

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Despite our unworthiness, Jesus extended an open invitation to all of us last weekend; Take my yoke upon you, and I will give you rest. My yoke is easy and my burden light. Everyone who accepted the invitation of Jesus, last weekend, is given a great reward, a great harvest. He says about the good seed that produces a hundred, sixty or thirty-fold; for sure it faces many obstacles: like birds, stones and thorns, but they will not block its ultimate purpose. So, the question for this week is, "are you a determined person to meet your goal as a Christian, to produce fruits for the kingdom of God?" If you are a person with great determination to produce fruits for the kingdom of God, nothing in this world can stop you, because "if God is for us, who can be against us." (Rom. 8:31)

Yes, there is no doubt, God is for us but are you for God? Do you allow God to work in you? The God, who created you without your permission, cannot come to you without your permission. A long time ago, Jesus had expressed his interest to work with us, but most of us have not shown a great interest to work with Him; otherwise, we should have lived in a better peaceful world than we are now. When we all received the sacrament of Baptism, Jesus had prepared each one of us to be his instrument or prepared all of us to bear much fruit for the kingdom of God by accepting and living the word of God, but did we take much care of the place of heart He prepared in our lives? How is it that we don't look like Jesus Christ, even though we are created in His own image and likeness? How is it that we don't speak and act like Jesus even though we read and listen to the word of God in our lives? How is it that we do not smell like Jesus, even after consuming His body and blood for many years? After having done all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, still if we fail to bear good fruits in our lives, we need to make a serious examination of conscious.

The Gospel of today invites all of us to examine the growth of our spiritual life and its effects. By looking around the world situation you all will agree with me the fact that, the seed called the Word of God needs more rich soil of hearts to get rooted and to be produced. Yes, we can reap only what we have sowed. So, let us begin from one's own self, before we look into the other. Being a Christian, do I carry a rich soil of heart for the word of God to take root and bear fruits? If our hearts are hard like a path or if our hearts are with rocks and bushes and we do not make an effort to clean them up, who else will do this for us?

During this Holy Eucharist, let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to send His spirit upon each one of us to help us

to prepare our hearts to accept the word of God and bear much fruit for the kingdom of God. **May God Bless.**

New Invocations

Pope Francis has added three new invocations to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary: "Mother of Mercy" after Mother of the Church, "Mother of Hope" after Mother of Divine Grace. "Solace of Migrants" after Refuge of Sinners.

Anthem Telehealth and Covid-19

The Diocese is extending the cost share waiver of telehealth visits with providers in the plan's network through Sept. 13th. Members can sign up for telehealth visits through LiveHealth offered by Anthem. You can visit with a board-certified doctor from your home.

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy

Effective immediately (May 27, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy (Religious Education classes, RCIA meetings, small groups, etc.) may resume with ten people or less, with the following guidelines;

- All must continue practicing physical distancing of six feet from those not living within the same household.
- All must wear a mask if closer than six feet to anyone not living within their household.
- No communal food may be shared.
- Encourage all to wash hands frequently before, during, and after the gathering.
- Encourage all to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Those at high risk over 65 with heart, lung, or kidney disease, are still asked not to gather.

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

Financial Report - July 5, 2020

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,079.37 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 3,108.00 + 28.63
Emergency Fund	\$ 365.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00

Financial Report - July 5, 2020

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,102.97 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,715.00 + 612.03
Emergency Fund	\$ 240.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,174.15

Money Counting

Due to safety reasons we are suspending the duty of counting money. At this point in time Sarah Brown will be counting the collection. Thanks.

Mass Schedule
July 12 - 19

Sunday - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
V.J. Steele Jr.
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
June Evans & Family

Tuesday - Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Healthcare Professionals

Thursday - Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

- 6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles
John W. Miller Jr.

Saturday - Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett

Sunday - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
George Ballard Sr.
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Jim Rhodes

Please Visit Our Church Website:
www.stsebastianandstcharles.com

"Remember...that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."
-St. Therese of Lisieux

Prayer List for members of our community:

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, Kathy Owen, James Lewis Dant and Gloria Farmer. *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*

Please pray for our Military

MMN1 Andrew Logsdon, SSgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zarembo, 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

Retrouvaille- Save your Marriage

Does your marriage need a lifeline? Has the pandemic raised the stress level in your marriage? Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long "i", French for "rediscovery") offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. Visit Owensborodiocese.org/marriage-help to register for the upcoming program beginning September 18-20th, 2020, at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center.

Family Retreats at Gasper River

In addition to Gasper on the Go!, Gasper River is over family retreats at the camp this summer. Bring your family out just for the day or stay a night or two! There are many options available. You can book a lodge, bring your own meals or have Gasper provide meals, hike and explore, do activities, or just enjoy God's creation together. Call or email to get your seat reserve at **270-781-2466** OR gasperriver@hotmail.com Thanks!

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

- Sarah Miller - July 13
- John Calhoun - July 15
- Carol Rhodes - July 15
- Jacqueline Picard - July 17

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

- Riley Walker - July 15
- Charity Pinkston - July 16
- Becky Cheatham - July 17
- Whit Searcy - July 17
- Candace Walker - July 17

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



- Marc & Lindsay Searcy - July 16
- Jimmy & Gail Clayton - July 17

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Since we can't have summer camp at Gasper River, we're bringing summer camp to you! Be on the lookout for dates and places all around the diocese where Gasper River staff will lead days camps! Camps will be for incoming 3rd through 6th graders from 8:30am to 11:30am and middle and high school from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Tuesdays through Thursdays. Sign up and more information will be on our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org. We cannot wait to see everyone in July!!

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.