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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**  
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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



St. Sebastian Church  
180 Hwy 136 West  
Calhoun, KY 42327

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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**Music Minister:** Tracie Feldpausch: 270-314-0158

**Wedding Shower**  
Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Brent Bickett and Sidney McFadden. Please join us as we celebrate their upcoming nuptials with a wedding shower after Mass on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The love birds are registered at Amazon, Dillard's, and Julep Home & Gift

**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 270-314-8290  
 Cathy Burden 270-316-4488  
**Parish Hall Rental:** Church Office 270-273-3185  
**Cemetery:** Church Office 270-273-3185  
**Altar Society:** Brianne McCarty

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception of the BVM**  
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a **Holy Day of Obligation.**  
 St. Charles – Mass at 9:30am.  
 St. Sebastian - Mass at 6:00pm.

**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.

**Advent Penance Service**  
The Advent Penance Service will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for both churches. Please take advantage of this opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord and others. Thank you.

**ST. CHARLES**  
**Parish Council:** Christina Hudson 270- 871-6644  
**Finance Committee:** Derek Miller 270-314-2007  
**Bereavement Committee:** Carol Rhodes 270-278-2759

**Anointing of the Sick**  
Th sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses.

**St. Charles** prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am.  
**Parish potluck brunch** First Sunday of every month after mass.



**Condolences**  
We offer our sincere condolences to Cate Coakley on the sudden and tragic passing of her beloved brother, Seth Hulse. Please remember the Coakley and Hulse families in your prayers. May they find peace and comfort in the Lord.

**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,**

Laurie Beth Jones was/is the consultant of many multi-national companies, who is also the author of bestselling books like Jesus in blue jeans, Jesus CEO etc. She writes in her famous book Jesus CEO, "as a society, we like the sound of hammering; but we are uncomfortable with the sound of thinking, which is silence." Yes, the author says nobody wants to enjoy the sound of silence in their lives. What is this sound of silence? This is the desert experience that we see in today's Gospel; a time to listen to the voice of the author of the world.

Today, we are living in a world of sound pollution, which is alarmingly increasing day by day. As we are in the Christmas season, this pollution has increased even more. As most of us are already thinking and talking about the variety of food and looking for different types of gifts to make Christmas more colorful, how many of us have talked about making a good confession for this Christmas and thus making a way for the Lord into our own hearts? Don't you think that we all need a break from this same kind of Christmas celebration every year, just buying and sharing some gifts and enjoying some food? Please remember that the magic of Christmas is not in the present, but in His presence.

In today's world, most of the problems faced by human beings can be solved, if we are ready to enjoy the sound of silence in our own lives. Look at Joseph, when his heart was greatly troubled knowing about Mary's conception, he forced himself to the sound of silence, the Bible says, "While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream." Look at Mother Mary, when her heart was troubled when the Word of God came to her to conceive Jesus in her womb, the Bible says, "Mary pondered what sort of greeting this might be." Look at Jesus, in many places in the Bible we can see that Jesus is spending time at mountains alone. Yes, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, they all listened to the voice of God and lived; yes, it is in their time of silence they discerned the will of God for them. This is the same kind of self-realization we all need to create a better world and to celebrate a better Christmas.

As a Christian, our time of enjoying the sound of silence should lead us to the realization that, more than just thinking and talking about food to serve and gifts to share, we all have a greater responsibility, and that responsibility is not different than that of the St. John the Baptist that we see in today's Gospel; "prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways

*made smooth, all flesh shall see the salvation of God."* Yes, this is the priestly role, prophetic role, and the kingly role of every Christian.

