

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

There is a funny story told about a grandfather and his grandson. The grandfather frantically told his grandson: "You better hide! The maid told me that your teacher is here looking for you because you are not in the class." The grandson replied: "Grandpa, you better hide, because I told my teacher yesterday that I will be absent today because you died."

In today's Gospel we see, the disciples are hiding behind closed doors because of the fear of Jews. They were afraid, lost and had many uncertainties; their body was safe and peaceful, but their hearts were not safe and peaceful. It is in this situation Jesus appears to them and breaks away all their false safety thinking with His presence and Peace. Dear friends, through this incident Jesus teaches us that, material things can offer us only a temporary security for our body and, no security at all for our heart. The security for heart is nothing but peace of Christ. The peace offered by Jesus in today's Gospel is not as the world gives; rather it is a peace which nothing in this world can take away.

PEACE, one of the beautiful realities everyone is looking for in this world, but very hard to find and experience. Poor people think if they have good money, they will have peace. Rich people think if they have security, they will have peace. Sick people think if they have good health, they will be at peace. Yes, peace remains a far distant dream for many of us in today's world due to various reasons. Dear friends, as peace is offered to the disciples by Jesus in today's Gospel, the same Jesus is offering peace to each one of us in our troubled situation. But we fail to experience it because we fail to accept Him with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Instead of placing our trust in the Creator, most of us find comfort in placing our trust in the creation; as a consequence worry and trouble follow us like a shadow.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. At Pentecost, we celebrate the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to His own disciples prior to His Ascension into heaven; "it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." The never failing man-Jesus, as He promised sends the Holy Spirit to His disciples and to each one of us; "He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" Remember, when God breathed into the nostrils of man formed from the dust, there came a new living being. Today, He is breathing on to each one of us to become a new living being in Jesus Christ. Dear friends, believe me or not, the greatest stumbling block to become a new creation by

experiencing the presence and working with the Holy Spirit in most of us is our weakness to forgive our brothers and sisters, and as a result both parties miss the chance to experience the peace offered by Jesus.

On this Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Mother Church invites us to become a new creation; to continue the mission of Jesus in this world. But most of us have a tendency to say, I am not worthy, I am not good enough etc. But before Jesus who is worthy and good enough? Jesus says to us, "You did not choose me, but I chose you." Dear Friends, everyone is weak in their own way, but remember, Jesus is not looking for the qualified, but He qualifies the called. Moses had a speech problem, David was an ordinary shepherd, Jeremiah said he was too young and Daniel was a fifteen- year- old boy. Look at the disciples of Jesus, most of them were ordinary fishermen, but when they all opened their hearts to the grace of the Lord, they all became stronger and became powerful instruments for the Kingdom of God. The same way today, we are all called to open our hearts to the grace that the Lord is showering upon us every day. St. Theresa of Calcutta says "I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world." Yes, the call is given; the grace is given, are we ready? **God Bless!**

Need Your Prayers

As the people of India are really suffering for various needs caused by Covid-19, I request your valuable prayers for India and its people. Please pray for the government officials that they may be serious about people's lives. Thanks to our great country (USA) for the support. - Fr. Jegin.

The Lazarus Retreat

The Lazarus Retreat is open to 9th-12th graders and will be held Friday, June 4 – Sunday, June 6, 2021 at Blessed Mother Catholic Church in Owensboro, KY. The goal and theme of the retreat is an intentional invitation to our young people to life in Jesus Christ. For questions contact the office of Youth Ministry **(270) 683-1545**

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

Financial Report - May 16, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 3,792.00 + 853.91
Emergency Fund	\$ 205.00
Communications	\$ 100.00

Financial Report - May 16, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 900.00 - 247.46
Emergency Fund	\$ 10.00
Communications	\$ 45.00

Mass Schedule

May 23 - 30

Sunday - Pentecost Sunday

- 7:00am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Hayden
- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Guy & Virginia Anderson
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Teresa Logsdon

Monday - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Alvin Bickett

Tuesday - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett

Wednesday - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young
- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Ed & Amelia Evans

Thursday - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Delila Mae Payne

Friday - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Dr. Robert Kraus Family

Saturday - Easter Weekday

- 5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Louis & Nora Edge Family

Sunday - The Most Holy Trinity

- 7:00am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Ben Dunn
- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Jacinta Tichenor Garinger
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Joe Schwarzer

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Jimmy Clayton, Pat Calhoun, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Nowak, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Jacinta Tichenor Peters, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham and Lisa Vaught

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, and Corpsman Aly Franklin

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy

- The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in place.
- Effective immediately, the Diocese is adopting the Governor's new protocol regarding masking outdoors. Parishes and Schools MAY choose to NOT require a mask during OUTDOOR activities if the group size is less than 1,000. This applies to the Liturgy, picnics, playgrounds, sporting events, youth groups or any other outdoor activities.
- Nothing has changed for indoor gatherings. We have no way of knowing when protocols for inside activities will change, but we are reviewing the CDC and State's directives on a daily basis. Things are changing rapidly, but there are still some instances where transmissions and quarantines are occurring. So please continue to exercise caution and follow the guidelines for indoor gatherings until we receive further notification from the State. Please remember that here is always an assumed risk, even if they are considered low risk.
- Three-foot distance should be maintained between households.
- Children aged two and under are not required to wear a mask. It is imperative that everyone over the age of two be masked properly. 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.
- Choirs may resume but must be masked and placed three feet apart.

"Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying."

-Saint Vincent de Paul

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Lance Green - May 23
Daniel Watkins - May 23

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Andy Hudson - May 24
Ann Renfrow - May 30

Thank you!

Much appreciation goes out to Mike Vollman! Thank you for taking the time to plant the beautiful flowers around Sacred Heart Statue in front of the Church.

Fundraising Chair Person is Needed - St. Sebastian

St. Sebastian Church is looking for a volunteer who can lead a fundraising committee. If you're interested please contact Fr. Jegin or any of the Parish Council members.

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



Drew & Brianne McCarty - May 23
Paul & Theresa Lancaster - May 24