

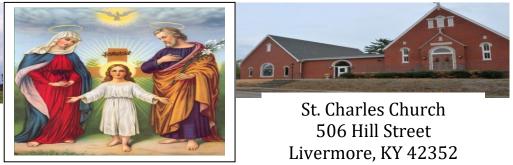
Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Sebastian's office by Wednesday. 270-273-3185 or stsebch@outlook.com

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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

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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: Neil Scott 270-993-7370 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 270-278-278

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00an 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.

AUGUST 8, 2024

| 960 | <u>Wedding Shower</u> Celebrate the union of Ashley Vaught and Josh Badertscher with a joyous wedding shower! Gather after Mass on August 11th in the church hall to shower the couple with love, prayers, and gifts. Let's make it a memorable occasion for them! | |
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| | Attention Please! – St. Sebastian | |
| -8290 88 | Community support is a cornerstone of any congregation, and the initiative to assist families with children in Catholic schools is a testament to this spirit. A survey is already sent to your home. This survey represents an opportunity for parishioners to express their views on financial aid, ensuring that all voices are heard in the decision-making process. Your participation is not only appreciated but also crucial in shaping the support structure within the church community. Please turn in your surveys to Fr. Jegin by August 31 st . If you have not received one, please contact Fr. Jegin. Thank you. | |
| 00am. Iass. | <u>Thank you</u> A big Thanks to the Bickett Family. Though our beloved Betty Bickett is no longer with us physically she continues to support our Church family with a generous donation of \$10,000. We hope and pray that you are in the good hands of the Lord. May her Soul Rest in Peace. | |
| 59 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) | |
| n. th after | Mass at St. Charles - August 14 th at 5:30pm. Mass at St. Sebastian – August 15 th at 6:00pm. <i>There will be no morning mass at St. Sebastian on</i> <i>August 15th.</i> Thank you. | |

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

After the successful mission trip of the disciples, people from different towns followed Jesus and His disciples. However, the intention of the people who followed Jesus and His disciples were not in accordance with the real purpose of their mission of the Kingdom of God. The Gospel of last weekend had clearly stated this by saying, "A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick." However, Jesus did not say a word against them, rather understanding the situation Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish and fed them all.

Despite all the wonderful things Jesus performed, people failed to understand the very core of His missionary work, so Jesus gets so upset and tells them to their face, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." Though this comment of Jesus may appear to be an insulting one, Jesus wants to make a point clearer to His followers that. He is not concerned about the number of people following Him, but rather the guality of faith people has in following Him. Dear Friends, just like Jesus, if I happened to make a comment saving that you are all coming to the church only to get some material blessings, not any spiritual blessings, what would be your reaction? I am sure many pews will be empty by next Sunday. There is no doubt, God is good, kind, merciful, compassionate etc., but if we approach God with wrong intention, He can get upset with us; thus, there is every possibility that we can miss His blessings in our lives. What should be the right intention? The Gospel of Mathew 6:33 says, "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. and all these things will be given you besides."

As we reflect on the readings of today, all the readings remind us to place our trust in the Lord. The first reading reminds us of the saying: "A hungry man is an angry man." Due to hunger, the Israelites murmured and revolted against Moses, and God. They doubted and put God to the test. They forgot how good and merciful God has been to them and how He separated the Red Sea and defeated their enemies to save them. Despite all their unfaithfulness, God proved that He is a great provider. They complained, "we have no bread!" God sent them manna from heaven. They grumbled: "Now we eat only bread every day and no meat!" God gave them quail. They complained: "We are dying of thirst!" And He gave them water from the Rock (Ex 17:6) The restrictions imposed by God for collecting the manna remind us to trust that God will always provide according to our need, not according to our desire. In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Ephesians to satisfy their spiritual hunger by turning

away from their former evil ways and lead a life of love, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Paul reminds us that our acceptance of Jesus as the Real Source of our Life and nourishment for our souls brings a total transformation in us.

