

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am sure; most of you have heard the common saying, *“what is important is not how long we live in this world, but how meaningfully we lived in this world.”* As a Catholic, where do you find meaning for your life-in the Creator or in the Creation? A sincere reflection of our personal life will help us to find that, most of us make a fruitless effort to find meaning in the creations rather than in the creator. To be sincere, this is the tragedy of our Christian life and Christianity in this world.

St. John the Baptist came to this world to prepare the way for the Lord and lead people to Jesus, the true Messiah. In the first part of the Gospel we see, St. John the Baptist is guiding his own disciples to Jesus by telling them- *“Behold, the Lamb of God”*. The role of every Christian in this world is not different than the role of St. John the Baptist, to lead others to Jesus. But how serious are we about this commitment? Today, the discipleship of each one of us is questioned by Jesus Himself-*What are you looking for?* By becoming a Christian, what are you looking for? By coming to Church, what are you looking for? By doing a charity, what are you looking for? What are you looking for in your life?

A teenage girl studying at Paris University told her parents-*“before my final exams, I wish to go to India to visit Mother Theresa and spend some days with her.”* She reached India. She looked so tired and depressed. Mother Theresa told her *“please spend half of the day in the chapel before the Blessed Sacrament, and the rest of the day visiting the Home for the dying.”* After two weeks, the girl ran to Mother Theresa and hugged her and said *“I SAW JESUS.”* Mother Theresa asked her, where did you see Jesus? She said among the people who are in the Home for the dying.

“What are you looking for?” is the question Jesus asked the disciples who followed Him. It is something interesting to see that, Jesus is turning towards them and asking this question. Yes, if you take the Master seriously, the Master also will take you seriously. To the question of Jesus, the disciples ask-*“Teacher, where are you staying?”* Jesus takes their question seriously and says- *“Come, and you will see.”* Dear friends, how many of us really and seriously look for Jesus in our lives? If we are serious, be sure there is an invitation for all of us, *“come and you will see.”*

Yes, the call of Jesus is to be with Him, to experience Him, and to be sent out. This is exactly what we see from the action of Andrew. He stayed with Jesus and experienced Him. The experience with Jesus cannot be hidden, so, Andrew shares with his own brother-*“we have found the Messiah/Christ,*

and brought him to Jesus.” Dear Friends, we have been the disciples of Jesus for many years-did anyone of us find and experience Jesus and lead others to Jesus? What are you looking for? If you are looking for Jesus, do you have time for Jesus to stay with Him, to listen to Him and to experience Him? Remember, God is not a far away reality; He is very close to us. Let us look for Him with our whole our heart, mind, soul and strength. **May God Bless You.**

Family Honor

Parents: *Would you like to jump-start communication with your son or daughter? Do you need help talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, marriage, dating and other important topics?* The Office of Marriage & Family Life invites you to a webinar for parents presented by Family Honor. Parents of 7th or 8th grade students, we encourage you to register for the *Real Love & Real Life* parent-teen chastity webinar on Monday evenings, January 25th – March 1, 2021. Cost is \$50 for all five sessions. Register at: owensborodiocese.org/parenting-resources or call 270-852-8336.

Clean Heart Initiative

The Clean Heart Initiative team from Blessed Mother parish invites you to watch a recording of an informational webinar presented at their parish via Zoom. Parents, grandparents, priests, teachers, as well as anyone who is affected by the issue of pornography in any way, is invited to hear more about the Church's response to pornography and what we can do about it. The webinar can be viewed at CleanHeartInitiative.org, Blessed Mother Parish's website or Facebook page, or the Office of Marriage & Family Life Facebook page



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

Financial Report - January 10, 2020

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 2,802.00 - 136.09
Emergency Fund	\$ 325.00
Opportunities for Life	\$ 95.00

Financial Report - January 10, 2020

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,889.00 + 741.54
Emergency Fund	\$ 50.00
Support Life Ministries	\$ 70.00

Mass Schedule January 17 - 24

Sunday - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Dr. Robert Kraus Family
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Minnie Logsdon

Monday - Second Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Alvin Bickett

Tuesday - Second Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Justin Durbin

Wednesday - Second Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Martin Hamilton
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Minnie Logsdon

Thursday - Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial)
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett

Friday - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young

Saturday - Second Week in Ordinary Time
-3:00pm - Confession at St. Sebastian
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Ruth Reed

Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Thomas & Bernice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Minnie Logsdon

Prayer List for members of our community:

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Jimmy Clayton, Pat Calhoun, Jacinta Tichenor, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Nowak, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, and Mary Jewell.

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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 25.
- Maintain physical distance of six feet minimum from those not living within the same household.
- Wear face covering over mouth and nose. Based on CDC recommendations, everyone over the age of two must wear a mask for the duration of any event or meeting held on parish property. Those unable to wear a face mask at the event, whether it be due to age (the CDC does not recommend those under the age of two to wear a mask), health condition, or preference, are asked to stay healthy at home.
- Conduct temperature and health checks for each participant.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- Encourage those at high risk to stay Healthy at Home.
- Maintain a record of all persons attending the event/meeting and their contact information.
- Follow State of Kentucky Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants and Bars for any form of food service. A summary follows:
 - o No indoor food or beverage consumption.
 - o Carryout and delivery encouraged.
 - o Outside tables or booths should be placed six (6) feet apart.
 - o Only those living within the same household should sit together.
 - o Use disposable napkins, tablecloths, utensils and condiments. Condiments must be single-use, disposable packages.
 - o If non-disposable linens (such as cloth napkins, tablecloths, wiping cloths) are used, they must be laundered between uses.
- Ensure that gloves are worn by employees/volunteers who clean or handle high-touch areas of the gathering space.
- Encourage volunteers and attendees to frequently wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer, provided by the event organizer.
- Use appropriate disinfectants to clean frequently touched surfaces and shared equipment.
- Use signage to alert attendees of required occupancy limits, six feet of physical distance and the facial covering requirements.
- Parishes should add a rider to rental contracts specifying that the renter is bound to abide by all government and diocesan restrictions that are in place at the time of the event.

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



Gates & Trudy Tichenor - January 21

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

Matt Ebelhar - January 24

“Every Saint has a past and every sinner has a future.”

-Oscar Wilde

Natural Family Planning – FREE instruction offer!

Through a partnership with the St. Augustine Foundation, the Diocese of Owensboro is offering FREE instruction in the Billings Method of Natural Family Planning to any Catholic married couple in the Diocese throughout 2021! This offer is for the Billings Method only, for couples where at least one spouse is a practicing Catholic, and covers five teaching sessions, starting January 1st, 2021. A list of trained Billings instructors in our Diocese can be found at Owensborodiocese.org/billings-ovulation-method.