Just like the St. John the Baptist, before we begin to straighten the lives of others, it is important that we straighten our lives and that is the whole purpose of the sound of silence we should be into, an examination of conscious in the presence of the Lord. John the Baptist preached repentance. Repentance signifies not regret for the past or performance of 'penance', but rather a new vision about our own lives in conformity with the will of God. Yes, this season is calling us to have a new direction in life; like Magi, who took a different route after meeting Jesus, like the prodigal son who got back to his senses and went back to his father, like Zacchaeus, who expressed his desire to share everything after meeting Jesus, like St. Paul, who became a strong soldier for Christ in this world after his experience of Jesus. So, let our challenge be meeting Christ in this Christmas, rather than anything else in this Christmas. **God Bless You.**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

December 24<sup>th</sup>

-4:00 PM Caroling by Children at St. Sebastian  
-4:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. Sebastian

December 25<sup>th</sup>

-12:00 AM Midnight Mass at St. Charles  
-8:30 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

**Upcoming Meetings**

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry Meeting at 6pm  
Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Sebastain Parish Council at 6pm  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – St. Charles Parish /Finance Council at 6pm  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Sebastian Finance Committee at 6pm

**Focus on Faith**

The next Focus on Faith meeting with Sister Ann from Mount St. Joe will be held on December 12 at 10:30 AM in the St. Charles Church Hall. We will begin our reading and discussion of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist." Please join us for an informative and interesting discussion.

**Financial Report – December 1, 2024**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,187.00 weekly.**

Regular Collection	\$5,076.00 (+1,891.00)
Emergency Fund	\$ 285.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 220.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 35.00

**Financial Report – December 1, 2024**

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

Regular Collection	\$1,542.00 (+74.00)
Emergency Fund	\$ 75.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 100.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 170.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**December 8 – December 15**

**Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Bruce Howard*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Randy Joe Marcum*

**Monday – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

-9:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*  
-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Sr. Annalitta Lancaster*

**Tuesday – Second Week of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Scott Caraway*  
-6:00pm – Advent Penance Service at St. Sebastian

**Wednesday – Second Week of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Henry & Verna Hayden*  
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles  
*For all who suffer from addiction*

**Thursday – Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Sr. Pauletta McCarty*

**Friday – No Mass**

**Saturday – St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor (Memorial)**

-3:00pm - Confession  
-4:00pm – Vigil Mass at St. Sebastian - *All Parishioners*

**Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Joe Hayden*  
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles - *Katherine Roberts*

**Faith Formation**

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Class  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Class  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Party at 5:00pm  
December 29<sup>th</sup> – No Class - Christmas Break

**Please Pray for our Military**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 Guentner, 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 and Jimmy Tichenor.

**Advent Penance Services**

Dec. 10 – St. Sebastian at 6:00pm  
Dec. 11 – St. Martin at 6:00pm  
Dec. 12 – Precious Blood at 6:00pm  
Dec. 16 - Immaculate at 6:00pm  
Dec. 17 – St. Alphonsus at 6:00pm  
Dec.19 – St. Peter, Stanley at 6:00pm  
Dec. 22 – St. Stephen Cathedral at 2:00pm

**Advent Reflection**

There are extra copies of the Advent reflection book, "The Word Among Us" Mass booklets, one per family.

**Happy Birthday - St. Charles**



George Rhodes – Dec. 13  
Christina Hudson – Dec. 14

**Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian**



Greg & Annette Dant – Dec. 10

**Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian**



Earlene Abney – Dec. 8  
Thomas Scott – Dec. 10  
Jerry Abney – Dec. 14

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Katie Murphy  
Lector: Paula Hayden

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden  
Drew McCarty  
Laurie Scott  
Lectors: Drew McCarty  
Gail Clayton  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Todd Burden  
Altar Servers: Joseph Fritz  
Henry Fritz  
Money Counters: Mike Dant  
Mike Hayden  
Donuts: Chuck & Becky Cheatham

St. Charles Euch: Min: Scott Staples  
Marsha Logsdon  
Lectors: Cooper Bishop  
Marylyne Miller  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Chappell  
Money Counters: Teresa Marcum  
Rondy Humphrey