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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**

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St. Sebastian & St. Charles Churches invite you to contact the church office at 27002 125-if () 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# **FEBRUARY 9, 2025**



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.

## **STAFF & CONTACTS**

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# ST. SEBASTIAN

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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

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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.

# **Annual Online Auction – St. Sebastian**

In the past few years, we have had great success with the online auction with the help of Laurine Sexton and all our wonderful donors. If you would like to donate money, items for baskets or any other items for the auction, please contact Laurine at 270-499-0101. This year the online auction will start the bidding on 3/17 and close on 3/20 at 8:00pm. Pickups at the fish fry on 3/21 or after Mass on 3/23. Thank you.

# 2025 Fish Frys - St. Sebastian

Mark your calendars for March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th for the 2025 Lenten Fish Frys. Sign-up sheets are available on the table. Thank you.

#### Father's Vacation

Fr. Jegin has arrived safely to his home in India. He will be returning February 27<sup>th</sup>. During this time there will be no Vigil Mass. Vigil Mass will return on March 8th. Also, please be aware of scam calls and text messages. If you happen to get any emails, calls, or text messages in the name of or on behalf of Fr. Jegin please do not respond. Thank you.

# Seeds of Faith Book Study Group

Join us every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the St. Charles Parish Hall for a time of faith sharing and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to be a part of our community as we explore and discuss inspiring books together.

# Act 2:42 Meeting

St. Charles Acts 2:42 Group will continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month. Come join us on January 12 as we continue to learn and celebrate the Eucharist.

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, the Church invites us to place our trust in God and in His only son Jesus Christ, because Jesus through His resurrection, conquered death and strengthened our faith and hope of eternal life. As we reflect about the readings of today, the first question to be asked is, are you among those who are "blessed" or are you among those who will experience "woe"? In today's first reading Jeremiah speaks of the "cursed" and the "blessed." Jeremiah reminds us of the consequences of trusting solely on our abilities, on our human strength, and on human beings: "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord." Through this, we are reminded that all these will fail us because our success and survival do not depend solely on them. So, today we must ask ourselves, in whom, and in what have I put my trust? Placing our trust in God is the best approach to life, because it is God who sustains, confirms, and blesses our ways and efforts. In the second reading, St. Paul equally makes the same point that our hope must not be totally placed on this world or on our efforts alone, but on Christ who through his resurrection has strengthened our hope of eternity. Hence, Paul tells us: "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." In other words, life does not end here but there is something beyond this world, and only our hope in the resurrected Christ will take

While our first reading began with a very strong warning against not trusting in God, today's Gospel begins with a blessing for those who are ready to do God's will. As Jesus began to preach on "level ground," there was "a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people." The "and" indicates that there were people there who were not his disciples. Perhaps they would become disciples but just being there did not make them disciples. So, remember that not everyone who shows up in church is necessarily a disciple. There is always both people who follow God and those who do not. The beatitude is a great song that calls us to a life of virtue, reflection, and total surrender to God's will. In the Gospel Jesus begins His Sermon on the plain. The passage is explicit in saying He "stood on a stretch of <u>level ground</u>." Why does it specify "level ground"? This is to show that Jesus fulfills prophecies that speak of how the mountains will be made low and the valleys will be filled in. It also leads into a theme evident in Luke's Beatitudes and throughout the Gospel of Luke, "the reversal of fortune." God will make things right.

As we move into Luke's Beatitudes, we should think about what it means to be "blessed." To be "blessed"

is to be in right relationship with God. One who is poor understands that something is lacking for them and open themselves to something more. They can open themselves to the Kingdom of God while the one who is rich may think they already have all they need. One who is hungry longs for something more and looks for what will truly fulfill them. They look for God. One who thinks they are filled now does not open themselves to what God offers. One who weeps at bad things will find good things in Heaven. Yes, the beatitude is a great song that calls us to a life of virtue, reflection, and total surrender to God's will. It is Christ's song that calls us to trust firmly in God while looking forward to eternity. These blessings are for those who are totally and willingly ready to place everything in God's hands. The beatitudes also remind us that all we do and work for here will gain us eternal life, provided if we do them well and do for the sake of God.

