

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

We live in a world where people are looking for temporary happiness rather than permanent happiness consequently not many are satisfied in their life. This is exactly what St. Augustine says in his famous book called 'Confessions' "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." The same restlessness we can find in the first reading from the attitude of the Israelites and in the Gospel from the attitude of the people who were looking for Jesus, and so Jesus challenges each of His followers, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled".

During the three years of Jesus' public ministry Jesus went around and preached Good News, casted out devils from many, cured many sick people, performed many miracles, and thus bringing new life to many people. The main intention behind performing all supernatural powers was to deepen the faith of the people in God and help them to lead a good life according to the will of the Father. However, most of them followed Jesus just looking for miracles and healings, clearly saying they looked for their own personal benefits rather than increasing their faith in God. In different occasions we see, even the disciples had the same type of attitude. Do we have the same type of attitude in following Jesus? As we reflect the Gospel of today, the questions to be asked are- what am I looking for from Jesus? Why am I looking for Jesus in my life?

If we do not have the right motivation in following Jesus, other than deepening our faith in God/Jesus, we are on the wrong track and so Jesus reminds us "Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you". What is the food that the Son of Man offers for us to ensure eternal life? It is the food of the Eucharist. How can we get this food in its full taste? Jesus says- "Believe in the one He sent." Dear friends, without faith the Eucharist we receive becomes a waste and becomes a problem, a problem of wasting time, a problem with many reasons to skip Masses. If we receive the Eucharist with true faith, it becomes food for our soul and assures us eternal life.

As Christians we should keep in mind that, the Eucharist is the most expensive gift and most beautiful wisdom of God made possible for each of us. To do all kinds of signs such as: miracles, healings, casting out demons etc., Jesus did not have to bear any kind of pain on Himself, but to quench our hunger and thirst, to become a Holy Eucharist, and to be present in a piece of bread Jesus bore extreme pain on Himself by sacrificing

Himself fully for us. So, let us not approach this beautiful sacrament carelessly, but with great care and reverence. As we are present in the Holy Eucharistic celebration let us not look for the material blessings from the Lord that perishes, rather look and ask for the gift of faith which will give us an eternal life. It is to have this wonderful gift of faith and to experience this wonderful giver of faith through the Holy Eucharist, Jesus invites us all "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." **Blessings!**

**Marriage Enrichment**

Grace marriage is a quarterly, small group model of marriage enrichment where couples spend 6 hours every 90 days investing in their marriage. The diocese is expanding from three locations to five location in 2021, including Owensboro, Whitesville, and Henderson. Registrations opens in July. Groups start in August. For more details, visit [OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage](http://OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage). For other marriage enrichment opportunities, visit [OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment](http://OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment)

*"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God." St. Faustina*

**Attention Please**

From now on everyone renting St. Sebastian Parish Hall is not permitted to put anything on the wall, such as: tape, command strips, decorations, etc. Thank you.

**Rural Life Celebration**

The Land, the People, the Way of Life  
All are invited to attend the Diocese of Owensboro Rural Life Committee's 18th annual Rural Life Celebration! This annual event awards a humanitarian of the year, provides a free meal for attendees with locally-grown food, and reviews local agriculture. It will be held at the Owensboro Convention Center on Sunday, Aug. 8 from 5-7 p.m. No RSVP is required.

*Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to Our Churches during this unfortunate time. God Bless & Be Safe.*

**Financial Report - July 25, 2021**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly**  
Regular Collection \$ 2488.00 - 395.56  
Emergency Fund \$ 75.00

**Financial Report - July 25, 2021**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly**  
Regular Collection \$ 1336.00 + 277.87  
Emergency Fund \$ 0.00  
Cemetery \$ 9,502.58

**Mass Schedule**

**August 1 - August 8**

**Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Brenda Payne  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
John Miller Jr.

**Monday - St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Stephanie Warren

**Tuesday - Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Wednesday-Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Robert Vollman

**Thursday - Saint Martha (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Alvin Bickett  
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles  
John Miller Jr.

**Friday - St. Peter Chrysologus (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

**Saturday-St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial)**

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Tichenor-Leachman Families

**Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Thomas & Bernice Hobbs  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
Mary Rose Shultz

**Ministry Schedule**

**August 7, 2021**

St. Sebastian Lector: Jim Lebold

**August 8, 2021**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Jimmy Clayton  
Lector: Marc Searcy & Maci Caraway

St. Charles Euch. Min: George Rhodes  
Lector: Matthew Miller & Marsha Logsdon

*"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." St. Rose of Lima*

**CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic**

- Unvaccinated and over the age of two are strangely recommended to wear a facemask properly.
- Those who have been fully vaccinated people may make their chose on wearing facemask.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus be encouraged to remain home.

**Attention Please**

If you or family members have any belongings stored in any of the church buildings. Please take them home as soon as possible. Thank you.

**31st Marian Congress Oct. 17**

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, 2-4 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Center, 434 Church Ave., Bowling Green, KY, 42101. (270) 842.2525. Theme: Mary and Joseph Refuge Of Our Time. Presented by: Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM. Program: Confession & Reconciliation, Crowning of Mary Statue, Talk by Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM, Procession, Mass.

*"He who possesses God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."*  
Saint Teresa of Avila

**Preschool Registration**

St. Sebastian Preschool Registration has already started. 4 year old classes are filling up quickly. Please call the church office if you are interested in sending your child to preschool this upcoming school year.

**St. Sebastian - Anniversary**

Matt & Patricia Hayden - August 6

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

Paul J. Logsdon - August 2  
Cindy Durbin - August 5  
Carley Ferguson - August 5

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

Sandy Edwards - August 1  
Anna Kate Miller - August 1

**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, Jason Evans, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Jimmy Clayton, Pat Calhoun, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Nowak, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Jacinta Tichenor Peters, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, and Lance Green