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	 <p>First Sunday of <i>Advent</i></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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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



St. Charles Church  
506 Hill Street  
Livermore, KY 42352

**DECEMBER 1, 2024**

*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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**Advent Penance Service**  
The Advent Penance Service will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for both churches. Please take advantage of this opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord and others. Thank you.

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception of the BVM**  
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.  
St. Charles – Mass at 9:30am.  
St. Sebastian - Mass at 6:00pm.

**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 270-314-8290  
 Cathy Burden 270-316-4488  
**Parish Hall Rental:** Church Office 270-273-3185  
**Cemetery:** Church Office 270-273-3185  
**Altar Society:** Brianne McCarty

**Advent Reflection**  
There are extra copies of the Advent reflection book, "The Word Among Us" Mass booklets, please take one per family.

**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.

**Anointing of the Sick**  
Th sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses.

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

**Focus on Faith**  
The next Focus on Faith meeting with Sister Ann from Mount St. Joe will be held on December 12 at 10:30 AM in the St. Charles Church Hall. We will begin our reading and discussion of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist." Please join us for an informative and interesting discussion.

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

**Faith Formation**  
 December 1<sup>st</sup> – No Class - Thanksgiving Break  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> – Class  
 December 15<sup>th</sup> – Class  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Party at 5:00pm  
 December 29<sup>th</sup> – No Class - Christmas Break

**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 is the first Sunday of Advent, and we start a new liturgical year, Year C. This first Sunday of Advent reminds us that Christmas is just around the corner, but to reach that final day, we need to make a lot of preparations. So, it reminds us that everything is not quite right with our world. No doubt, there are many problems in the world and in the lives of people. As Christians, we have many guidelines and warnings through the Word of God, to lead a happy life, but still, all are not happy in their life, because they don't follow Jesus and His will in their lives. No doubt, all problems need to be fixed, and the only way is to mend and repair with Christ, the Creator.

The first reading of today reminds us that the advent season is a time of restoration of our hope and faith in the Lord. In the second reading St. Paul teaches us about restoring our faith and hope in the Lord, "May he confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints." Yes, it is the holiness of our heart that matters. Sad to say, today many Christians believe that holiness is unattainable. Yet, it is a necessary condition for seeing and meeting the Lord because, "Without holiness, no man can see the Lord" (Heb 12, 14). So, it means that despite the difficulties we face in the process of attaining holiness in our lives, we should not lose our hope in the Lord, rather as the Gospel recommends, "we should always be vigilant and pray that we will have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." This is a call to strengthen our prayer life. Yes, prayer provides us the spiritual energy, courage, and confidence to stand firm while waiting for our Lord's coming.

Once a boy was trying to climb a big tree and the father who saw his son climbing did not stop him but was watching him. The tree did not have limbs in the bottom part, so it was very difficult for the boy to climb up; however, he tried to reach on to the stage where the tree had more limbs to get on to the top of the tree very easily. Since then, the father began to remind his son often; "my son, be careful." As the son was coming down from the tree, the father continued the same warning until the boy reached the area where the tree had no limbs. After coming down from the tree, the son asked, "Dad, it was difficult for me to climb and come down from the tree where there were no limbs, at that time you never warned me to be careful. But when there were more limbs to hold and get support, you constantly warned me to be careful." The father replied, "Dear son, when things are easy it is common that, we won't be careful, and it is then we make mistakes. But when things are not easy at all, we will automatically be careful without anybody's

warning." I think the message of the father to the son is applicable to all of us.

When things are going well with us, we tend to take everything for granted and don't care much about our life in conformity with the will of God. Yes, when we are well off in our lives, we make all kinds of excuses for not finding time for God, and more possibility for spoiling our lives. But as Christians, we are called to give priority to God and to His will in our lives. If we don't do our part, how can we blame God, when things are going wrong in our lives? There is no doubt; materialism in this world diminished the need for God in the lives of many people.

