martine Calhoun

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

John Miller, Jr.

Ministry Schedule

August 14, 2021

St. Sebastian

Lector: Michael Cooper

August 15, 2021

St. Sebastian

Euch. Min: Kim Cooper
Lector: Neil Scott & Marie Caraway

St. Charles

Euch. Min: Sherry Logsdon
Lector: Marylyne Miller & Lee Edwards

Rural Life Celebration

This event has been postponed. A new date has not been set at this time.

CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic

- Unvaccinated and over the age of two are strongly recommended to wear a facemask properly.
- Those who have been fully vaccinated may make their choice on wearing facemask.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus be encouraged to remain home.

31st Marian Congress Oct. 17

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, 2-4 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Center, 434 Church Ave., Bowling Green, KY, 42101. (270) 842.2525. Theme: Mary and Joseph Refuge Of Our Time. Presented by: Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM. Program: Confession & Reconciliation, Crowning of Mary Statue, Talk by Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM, Procession, Mass.

Preschool Registration

St. Sebastian Preschool Registration has already started. 4 year old classes are filling up quickly. Please call the church office if you are interested in sending your child to preschool this upcoming school year.

St. Sebastian - Anniversary



James & Alice Durbin - August 11

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Sherry Abney - August 8
Phillip Wilson - August 10
Jimmy Rice - August 13

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Brayden Michael Bishop - August 8
Mary Lynne Logsdon - August 8

Please Pray for our Military

MMN1 Andrew Logsdon, SSgt. 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 Corpsman Aly Franklin

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Jimmy Clayton, Pat Calhoun, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Nowak, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Jacinta Tichenor Peters, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, and Lance Green