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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.

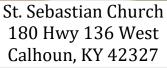
Bulletin Information

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT







MARCH 30, 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.

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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.

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.

Lenten Penance Service

St. Sebastian – April 1st at 6:00pm St. Charles – April 8th 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.

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.

Prayer Service for protection and healing of victims of sexual abuse

Please join us Tuesday April 8, 2025, at 6PM at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

Lenten Penance Services St. Sebastian - April 1st at 6:00pm

St. Alphonsus – April 3rd & 4th at 6:00pm Immaculate - April 7th at 6:00pm St. Martin - April 8th at 6:00pm

St. Charles – April 8th at 6:30pm

Precious Blood – April 10th at 6:00pm

St. Stephen Cathedral – April 13th at 2:00pm

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,

Anticipating Easter joy, we are all invited to a rejoicing Sunday through our reconciliation with God and others. In many ways we have been dead, but through God's grace we have come to life again; we have been lost, but now we are found. So, we have every reason to rejoice. Thus, the three readings of today characterize one of the many aspects of Easter.

In the first reading, we see the people of Israel are celebrating their freedom. In the Responsorial Psalm we see the Psalmist who shares his reconciliation experience with God by saying; "taste and see the goodness of the Lord." In the second reading, St. Paul invites the Corinthian Christian community to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled them with God by His suffering and death.

The Gospel of today celebrates the joy of the prodigal son's *homecoming*" where he experiences his father's unconditional love and forgiveness. Although many talk about the lost younger son, not many talk about the lost eldest son. No doubt, the father has two lost sons, not one. Acknowledging the allegation of scribes and pharisees that Jesus mingled with the sinners, Jesus outlines three aspects of repentance in today's Gospel: 1) the repentant younger son, 2) the prodigal father and 3) the self-justifying elder son. This is a double-edged parable.

The repentant son began to ruin his life by demanding freedom from his father by demanding the share of his property. According to the law and customs in ancient Palestine, a father could dispose of his property by making a will that would be executed when he died, or he could give his possessions to his children while he is still alive. Usually, the eldest son receives double the share than the other sons. Keeping this in mind, we see that the youngest son gets his share and leaves his home. The rest of the story of the prodigal son is a tragedy. At last, awakened by his sufferings, he "came to his senses" and returned to his father to confess his sins, to become a hired servant of his family. The Gospel statement that, 'he came to his senses,' indicates his self-realization that he is the image of God and his unworthiness. The same way we all need this sense of self-realization to acknowledge our unworthiness to rejoice in the Lord through confession.

The prodigal father represents God the Father. When the youngest son returned with repentance his father forgave him, kissed him, healed the broken relationship and gave him everything that he had lost in his loose life by ordering his servants to give him bath, new garments, golden ring, and sandals. Thus,

the youngest son is not accepted as a servant but as his son with all the former status. When the eldest son refused to join in the party, the father pleaded with him to reconcile with his younger brother and to join the party and assured him of his continuing love, and everything by saying, "All I have is yours. Thus, the father represents the unconditional love and forgiveness of our Heavenly Father. Although this is a story about repentance, this also gives us the message of God's unconditional love and forgiveness.

The self-justifying oldest son: The unforgiving oldest son represents the self-righteous Pharisees. He had no feelings of sympathy for his brother. He played the part of a dutiful son, but his heart was not in it. Instead of honoring his father by joining him in accepting his brother joyfully he publicly insulted and humiliated his father. Jesus describes this character who represent the scribes and Pharisees, "who began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Dear friends, there is no doubt, none of us are perfect in our life. So, as prodigal children, we face spiritual famine which leads us to sin against God, others and us. Just like the prodigal son we also have misused God's blessings in many ways. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home wholeheartedly. Please remember that, at every Mass, we come to God's house as prodigal children acknowledging that we have sinned (Penitential Act). In the Offertory, we are surrendering our sinful lives to God. At the consecration, we hear God's invitation through Jesus: "... this is My Body.... given up for you... this is the chalice of My Blood ... poured out for you..." ("All I have is yours"). In Holy Communion, we participate in the banquet of reconciliation, thus restoring our full relationship with God and our fellow human beings. God Bless.

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/

Financial Report – March 23, 2025 St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,187.00 weekly.

Regular Collection \$3,715.00 (+528.00) Emergency Fund \$60.00

Financial Report - March 23, 2025

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

Regular Collection \$1,348.00 (-120.00)

Mass Schedule March 30 – April 6

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Thomas & Janice Hobbs

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Katherine Roberts

Monday – Fourth Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Gloria O'Nan

Tuesday - Fourth Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Jason Evans

Wednesday - Fourth 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 - Fourth Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Donald Weaver

Friday - Fourth Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Ryan Hendrickson

Saturday - Fourth Week of Lent

-3:00pm - Confession

-4:00pm - Vigil Mass at St. Sebastian - All Parishioners

Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Betty Abrams

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

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 : 270-683-1545 ext. 387

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

From Brescia to the Heart of Italy with Fr Larry Hostetter Sept 19-30, 2025

Faith In Travel invites you to join "From Brescia To The Heart of Italy With Fr. Larry Hostetter," a Catholic pilgrimage through Italy from September 20th to September 30th, 2025. This spiritual journey begins in Rome, where pilgrims will visit significant basilicas such as Santa Cecilia, San Francesco a Ripa, and Santa Maria in Aracoeli and explore the Vatican Museum. The tour continues to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, and Gubbio. Travelers will then venture north to Verona, followed by Desenzano, and. The pilgrimage culminates in Brescia, the namesake of Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky, offering participants from the university a unique opportunity to experience their institution's Italian roots. Visit https://tri.ps/MxKqp for full details and to register. Questions? Email info@faithintravel.com.

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Marc Searcy – April 3

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Stephanie Caraway – March 30

Ministry Schedule Saturday, April 5, 2025

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Susan Lebold Lector: Jim Lebold

Ministry Schedule Sunday, April 6, 2025

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Marc Searcy

Cindy Schwartz Cathy Burden

Lectors: Tony Searcy

Faye May

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Drew McCarty

Altar Servers: Joseph Fritz

Henry Fritz

Money Counters: Cathy Burden
Gail Clayton

Donuts: Church Breakfast

St. Charles Euch: Min: MaryLynne Logsdon

Leon Durbin

Lectors: Christina Hudson

Geneva Bishop Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Fee

Money Counters: Sherry Logsdon

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