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The Parishioners of The St. Sebastian & St. Charles Catholic Churches of McLean County
Thanks to all the businesses that help support our bulletin both in the past and the present.

<p>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.</p> <p>Is anyone sick/admitted in the hospital? If anyone is sick or admitted in the hospital, please let Pastor know or call the office.</p> <p>Sacrament of Penance Sacrament of Penance is administered every Saturday at 4:30pm or by appointment at St. Sebastian Church.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Bulletin Information
Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Sebastian's office by Wednesday.
270-273-3185 or stsebch@bellsouth.net

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.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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

St. Charles Church
506 Hill Street
Livermore, KY 42352

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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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: David Albin 270-499-3950
Finance Committee: Derek Miller 270-314-2007
Bereavement Committee: Carol Rhodes 270-278-2759

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10am.
Parish potluck brunch Second 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.

DECEMBER 25, 2022

Fr. Jegin is heading to India
Fr. Jegin will be heading back to India on December 26th for some special family events and will return on January 14th. Afterwards, Fr. will be going for convocation from January 16th – 20th at Saint Meinrad, Indiana. During this time there will be no daily mass. However, there will be Communion Service at St. Sebastian on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00am, led by Jimmy Clayton.

No Saturday Mass
There will be no Mass on the following Saturdays, Dec. 31st, Jan. 7th, and Jan. 14th.

Church Office
The church office will be closed December 26th & 27th. As well as January 2nd. Thank you.

Upcoming Meetings
St. Sebastian – Parish Council Jan. 23rd at 6pm.
Finance Committee Jan. 24th at 6pm.

St. Charles – Parish Council and Finance Committee- Jan. 25th at 6pm
Every committee member is requested to attend without fail. Thank you.

"Holy Moments"
A book called "Holy Moments" written by Matthew Kelly is available as a gift for you and your family. Feel free to pick up one after mass.

Directory Portraits
If you have not signed up to have your picture taken for the new church directory, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

In Africa, a tale is told of a boy called John, who was always very curious. One day he asked, "What language does God speak?" But no one could answer him. He traveled all over his country questioning everyone but could not get a satisfactory answer. Eventually he set out for distant lands in his curiosity and finally reached a place called Bethlehem. There was no room in the local inn, so he went outside the village in search of shelter for the night. At last, he came to a cave and found a couple and a child in it. He was about to turn away when the young mother spoke, "Welcome John, we've been waiting for you."

The boy was amazed that the woman knew his name. He was even more amazed when she went on to say, "For a long time you have been searching to find out what language God speaks. Well, now your journey is over. Tonight, you can see with your own eyes the language God speaks. He speaks the language of love." Yes, Christmas is the celebration of love. It is the celebration of God's love for us. During each Christmas we contemplate the mystery of our God's love, who became man. He is born in silence, poverty, simplicity and purity in Bethlehem, the house of bread. Our God made man later taking bread and wine transforms it into his body and blood; thus is the mystery of his Incarnation continued for us in the mystery of the Eucharist, God made real for us. God becomes man. Bread and wine become God-man. Each time we come to the Eucharist, we come to a new Bethlehem. He, who rested once in a manger, now rests in our entire being, as we receive him in the mystery of the Mass.

We all have wonderful memories of how we have celebrated Christmas in the past. Most of our memories of Christmas are beautiful; indeed, however, many people have memories of a Christmas with sadness, times of difficulty and distress. Why does terrible evil exist in the world? Why doesn't God put a stop to it all? This world is not a fantasy world as if we were immersed in a Harry Potter movie. God does not fly around the world like Super Man or like a wizard stopping bad things from happening. The Gospel tells us that the wheat and the weeds grow together. God respects our freedom and many times our choices are bad. There are periods of history where it seems that the weeds outnumber the wheat.

Despite the tragedies that man inflicts upon man, the goodness of man prevails because the God-Man Jesus Christ overcame evil. The tomb is empty. Tragedies exist; evil exists; bad things happen precisely because man rejects God. Our modern times are marked by a general rejection of God thus

causing the terrible chaos that we see in the world day. This is what the Gospel of John 3:19 reminds us; "And this is the verdict: the light has come into the world, but men loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil."

Christmas is all about the Savior who came to save us from sin. *Had our greatest need been knowledge, God would have sent us an educator. Had that greatest need been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. So too had our greatest need been for money, God would have sent us an economist. Had our greatest need been for pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But, because our greatest need was for redemption from sin, God sent us a Savior.*

Whatever language we may speak as we contemplate the Christ child lying in the manger of Bethlehem, God speaks only one language, and that language is the language of love. The terrible problems that challenge the world this Christmas are not really a God problem, they are our problems. How do we respond? The answer is not a what, it is a whom. "I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord"

Before I conclude, my Christmas message, I would like to ask couple of questions to disturb your concept of Christmas Celebration. Often, we hear in the Christmas message, the Baby Jesus should be born in our hearts for a meaningful Christmas, but how many of us have prepared our hearts for baby Jesus? Again, let me ask you- Does anyone take your baby with a dirty hand? Does anyone like to be touched by someone else with their dirty hand? If you and I don't want to be touched and to touch someone with a dirty hand, how worthy or clean are we to welcome Jesus into our hearts? For sure, Jesus would like to be touched by each of us. He would like each of us to hold him and play with Him as you play with your own biological child. Do we have the holiness of heart to invite Him to our lives and invite Him to our home for the celebrations?

Again, when we hold some celebrations, we always try to make sure that the reason for the celebration is happy. Do you think when we hold these celebrations of Christmas, the reason for the celebration, Child Jesus is happy because of you? Can you make the baby Jesus smile at least once during this Christmas? Think about this... **Wish you all a Merry Christmas.**



Mass Schedule
Dec. 25 – Jan. 1

Sunday – CHRISTMAS DAY

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Tori Hayden*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Mary Albin*

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – Communion Service

-8:00am - Mass at St. Sebastian

No Mass

Thursday – Communion Service

-8:00am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – No Mass

Sunday – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Paige Jones*
-12:00am – Mass at St. Charles - *James A. Welker*

Congratulations

Congratulations to Katie Murphy who graduated this month with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Murray State University. Our very best wishes from the parish family. God bless you.

Financial Report – December 18, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 3,005.00 – 62.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 285.00
Special Collection	\$ 20.00

Financial Report – December 18, 2022

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,249.00 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 2,268.00 +1,019.00
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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, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Pat Calhoun, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Stiles, Alice Weise, Callie Zhang, Becky Cheatham, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant,, Lance Green, Serena Cooper, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle, Charles Mae, Tony Searcy, Jerry Abney, Bea Dame, Heath Dame, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Neal Hayden



We offer our condolences to Anthony Roberts and Rita Gill on the passing of their mother, Katherine Roberts, who enter the loving arms of our Lord on November 23rd.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Guy Troutman, who passed away on December 11th and Tom Shutte who passed away on December 12th.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, Amen

Happy Anniversary – St. Sebastian



Larry & Patricia Hardison - Dec. 26

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Trudy Tichenor – Dec. 30

Happy Anniversary – St. Charles



George & Carol Rhodes - Dec. 30

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Patty Humphrey – Dec. 29

Ministry Schedule

January 1, 2023

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden
Mark Searcy
Neil Scott
Lectors: Tony Searcy
Faye May
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Justus Hayden
Hospitality Ministers: Donald Durbin
Tony Searcy
Money Counters: Gates Tichenor
Kelli Watkins

St. Charles Euch: Min: Jackie Lee
Sherry Logsdon
Lectors: Philip Logsdon
Sarah Miller
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hudson
Money Counter: Lee Edwards
David Albin