

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.

## 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.

<u>Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):</u> 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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

# 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: Neil Scott 270-993-7370 Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314 Cathy Burden 270-316-44 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 10:00am 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.



960	KOC Fundraiser KOC will be selling Boston Butts to benefit our kids that are attending Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp this summer. The cost is \$40 and pick up will be on May 11 <sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm at the rear of church. To pre-order call or text 270-499- 0120.		
	<u>Attention Please!</u> Following the Mass, there will be an informative session led by Mrs. Jenny Glenn, who is part of the Catholic school system. She will discuss tuition fees and provide valuable information on how the parish can help support families in managing these costs. Thank you.		
-8290 88	<u>Safe Environment</u> The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities (270-338-2240); local law enforcement (270-273- 3276); or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (1-		
)0am. Jass.	877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator(English) (270-852-8380), or Susan Montalvo-		
59	Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators(Spanish) (270-880-8360). The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available on the diocesan website (owensborodiocese.org/safe-environment-		
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## Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

This is the third consecutive Sunday that Jesus reminds us about the importance of having a deeprooted relationship with Him. Firstly, Jesus invited us to have a relationship like that of a good shepherd and a good sheep by saying, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I know mine and mine know me... and they listen to my voice..." Secondly, Jesus taught us to have a relationship with Him like that of a vine and its branches, by saying, "I am the true vine, and you are the branches." After taking examples from nature, today Jesus presents Himself as an example of true love and the relationship that we should have with Him, by saying, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love ... "

It was a busy morning, about 8:30 when a gentleman in his 80s arrived at the doctor's office to have the stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. The nurse took his vital signs and began to check on his wound. The wound was well healed, so she talked to one of the doctors, removed the stitches, and redressed his wound. While taking care of his wound, the nurse asked him if he had another doctor's appointment as he was in such a hurry. The old man said that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. Asking more about his wife, the old man said she had been there for a while, and she had Alzheimer's disease. When the nurse asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late, he replied that she did not know who he was. The nurse was surprised and asked him why, if your wife did not recognize you, why do you want to go and share breakfast with her faithfully every morning? The old man smiled and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is." The nurse, with tears in her eves, said to herself. "That is the kind of love I want in my life." True love is neither physical nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be. In today's Gospel, Jesus commands us to practice this type of sacrificial and selfless love as he practiced it. Jesus says, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

The three readings of today teach us about the quality of God's love for us. In today's first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and there are no boundaries for His love. God loves everyone, both Jews and Gentiles, and wants everyone to be saved through His son Jesus. In the second reading, it contains the greatest single statement about God in the whole Bible, namely, God is Love. This statement means that Love originates in God and continues to explain that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son Jesus to die for

us, *"as expiation for our sins."* This Divine love gives us the command, and so the duty, to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another.

When we come to the Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us about the kind of love we should have in our hearts. Even though Jesus' love is steadfast and sure, it is also a love that may be lost. Thus, Jesus urges his disciples to "abide" or "remain" in His love. The "condition" for receiving and keeping this unconditional love is, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love." The disciples must receive and respond to Jesus' love by keeping His commandments if they are to be able to continue receiving Jesus' love. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. Jesus also reminds us that the highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be the perfect joy in our lives. This is the message Pope Francis says, "a joyful Christian is a true Christian." Yes, only a joyful Christian bears much fruit for the kingdom of God, and only a joyful Christian can become a friend of Jesus. Jesus says, "You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, ... I have called you friends." Yes, we are the chosen friends of Jesus, but have I chosen Jesus as my friend? Yes, the Gospel of today ends with a great promise from Jesus, "If you remain in my love, ask whatever you want from my Father in my name, and He may give you." God Bless.

## Life Giving Wounds 2024 Fall Retreat

The Diocese of Evansville and the Diocese of Owensboro are pleased to sponsor a third Life Giving Wounds retreat on **September 27-29, 2024**, Sarto Retreat Center, Evansville Indiana. **Cost:** \$150 (\$85 for college students)

Come for a greater understanding of the wound left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to greater self-understanding and healing.

<u>Financial Report – April 28, 2024</u> St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.					
Regular Collection	\$ 3	,115.00			
Emergency Fund	\$	75.00			
Mass Intentions	\$	35.00			
Diocesan Collections	\$	35.00			
Financial Report – April 28, 2024 St. Charles - <u>Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.</u>					

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Regular Collection	\$ 1,332.00
Cemetery	\$ 2.52
Diocesan Collections	\$ 130.00

# Mass Schedule May 5 – May 12

Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Juliet Cooper -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – Katherine Roberts

Monday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Harriette Ellis

Tuesday – Easter Weekday -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian *Frank & Doris Schadler* 

Wednesday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Marie Caraway -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – John Miller, Jr.

Thursday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – JoAnn Hayden

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – Easter Weekday -3:00pm - Confession -4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian

Michelle Abrahams

## Sunday – The Ascension of the Lord

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Tommy England

-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles

Lauretta Evans Adkins



"Without the burden of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases." -St. Rose of Lima

# Please Pray for our Military

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

Sean, Serena & Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Ben Dunn, Warren Pinkston, Theresa Rust, Cassie Alexander, Jeanie Wedding, Hannah Bercegeay, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, Mark Vollman and Chuck Green.

Do you know a person who needs kindness? The Ursuline Sisters can send cards. Sign up by May 15. The Ursuline Sisters' annual Kindness Card Campaign is about to begin for the fifth year. Since 2019, the Ursuline Sisters have been sending monthly cards to people who we've been told could use a little kindness. For a \$50 contribution, the Ursuline Sisters will send one custom card a month for a year to a person of your choice with words of encouragement and inspiration. For more info contact Carol Braden-Clarke 270-229-2008 Pray For Vocations Happy Anniversary – St. Sebastian Quinton & Laurine Sexton - May 5 Mike & Crystal Ward – May 11 Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian April Vicars – May 4 Juliet Cooper- May 5 Derek Alexander – May 6 Cathy Burden – May 9 Kelsey Scott – May 11 **Ministry Schedule** Saturday, May 11, 2024 Euch. Min: Volunteer St. Sebastian Lector: Michael Cooper **Ministry Schedule** Sunday, May 12, 2024 St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Mike Vollman **Kimberly Cooper** Susie Alexander Lectors: Cathy Burden Paula Havden Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Todd Burden Altar Servers: Jude Cooper Liam Cooper Money Counters: Cathy Burden Gail Clayton Donuts: Mother's Day Breakfast St. Charles Euch: Min: Sherry Logsdon Darrell Bishop Lectors: Philip Logsdon Ann Renfrew Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. John Calhoun Money Counters: Pat Martinez Philip Logsdon