

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Let me begin the reflection with a question-do you love with your mind or heart? Whether you agree with me or not, in today's world the most successful business one can do is to sell love; a love that does not come from our mind, rather a love that comes from our heart. Realizing this greatest truth St. Theresa of Calcutta says "The greatest disease in the world today is not cancer or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the world is a different kind of poverty - it is not only poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God." Fortunately or unfortunately, the present world is controlled by the love that comes from the mind, than the heart; that is the reason we have a crazy world with crazy people. Intellectual love is not permanent; it keeps changing according to the situation. The love that comes from the heart is permanent and never changes according to the situation. Let us ask ourselves what kind of love do I have in my life and I share with my brothers and sisters in this world?

Jesus taught us to love with our heart. He still loves us and we experience His love even after we crucified Him. Why is it that we Christians are failing to learn to love like Jesus? Reflecting upon the life of Jesus, people say Jesus was able to do many extraordinary things in this world, because He was divine. Let us not forget that Jesus was human too. Jesus had two natures, and we also have two natures, both human and divine. Why is it that we are not able to do extraordinary things like Jesus in this world? The answer is, we are not ready to transcend ourselves to the divine nature in its fullness. Our spiritual affiliation to God is a sign of our divine nature, but often we like to hold on to our human nature and thereby we fail to love from our heart. If we consider Jesus as an extraordinary person, how can we consider ourselves as an ordinary person, because we are created in the image and likeness of God? Yes, there is so much potential in each one of us to love from our heart, but we are afraid to take the risk.

Through the Gospel of today, Jesus invites all of us to transcend ourselves to the divine nature in this world and do extraordinary things through our love that comes from our heart; because only love can bring permanent changes in this world and in the lives of the people. So, as we continue to celebrate Jesus' unconditional love on this table, let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to help us to love like Him in this

world. Let us keep in mind, every one of us is a miracle of God in this world and are capable performing miracles in this world by His Love. **May God Bless.**

Special Collection for Ash Wednesday

Our annual Mandeville Sister Diocese Collection on Ash Wednesday, 2-26-20 offers us a wonderful opportunity, once again, to share in the joy of giving so that the Body of Christ may grow in love and caring. Thank you for your past generosity and please consider helping again this year. A gift given to another brings joy to the hearts of both the giver and the receiver. It allows both to rejoice together. The giver can rejoice in acting on God's will to care for another. The receiver has joy in knowing they are not alone in their difficulties and that the wider Church cares about their wellbeing.

Prayer List for members of our community:

Leo Guenther, Joe Bickett, Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Stella Ibrahims, Elaine West, Lisa Jackson, Howard Hillard, Brett McPherson, Stephanie Payne, Kathy Hudson, Evelyn Drury, Teresa Jones, Brittney Neal, Ethan Settle, Tom Schutte, Kim Staples, Katherine Roberts, Patricia Hardison, Tommy England, Dennis Millay, Todd Tichenor, Patricia Hayden, Jim Lebold, Jimmy Clayton, Candace Miller, Mary Jewell, Charlie May, David Abrams, Jackie Lee, Debbie Neal, James & Paula Tichenor, Tony Calvert, Mike Dant, Alice Durbin, Jim Logsdon Betty Bickett, John Muster, Pat Calhoun, Kyle Hicks, and Kathy Owen. *Please call the office to have a name added to the prayer list. This list will be purged at the end of each month. Thanks*

CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

February 22 & 23

Photos taken by Tom Carr Photography

Groups & Committees will have pictures done after Mass on Sunday. If you have chosen not to be pictured you will not receive a Directory.

Financial Report - February 16, 2020

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,079.37 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 3,456.75 + \$ 377.38
Children's Collection	\$ 11.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 212.00
Religious Ed	\$ 31.00

Financial Report - February 16, 2020

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,102.97 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 1,866.00 +\$179.97
HVAC (\$1,900.00 Needed)	\$ 525.00
Children's Collection	\$ 9.00

St. Sebastian Counting of Collection March 1

Cathy Burden & Mike Dant

MASS SCHEDULE

February 23, 2020 - March 1, 2020

Sunday - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Justin Durbin
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Charlie Wedding

Monday - Seventh Monday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Danny Edwards

Tuesday - Seventh Tuesday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Justin Durbin

Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:00am - Mass at St. Charles
June Evans
- 6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Rel Ed Students & Teachers

Thursday - Thursday After Ash Wednesday

- 8:30am - Mass at St Sebastian
Alvin Bickett
- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Jake Coomes

Friday - Friday After Ash Wednesday

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Horace Mayfield
- 5:00pm - Fish Fry

Saturday - Saturday After Ash Wednesday

- 4:30pm Confession
- 5:30pm Mass at St. Sebastian
Danny Edwards

Sunday - First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Hayden
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
James Leon Howard

Finance Council Meeting

St. Sebastian - Monday 24th at 5:30pm
St. Charles - Thursday 27th at 6:15pm
All the council members & any parishioner interested can attend the meeting.

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, Spec Private First Class Charlotte Marshall, Specialist 4 Chaz McKay, Sgt. Adam Dickey & Aly Franklin

RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 26h 6:00pm **Mass**
6:45pm **Class**

Parish Council Meeting

St. Sebastian Church will have Parish Council Meeting on March 9th at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Grace Marriage

In 2019, the Office of Marriage & Family Life completed a one-year pilot using Grace Marriage, an on-going, proactive, quarterly approach to marriage enrichment where couples spend six hours every 90 days investing in their marriage. Twenty-two Catholic couples from six parishes in the Owensboro area participated. Based on their feedback, Bishop Medley wrote a letter of endorsement and we hope to offer Grace Marriage in other areas of the Diocese as well. Registration for groups in the Owensboro area opens February 14th at OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage. If you would like more information about bringing Grace Marriage to your parish, please contact the Office of Marriage & Family Life.

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

- Callie Hayden - February 23
- Kim Cooper - February 27
- Stacy Green - February 27
- Logan Vaught - February 29

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary



Hagan and Stephanie Fee - February 26

Ministry Schedule - March 1

St. Sebastian

Eucharistic Ministers: Sid Hayden, Neal Scott & Marc Searcy
Lector: Cathy Burden & Marie Caraway
Servers: Whit Searcy & Will Searcy
Hospitality Ministers - Josh Searcy, Jamie Durbin & Donald Durbin
Gift Bearers: Daniel & Kellie Watkins Family

St. Charles

Eucharist Ministers: Darrell Bishop & Maddie Ward
Lectors: David Albin & Zach Albin
Altar Servers: Georgia Calhoun & Amelia Calhoun
Hospitality Ministers: Derek Miller & Rondy Humphrey
Gift Bearers: Andy & Christina Hudson Family

Whenever you are unable to fill your ministry, please find someone to replace you and/or contact the office so your name will not be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.