

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.

# FIFTH 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 10:00an 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.

APRIL 28, 2024





# St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352

	<u>St. Charles Parish Potluck Brunch</u> This Sunday, Elliot, daughter of John & Beth Rhodes will be making her First Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception. We will celebrate with cake and cards at our potluck on May 5 <sup>th</sup> . Thank you.	
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.	
1-8290	"If the world is against the truth, then I am against the world." -St. Athanasius	
188	<u>Attention Please</u> Please mark your calendar for an important parish meeting on May 5 <sup>th</sup> . In response to request from seral families, our Parish Council	
00am. nass.	has been discussing about the possibility of supporting those families financially with the tuition assistance for sending their children to Catholic School system. This decision could significantly impact on our parish's finances, so we are seeking input from all the parish members. At our request, Mrs. Jenny Glenn from the Catholic school system will provide detailed information about tuition fees. She will join us on May 5 <sup>th</sup> , after the Sunday Mass, in the parish hall. Your attendance is highly valued. It will be a chance to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter. Thank you in advance for your participation in this matter.	
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## Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

In the Gospel of last weekend, Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, ….and they will hear my voice."* By this saying Jesus was teaching us about the importance of having a good relationship with Him, so that we may not be lost but have eternal life. In today's Gospel too, Jesus highlights the importance of having a good relationship with Him through the image of the vine and the branches, so that we may not live like a mere Christian in this world, rather live as another Christ in this world by bearing fruit.

When we go through the Gospels, we can see in many places where Jesus is trying to tell the people who He is. Especially, in the Gospel of John, Jesus often uses the words, *"I am."* Jesus says, *"I am the light of the world, I am the resurrection and the life, I am the bread of life, I am the good shepherd etc."* Thus, in today's Gospel Jesus says, *"I am the vine, and you are the branches."* By this affirmative statement Jesus tells us that, apart from Him, we can do nothing as Christians.

Toward the end of the first century, when St. John was writing the Gospel, there were so many groups that appeared in the name of each apostle to follow Jesus. Just like we have so many groups in the name of Jesus in today's world, that affirm that theirs is the original Church. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel were called to be the vine, but when it came to the New Testament, some interpreted that the Holy Catholic Church is the vine; and so, there was a big confusion. In this confusing situation, St. John presents Jesus as the vine. We read in today's Gospel as Jesus says, "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." The affirmation, "I am" is most important because there were so many false prophets during the time of Jesus. So, the question to be reflected today is, am I living with Christ? The answer to this question could be found out by reflecting upon our personal life-how much time, treasure, and talent I commit to the Lord for spreading the Kingdom of God, without expecting anything back?

Jesus says very plainly and clearly, "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire, and they will be burned." Here, the branch is each one of us who profess their faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus makes it very clear that, only in a deep-rooted relationship with Him we can make our Christian life meaningful and fruitful in this world. As a Christian, let us ask ourselves, do I maintain a good relationship with Jesus? Do I stay connected always with Jesus, just like the vine and the branches?

At this time, one might ask, how do I stay connected with Jesus always? The answer is to follow His commandments and His words. In the Old Testament, the relationship between God and the people of Israel were purely based on the Ten Commandments. If they followed the commandants they would be blessed, if not they would be punished. Following the commandments means being with God and doing His will. So, the Gospel of Mathew 7:21 reminds us that, "not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." Now what is the will of the Father? The will of the Heavenly Father is the life of Jesus, and the life of Jesus is nothing more than the Word of God. So, as we continue to celebrate this Eucharist, let us ask the Lord forgiveness for not being faithful to Him in our thoughts, words and actions, and ask the Lord for a special grace to be united with Him always through our relationship with the Sacraments, Word of God and our brothers and sisters, like the vine and the branches, God Bless.

"He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely." -St. Catherine of Siena

# Are you struggling in your marriage?

St. Sebastian- Amount	Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.		
Regular Collection	\$ 2,970.00		
Emergency Fund	\$ 465.00		
<u>Financial Report – April 21, 2024</u> St. Charles - <u>Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.</u>			
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Emergency Fund	<b>A A B A A</b>		
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# Mass Schedule April 28 – May 5

Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Jerry & Earlene Abney -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – John Miller, Jr.

Monday – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – JoAnn Hayden

Tuesday – Easter Weekday -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Louise Waters

Wednesday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Betty Bickett -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles James & Mary Gladys Welker

# Thursday – St. Athanasius, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

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

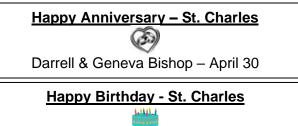
Friday – No Mass

Saturday – Easter Weekday

-3:00pm - Confession -4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – *JoAnn Hayden* 

### Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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



Tony Logsdon – April 29 Ayden Rice – May 4

### 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.

# 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.

## 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

# Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Marie Caraway – May 3

# Ministry Schedule Saturday, May 4, 2024

St. Sebastian

Euch. Min: Susan Lebold Lector: Jim Lebold

# Ministry Schedule Sunday, May 5, 2024

<u>St. Sebastian</u> Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden Drew McCarty Laurie Scott Lectors: Neil Scott Marie Caraway Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Cheatham Altar Servers: Evie Searcy Liam Cooper Money Counters: Gates Tichenor Kellie Watkins Donuts: Church Breakfast

St. Charles

Euch: Min: Jackie Lee Lee Edwards Lectors: Christina Hudson Geneva Bishop Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hudson Money Counters: Sherry Logsdon Darrell Bishop