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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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



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



St. Charles Church  
506 Hill Street  
Livermore, KY 42352

**MARCH 23, 2025**

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**This Lenten Season, Make a Difference**  
 Please consider making a monetary and or food donation to St. Vincent de Paul, St. Sebastian Conference during this sacred time. Your support can bring hope and help to those in need in McLean County. God Bless.

**Offertory Envelopes – St. Sebastian**  
 We have transitioned to having our offertory envelopes delivered by mail on a bi-monthly basis. The first shipment is scheduled to arrive by April 1st. If you have not received your envelopes by this date, please contact the office for assistance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

**Lenten Penance Service**  
 St. Sebastian – April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm  
 St. Charles – April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Holy Week**  
 We need volunteers for Holy Week Liturgies. This year the Easter Vigil Mass will take place at St. Charles. The sign-up sheets are available on the table. Your assistance is kindly requested.

**Catholic Relief Services**  
 There is a special collection for Catholic Relief Services on the weekend of March 29 & 30. For more details, please read the bulletin insert. Please be generous with the appeal. Thank you.

**Lenten Eucharistic Adoration**  
 During the Lenten season, we invite you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Friday 9:30am-3pm at St. Sebastian and every Wednesday 12:30pm-5:30pm at St. Charles. The sign-up sheet is located on the table. Thank you.



**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

There is the story of a young woman who talked to her pastor about the sin of pride. She said, "Every Sunday I come to church and look around and think to myself-I am the prettiest girl in the church. I try hard to stop this thinking, but I just can't. Am I horribly sinful?" The pastor looked at her and said, "No dear, not horribly sinful; just horribly mistaken."

The three readings of this Sunday speak of God's mercy and compassion to His children despite their repeated sins. Readings also remind us that through occasional punishment in the form of natural or manmade tragedies, God also tries to discipline His children. Thus, God expects us to show our repentance and renewal of life in Him by producing the fruits of love, mercy, forgiveness, etc.

The first reading tells us how God showed His mercy to His chosen people of Israel by giving them Moses as their leader and liberator. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob revealed Himself to Moses from the burning bush and assured him of His presence with the people of Israel during their journey to the promised land. God declared His intention to use Moses as the leader who would rescue His people and lead them to the promised land a "land flowing with milk and honey." The second reading warns us that our merciful God is also a disciplining God. Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth that they must learn from the sad experience of the unfaithful Israelites in the desert who were punished for their sins by a merciful and just God. The merciful and gracious God is also just and demanding; and so, we must turn away from our sinful ways of life.

Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people and invites them to repent of their sins, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. As we reflect about the Gospel of today, we can see three kinds of tragedies are mentioned. Firstly, human tragedy caused by evil people; secondly natural tragedy caused by accidents or natural calamities and thirdly the greatest tragedy of eternal separation from God in hell. Many of us have experienced the effects of the first two tragedies. Citing two tragic local incidents in today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the Jews and us to repent of our sins by saying, "... unless you repent you will all likewise perish," so that they may not face the greatest human tragedy-eternal damnation. By citing two tragic events, Jesus also warns his listeners not to spend their precious time worrying about the guilt of others, but to concentrate on examining their own lives, and their own need for repentance and forgiveness.

Since many centuries, may people ask the question-why do innocent people suffer? Though most of the

situations, most of us may not have a convincing answer, Jesus' life is the clearest evidence that innocent people suffer and always sin is not the reason for the suffering. At the same time sin can lead to tragedy but not every tragedy is the result of sin. On the one hand, Jesus says that those who do not repent will perish but on the other hand, Jesus also tells us a parable about the patience of God. The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel. As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance. Through this parable, believers are reminded of the patience of a God Who is willing to give sinners chance after chance to reform their lives and to seek reconciliation. Even when sinners waste or refuse those chances, God, in His mercy, allows still more opportunities for them to repent. Just as the farmer tended the barren fig tree with special care, God offers graces to sinners to leave their sinful ways behind and return to God's love and mercy. Divine grace is expressed as justice with compassion, and judgment with mercy. But we cannot continue to draw strength and sustenance from God without producing fruit. God does not tolerate this type of "spiritual unproductiveness." So, Jesus reminds us again, "... unless you repent you will all likewise perish," During this Holy Mass, let us ask the grace of the Lord to give us a contrite heart. **God Bless.**

*"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."  
(Proverbs 19:17)*

**Diocese of Owensboro Men's Retreat**

The Diocese of Owensboro is excited to offer an overnight men's retreat April 25-26, 2025 at Rough River Dam State Resort Park located at 450 Lodge Road, Falls of Rough, KY 40119. The retreat will begin Friday evening and end at 3:00pm Saturday. We welcome John Edwards, host of the *Just a Guy in the Pew* podcast as our retreat host. To register and see a schedule of events visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/cor-retreat/>

Thank you for your continued support.

**Financial Report – March 16, 2025**

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

Regular Collection	\$3,310.00 (+123.00)
Emergency Fund	\$ 260.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00

**Financial Report – March 16, 2025**

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

Regular Collection	\$1,928.00 (+460.00)
Emergency Fund	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 95.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 40.00
Cemetery	\$ 100.00

**Mass Schedule  
March 23 – March 30**

**Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Guy & Virginia Anderson*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Betty Abrams*

**Monday – Third Week of Lent**

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

**Tuesday – The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Beverly Gossett*

**Wednesday – Third Week of Lent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Deceased members of the Bickett family*  
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles  
*For all who suffer from addiction*

**Thursday – Third Week of Lent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Gates & Trudy Tichenor*

**Friday – Third Week of Lent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Betty Bickett*

**Saturday – Third Week of Lent**

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

**Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Thomas & Janice Hobbs*  
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles - *Katherine Roberts*

**Volunteer Opportunity with Catholic Charities**

The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers. A wonderful opportunity to live out your faith in action. How to Get Involved: Contact Kathy Doup to learn how you can make a difference. Email: [Kathy.doup@pastoral.org](mailto:Kathy.doup@pastoral.org) ☎ : 270-683-1545 ext. 387

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

**Lenten Penance Services**

St. Peter of Alcantara – March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
**St. Sebastian – April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm**  
St. Alphonsus – April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
Immaculate – April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
St. Martin – April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
**St. Charles – April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
Precious Blood – April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
St. Stephen Cathedral – April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

**Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian**



Chuck & Becky Cheatham – March 29

**Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian**



Brianne McCarty – March 27

*"My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words."* -St. Therese of Lisieux

**Happy Birthday - St. Charles**



Philip Logsdon – March 23

**Ministry Schedule  
Saturday, March 29, 2025**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Katie Murphy  
Lector: Paula Tichenor

**Ministry Schedule  
Sunday, March 30, 2025**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Mike Vollman  
Debra Hamilton  
Sid Hayden  
Lectors: Lindsay Searcy  
Kathy Hudson  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hayden  
Altar Servers: Jude Cooper  
Alastair Cooper  
Money Counters: Gates Tichenor  
Kellie Watkins  
Donuts: Mike & Margaret Dant

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee  
Lee Edwards  
Lectors: Anna Miller  
George Rhodes  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Dotson  
Money Counters: Lee Edwards  
Candace Miller