In the Gospel, Jesus read the mind of the people following him. He performed the miracle of the multiplication of bread and fish out of necessity. However, like the Israelites. His followers become obsessed with food. They were carried away by physical hunger. They came to search for their daily bread but failed to recognize that Christ was the bread of life. So, Jesus makes a unique, and bold claim: "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst." Jesus was offering the crowd Bread from Heaven, Bread that nourishes for eternal life, Bread available to people who have Faith in Jesus Christ. An important lesson for us today is that when we pay too much attention to material things, we forget the spiritual meaning of life. So, our relationship with God and others must not be based only on how much material things we can get from them. Let us ask the Lord for a grace to have a healthy relationship with Him. God Bless.

St. Charles Cemetery

A question was brought up about the cost of the cemetery plots, it was believed to have been voted on in the past to increase the price. After reviewing Parish Council meeting minutes from 1/23/2014, it was discovered that the price of the plots should be \$500 for members and \$900 for non-members. From now on this will be the set price of the cemetery plots.

RCIA Program

If you know someone interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact the church office. Thank you.

The Diocese of Owensboro has multiple marriage preparation opportunities in the coming year:

PreCana August 17th Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center, Bowling Green, KY Engaged Encounter October 19-20th Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center, Bowling Green, KY Learn more and register by visiting our webpage (owensborodiocese.org/marriage-preparation/)

| <u> Financial Report – July 28, 2024</u> | | | | | | |
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| St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,187.00 weekly. | | | | | | |
| Regular Collection | \$ 1,3 | 391.00 | | | | |
| Emergency Fund | \$ | 30.00 | | | | |
| Diocesan Collection | \$ | 10.00 | | | | |

| <u>Financial Report – July 28, 2024</u> St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,468.00 weekly. | | | | | | |
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| St. Charles - Amount Need | ea: | \$1,468.00 Weekiy. | | | | |
| Regular Collection | \$ | 1,335.00 | | | | |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ | 2.49 | | | | |
| In memory of Mike Hayden | \$ | 575.00 (cemetery) | | | | |

Mass Schedule August 4 – August 11

Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Kristin Powers* -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *John Miller*

Monday – Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Malcolm Neel

Tuesday – The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast) -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian *Catholic College Students*

Wednesday – Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Brenda Payne -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – John Halterman

Thursday – St. Dominic, Priest (Memorial) -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Rosie Shade*

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast) -3:00pm – Confession, -4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – All Parishioners

Sunday – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Scott & Marie Caraway

-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles

Lauretta Evans Adkins

The Journey Young Adult Hike Oct. 18-20, 2024

An intentional space for reflection, prayer, retreat, fellowship, and adventure hosted by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry utilizing the North Trail at Land Between the Lakes. Please feel free to reach out to Charlie Hardesty at charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org with questions. https://owensborodiocese.org/journey-retreat/

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 Corpsman Aly Franklin.

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Serena Cooper, Cindy Miller, 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 and Wesley Robinson.

Ursuline Sisters launch 54th Raffle!

Drawing is Sept. 8. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating 150 years in 2024. This year's tickets are still just \$5 each. The top prize is \$10,000! Participants could also win \$5,000, \$2,000, and a handmade queen-size quilt with a value of at least \$1,000. The drawing will take place on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, at 4 p.m. in Maple Hall at Mount Saint Joseph, at the conclusion of Quilt Bingo.

Please pray for the flood victims in India.

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian Matt & Patricia Hayden – August 6 Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian

Cindy Durbin – August 5 Carley Ferguson – August 5

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Stella Freels – August 7 Brayden Bishop – August 8 Mary Lynne Logsdon – August 8

Ministry Schedule Saturday, August 10, 2024

<u>St. Sebastian</u>

Euch. Min: Katie Murphy Lector: Paula Tichenor

Ministry Schedule Sunday, August 11, 2024

| St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Ma | arc Searcy |
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| | athy Burden |
| Lectors: Dr | ew McCarty |
| Ga | ail Clayton |
| Gift Bearers: Mr | . & Mrs. Justus Hayden |
| Altar Servers: Ev | /ie Searcy |
| A | nnie Searcy |
| Money Counters: Pa | atricia Hayden |
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| Donuts: D | ebra Hamilton |
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<u>St. Charles</u> Euch: Min: Derek Miller Teresa Marcum Lectors: Philip Logsdon Ann Renfrow Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Derek Miller Money Counters: Pat Martinez Philip Logsdon