

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.

# PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD



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

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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.

# MARCH 24, 2024



960	Holy Week Prayer at United Methodist <u>Church</u> Please make plans to join us on Holy Wednesday, March 27th, at Calhoun Methodist Church. Fr. Jegin will give a message at noon, and then we will serve lunch. Soup and sandwiches will be served, along with dessert and drinks. It's a great opportunity to share our Catholic faith with our friends in the Calhoun				
	area. Contact Cathy Burden if you have any questions. Thank you.				
4-8290	EASTER EGG HUNT!- St. Sebastian If your child would like to participate in our annual Easter egg hunt, please prepare one dozen plastic eggs (filled with something sweet/fun) per child for after Mass on Easter Sunday, March 31st. We will have a container or				
188	two in the church hall where you can deposit your child's eggs; this will free up his/her basket. Our bunny helpers will distribute the eggs on the front lawn after Mass. Please contact Cathy Burden if you have questions, prize ideas/donations, or any other fun ideas.				
00am. nass.	They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"				
	Mowing Sign-Up - St. Sebastian				
759	Can you help the Church mow its yard? If so, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet on the table. Thank you in advance for your great help.				
m. hth after	Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp If you have a child attending Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp this summer, please notify Laura Fritz or Lindsay Searcy. Thank you.				

#### Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

We began our journey of Lent five weeks ago on Ash Wednesday. As we received ashes on our foreheads, we acknowledged our human frailty and our need to repent with the words from the scriptures, *"Repent and believe in the Gospel."* On that day on wards, we were also encouraged to fast, pray, and give alms as a way to atone for our sins. Since then, for the past five weeks, we have been reflecting on different topics, where Jesus was calling us to be more vigilant and faithful by following His commands and listening to Him who speaks to us through the Word of God, sacraments, and everyone around us.

Today as we begin Holy Week, we are invited to deepen our spiritual commitment. The word "holy" means something that is dedicated to God or to religious service. Therefore, we should reflect on how well we have prepared ourselves to become holy to meet Jesus Christ more personally in our lives, especially during this holy week?

Today is Palm Sunday, a special day to remember how a Wonderful Man came to the holy city of Jerusalem on a donkey. Have you ever thought about-why Jesus picked a donkey instead of another animal? In those days, there were many wars between different kingdoms. They used horses or donkeys to travel and carry things. But there was a big difference between a king on a horse and a king on a donkey. A king travelling on a horse implied that he is ready to fight, but a king on a donkey means that he wanted peace. So, when Jesus rode a donkey, He was telling everyone that He came to bring peace, peace between God and His people.

Jesus uses an unused donkey for His traveling. It shows how Holy and Perfect the person of Jesus is! At the same time, we need to keep in mind that, we can carry Jesus only if we are holy. Jesus says to His disciples, "Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find donkey on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask you, why are you untying it, you will answer The Master has need of it." Dear friends, we need to keep in mind that, in preparation for the Resurrection of our Lord, we are celebrating this great day of Palm Sunday. As Christians we believe that, through His resurrection, Christ is going to fully active and alive in this world and so we are as Christians called to be the carriers of Jesus in this world, and He needs a perfect and holy one and are you a perfect and holy one for Jesus? Very often just like the donkey we are all tied up in this world, in our own sins and many other things of this world. When Jesus asks His disciples to untie the donkey-it is directed towards you and me. Yes, we need to free ourselves from the clutches of sin and of this world

and only then can Jesus' travel with us, and work in our lives. As Jesus was talking about the fetching the donkey, the disciples were instructed that they are following the Master's need. In the same way Jesus needs us more than we need Him. He created us in His own image and likeness, so that we can be perfect and holy for His mission. He wants us to go around the world with Him. Are we ready for Jesus? Let us join Him in His journey to the Temple of Jerusalem and witness the honor He receives from the people!