Yes, being a Christian is not easy. It can lead to people hating us, such that they exclude and insult us. What does Jesus say about this? When we are hated "on account" of our faith in Jesus, we are "blessed." If people exclude our faith, it shows that we are truly living our faith. It is not us they reject, but it is God they reject. Finally, the good news for us today is simple, nothing in this world can rob us of our peace of mind and interior joy, because our trust is not in this world, nor in man rather, in the crucified and risen, Christ, the savior and hope of the world. The psalmist summarized this good news for us: "Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord." God Bless.

## **Ursuline Sisters' new Quilt Club drawings**

Quilt Club tickets for 2025-26 are now available for purchase from the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, Ky. For one \$25 ticket, you get 12 chances to win a new handmade quilt! A lucky winner's name is drawn on the first Friday of each month beginning April 4, 2025 through March 6, 2026. Watch the drawings live on the Ursuline Sister's Facebook page at noon Central Time: www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj. Purchase your tickets before the first drawing in order to get the most chances to win. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. Call 270-229-2008. email carol.bradenclarke@maplemount.org or order online at https://ursulinesmsj.org/quilt-club/

Thank you for your continued support.

# Financial Report – February 2, 2025 St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,187.00 weekly.

Regular Collection \$1,530.00 (-1,657.00) **Emergency Fund** \$ 240.00

# Financial Report - February 2, 2025

Cemetery Fund

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,468.00 weekly. Regular Collection \$1,853.00 (+385.00) Emergency Fund \$ 55.00

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# **Mass Schedule** February 9 - February 16

#### Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Alvin Bickett -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Teresa Shultz

Monday - No Mass

**Tuesday - No Mass** 

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday - No Mass

Friday - No Mass

Saturday - No Mass

# Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am Mass at St. Sebastian Curtis Howard
- -10:30am Mass at St. Charles Linda Evans

#### **LAZARUS RETREAT at Gasper River**

February 14-16, 2025, for all High School Youth (9th-12th Grades). Gasper River Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

So, they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me. And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" John 11: 41-43

# **Cursillo upcoming events**

Men's and women's weekends are taking registrations now. Men's weekend is Feb. 27-March 2, 2025. Women's weekend is March 6-9, 2024. For more information or to sign up, contact Christy Allard at (270) 889-1526.

#### 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 Joseph Kyle Ward(US Air Force).

# **Prayer List for Members of our Community**

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, Wesley Robinson, Marie Caraway, Jimmy Tichenor, Rick McCarty, Jason Evans, Cindy Schwartz and Gary Daugherty.

#### **Work and Service Opportunities**

Looking for the adventure of a lifetime? If you are at least one year out of high school, apply to work as a summer staffer at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp. Learn amazing skills, mentor young people in life and their faith and make friends that you will have for the rest of your life! It's one of the best items you can list on your resume as well! Come and see what Jesus has for you at camp!

If you are 16 years old or older, apply to be a volunteer counselor at Gasper River for the 2025 season. Mentor youth, learn to lead a small group and have a blast at camp! All information for camps, volunteering and working at camp are on our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org

#### Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Todd Burden – Feb. 10 Quinton Sexton - Feb. 10 Charles May – Feb. 14

# **Happy Anniversary - St. Charles**



Tony & Sherry Logsdon - Feb. 14

# **Happy Birthday - St. Charles**



Leon Durbin – Feb. 10 Emma Hudson – Feb. 10 Kelly Caraway – Feb. 12 Beth Rhodes – Feb. 12 Kyle Chappell - Feb. 13

# Ministry Schedule Sunday, February 16, 2025

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Neil Scott

Laura Fritz Susie Alexander

Lectors: Drew McCarty

Gail Clayton

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Neil Scott

Altar Servers: Will Searcy Liam Cooper

Money Counters: Gates Tichenor

Kellie Watkins

Donuts: Clay & Linda Durbin

St. Charles Euch: Min: Scott Staples

> Marsha Logsdon Lectors: Anna Miller

George Rhodes

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Derek Miller Money Counters: Lee Edwards

Candance Miller