

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Have you ever received any gifts from heaven? Three valuable gifts we have received from Heaven are; Heavenly Father, Heavenly Prayer and Heavenly bread. Every time we participate in the Holy Eucharist in a worthy manner, we have the chance to experience these three gifts in our lives. As Catholics it is a challenge for us all to experience and nourish these gifts in our lives.

I read a book in which the paragraph says this prayer can lead us to heaven! Does anyone know that prayer? How many of us know the prayer of the Our Father? How many of us can pray this prayer without any mistake? Often, we fail to pray this prayer from our hearts and so Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my father in heaven." This is the same Jesus who says to us through the Gospel of Mathew 15:8, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Today, the Holy Mother Church is inviting all of us to reflect seriously about one of the three gifts from heaven, namely the Heavenly Prayer. The uniqueness of this prayer is that, it is not a prayer to be said by a person alone, rather it is a prayer to be said as a group, as a community, as a family etc. The prayer begins like this; 'OUR' Father rather than my father. Again, in the prayer we say – Give 'US' this day 'OUR' daily bread and forgive 'US OUR' trespasses, as 'WE' forgive those who trespass against US lead US not into temptation. So, this prayer reminds us about our responsibility for our brothers and sisters and the UNITY we should maintain as Christians. But, have I excluded anyone from my community is the question we need to ask first because of our unforgiveness?

In the Gospel we see, the disciples are asking Jesus- "Lord teach us to pray." God called Moses to Mount Sinai and gave Ten Commandments to him for the people of Israel to be lived to enter into the Promised Land. When we come to the New Testament we see, a scholar came to Jesus and asks; "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" To him, Jesus replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself." Today, Jesus has shortened everything to a beautiful prayer to enter into the kingdom of God. The first part of this prayer reminds us of our responsibility toward our Creator, to glorify Him and honor Him through our lives. When fulfilling the first part of the prayer, the second part of the prayer will happen in our lives even without our knowledge, where everyone lives in peace and harmony.

The second part of the prayer reminds us about our responsibility toward our brothers and sisters to live peacefully. To have a peaceful life, a person should have three essential things in his / her life according to this prayer: Daily Bread, Forgiveness of sins, and deliverance from evil. Daily Bread: It is not only the material bread that we eat, but medicine for the sick, hope for the depressed, love for the unwanted, daily wage for the worker, clothes for the naked, water for the thirsty, food for the hungry, knowledge for the mind, word of God for the soul etc. Forgiveness of our sins: In one way or another we are all sinners. As sinners, we need forgiveness from our sins that we have committed yesterday and today. Sometimes the people who need forgiveness from us may not be alive today, so through this prayer we are asking forgiveness from God. We seek forgiveness from God based on the forgiveness that we give to the other. So, this prayer is the most conditional prayer too. Forgiveness of God is based on the forgiveness of one's own self. So, let us reflect- do I need to forgive someone in my life? Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Here we are asking for the grace of God to live faithfully in the future.

In these three basic needs we are seeking the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Father who provides the bread, Son who forgives our sins and Holy Spirit who strengthens us to be faithful. Thus, this prayer sheds its light on the past, present and future life of every one of us too. Forgiveness for the past life, Bread for the present life and support for the future life. Understanding all the meanings and value of this prayer only during the Holy Mass, the invitation to pray the prayer of Our Father is made something special; "At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:" So, in conclusion every Christian should boldly say, the Lord's Prayer is the best, greatest and most powerful prayer in the world which includes our whole life. So, understanding the value of this prayer let us pray seriously. **God Bless.**



Ministry List can change. Please check the bulletin board often. Thank you.

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to our churches.

<b>Financial Report – July 17, 2022</b>	
<b>St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 3,710.00 + 643.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 415.00

<b>Financial Report – July 17, 2022</b>	
<b>St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,249.00 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,885.00 + 636.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**July 24 – July 31**

**Sunday – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Guy & Virginia Anderson  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – Mary Albin

**Monday – St. James, Apostle (Feast)**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian  
Robert & Mary Vollman

**Tuesday – Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Joe Bickett

**Wednesday- Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Lisa Young  
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles- Mary Albin

**Thursday – Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Louis Weise

**Friday- No Mass**

**Saturday – Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**  
-3:00pm - Confession  
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian  
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

**Sunday –Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian -Jaimie Hobbs  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
Katherine Roberts

*"That which God commands seems difficult and a burden. The way is rough; you draw back; you have no desire to follow it. Yet do so and you will attain glory."*

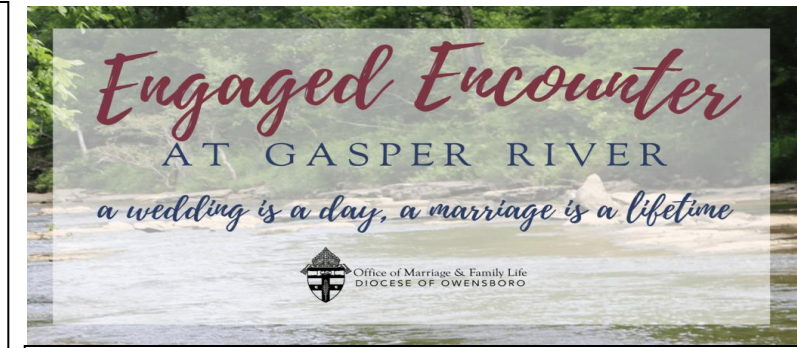
-St Anthony Mary Zaccaria

**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, and Corpsman Aly Franklin.

**Prayer List for Members of our Community**

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Jimmy Clayton, Pat Calhoun, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Nowak, Kimberly Stiles, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant., Lance Green, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle and Charles Mae.



**Engaged Encounter In-Person | Oct. 15-16, 2022**

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an international marriage preparation program developed over 40 years ago. In the Diocese of Owensboro, Engaged Encounter is an overnight retreat starting Saturday morning and ending Sunday afternoon at Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center near Bowling Green, KY. For more information and to register, visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/engaged-encounter/>

**Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian**



Sam Burden – July 22  
Knox McCarty – July 22  
Gordon Payne – July 22  
Nathan Floyd – July 27

**Happy Birthday - St. Charles**



Caron Lee Edwards – July 23  
Joseph Staples – July 23

**Ministry Schedule**  
**July 30, 2022**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Cathy Burden  
Lectors: Paula Tichenor

**July 31, 2022**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Debra Hamilton  
Sid Hayden  
David N. Scott  
Lectors: Lindsey Searcy  
Kathy Hudson

Gift Bearers: Mike Vollman  
Hospitality Ministers: Jimmy Clayton  
Bob Guenther  
Money Counters: Kimberly Cooper  
Gail Clayton

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee  
Sherry Logsdon  
Lectors: Marsha Logsdon  
Ann Renfrow  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Dotson  
Money Counters: Marl Logsdon  
David Albin