There is a story about the donkey who carried Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. The donkey was amazed by how everyone cheered for them on their way to the city. But after the donkey dropped off Jesus at the temple, the donkey thought he was still a big deal and tried to go back the same way, hoping to get more applause but he was wrong. The people didn't care about him at all. The donkey got mad and started making a lot of noise in the street, but that only made people angry. They came from all over and kicked him and chased him out of town. Well, this story is not just funny, it's also true for a lot of people. Some people think they can be awesome and do great things without God. Sure, they might succeed at some stuff, but it won't last, and it won't make them happy. In the end, they'll be sad, lonely, and stressed out. That's what happens when we don't have Jesus with us on our journey. We will end up like that poor donkey who got beat up and kicked out. If we want to have real peace in our life, we need to be willing to be a donkey for Jesus and carry him around. That's what the saints did, and that's why we honor them in our Catholic Church.

Yes, today Jesus needs you and I, to carry Him around. Are you ready to become a donkey for Jesus in this world? Today we held Palm in our hands and sang Hosana. The word Hosana means "save now", in truth how many of us really want to be saved by Jesus to save others and this world? Yes, Jesus is ready to save us, but we need to free ourselves from sin and be ready to become a donkey like. Yes, we should be ready to hate this world and its passions. Dear Friends, deep inside, we all long for salvation. May this Palm Sunday celebration, strengthen that longing, so that like the holy ones, we will become a vessel for Christ to spread his presence. **Amen**.

<u>Financial Report – March 17, 2024</u> St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.						
Regular Collection	\$	2,516.00 - 519.00				
Emergency Fund	\$	160.00				
Mass Intentions	\$	5.00				
Easter Flowers	\$	50.00				

Financial Report – March 17, 2024							
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.							
Regular Collection	\$ 1,317.00 + 89.00						
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00						

#### Mass Schedule March 24 – March 31

Sunday – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian *Jimmy & Gail Clayton* -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *John Miller, Jr.* 

Monday – Monday of Holy Week -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – JoAnn Hayden

Tuesday – Tuesday of Holy Week -6:30pm - Chrism Mass at Sports Center, Owens.

Wednesday – Wednesday of Holy Week -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Eddie Sallee -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles - Souls in Purgatory

Thursday – Holy Thursday (For both Churches) -6:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – Velvin Cooper

Friday – Good Friday Service -4:30pm – Good Friday Service at St. Charles -6:30pm – Good Friday Service at St. Sebastian

Saturday – Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil -8:00pm – Mass at St. Charles – Joe Marcum

#### Sunday – Easter Sunday

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Louise Waters* -10:30am – Mass at St. Charles

James & Mary Gladys Welker



Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian Brianne McCarty – Mar.27

Pam McCarty – Mar.27

#### 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 and Mike Logsdon.

# Holy Week Liturgy Schedule.

Chrism Mass- March 26th at 6.30 PM- Sports Center, Owens.

Holy Thursday- March 28th at 6.PM - St. Sebastian Church

Good Friday- March 29th4.30 PM- SC6.30 PM - SSEaster Vigil – March 30th at 8 PM – St. Chrales Church

Easter Sunday- March 31<sup>st</sup> 8.30 AM- SS 10.30 AM- SC

Let us come together with our whole family and celebrate this Holy week more meaningfully and receive God's abundance of Blessings. May God Bess us all.

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9

# Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Chuck & Becky Cheatham – Mar. 29

### Happy Birthday - St. Charles

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Philip Logsdon – Mar.23

"Why did you suffer for me, dear Jesus? For love! The nails...the crown...the cross...all for the love of me!" -St. Gemma Galgani

# Ministry Schedule Saturday, March 30, 2024

St. Charles

 <u>s</u> Euch: Min: Darrell Bishop Mike Vollman
First Reading: Geneva Bishop
Second Reading: Gail Clayton
Third Reading: Christina Hudson
Epistle Reading: Stacy Green
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Rhodes
Money Counters: Volunteers

### Ministry Schedule Sunday, March 31, 2024

<u>St. Sebastian</u>	Euch. Min: Susie Alexander Drew McCarty Sid Hayden			
F	irst Reading: Paula Hayden			
Second reading: Faye May				
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Sid Hayde				
Altar Servers: Joseph Fritz				
	Will Searcy			
Money Counters: Gates Tichenor				
	Kellie Watkins			
	Donuts: No donuts scheduled			