Even though, we fall away from God, still God is merciful, and He blesses us with one more day. This day and this moment are a God given chance to enjoy our life in Him through our true repentance. The prodigal son was able to enjoy the love of his father, because he was ready to get up from his failure. The same way, the Gospel of today is a wakeup call to change our attitude and life and turn toward God. Yes, "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." **God Bless.**

*Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord.*

**Christmas Camp - Gasper River**

Christmas Camp is from Sunday, Dec. 29 to Wednesday, Jan. 1. It is open to 8th grade and high school students (a great way for 8th graders to meet the kids they will be going to Camp LIFE with next summer and for high school campers to reconnect with old friends).

Christmas Camp is much more laid back than summer camp; campers still do all the activities, celebrate the Sacraments, and have Mass and Adoration, but with a more relaxed atmosphere. It's a great way to end one year and begin the next!

This year our theme is "Hope does not disappoint". We will be diving into Pope Francis' message on the 2025 Jubilee Year. Please visit our website, [www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org) for more information.

*Thank you for your contributions to both churches.*

**Financial Report – November 24, 2024**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,187.00 weekly.**

Regular Collection	\$1,567.00 (-1,620.00)
Emergency Fund	\$ 150.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 25.00

**Financial Report – November 24, 2024**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,468.00 weekly.**

Regular Collection	\$1,772.00 (+304.00)
Mass Intentions	\$ 25.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 70.00

**Mass Schedule  
December 1 – December 8**

**Sunday – First Sunday of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Betty Minter*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Pody & Catherine Higdon*

**Monday – First Week of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Robert Warren*

**Tuesday – St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Evelyn Drury*

**Wednesday – First Week of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Thomas Drury*  
-5:30pm - Vigil Mass at St. Charles – *Lucille Walker*

**Thursday – First Week of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Marie Caraway*

**Friday – No Mass**

**Saturday – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

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

**Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Bruce Howard*  
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles - *Randy Joe Marcum*

**Eucharistic Revival Gathering**

It is to remind you that the Eucharistic Revival gathering is on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at the Owensboro Convention Center. Doors open at 9:30am with coffee and breakfast items. Our day will begin at 10:00am and conclude at 3:00pm. If you have given your name to Fr. Jegin to attend this meeting, please do not fail to attend.

*"May we let ourselves be drown by the light of God made man."*  
- Pope Francis

**Please Pray for our Military**

1<sup>st</sup> 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, and Sgt. Adam Dickey.

**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, Rony Humphrey, Wesley Robinson, Marie Caraway and Jimmy Tichenor.

**Advent Penance Services**

Dec. 2 - Mount St. Joseph at 6:00pm  
Dec. 10 – St. Sebastian at 6:00pm  
Dec. 11 – St. Martin at 6:00pm  
Dec. 12 – Precious Blood at 6:00pm  
Dec. 16 - Immaculate at 6:00pm  
Dec. 17 – St. Alphonsus at 6:00pm  
Dec.19 – St. Peter, Stanley at 6:00pm  
Dec. 22 – St. Stephen Cathedral at 2:00pm

**Happy Birthday - St. Charles**



Kevin Fee – Dec. 1  
Michael Lee – Dec. 4  
Matthew Miller – Dec. 4

**Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian**



Chuck Cheatham – Dec. 2  
Elizabeth Searcy – Dec. 4  
Molly Hayden – Dec. 5  
Patricia Hayden – Dec. 6

**Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian**



Mark & Paula Hayden – Dec. 3  
Sid & Jordan Hayden – Dec. 3

**Ministry Schedule  
Saturday, December 7, 2024**

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

**Ministry Schedule  
Sunday, December 8, 2024**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Mike Vollman  
Debra Hamilton  
Sid Hayden  
Lectors: David N. Scott  
Stacy Green  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Cheatham  
Altar Servers: Jude Cooper  
Alastair Cooper  
Money Counters: Cathy Burden  
Gail Clayton  
Donuts: Todd & Cathy Burden

St. Charles Euch: Min: Derek Miller  
Teresa Marcum  
Lectors: Philip Logsdon  
Ann Renfrow  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. John Logsdon  
Money Counters: Pat Martinez  
Philip Logsdon