Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

There is a beautiful prayer to the Holy Trinity that can be seen in the Celtic prayer book (*The Celtic way of Prayer: The Recovery of the Religious Imagination, P.43 by Esther de Wall*) and it expresses beautifully the different qualities of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. The beautiful prayer goes like this: "O Father who sought me, O Son who bought me, O Holy Spirit who taught me." Today, we are celebrating the great feast of the greatest mystery of the Church, the Holy Trinity, which is also the corner stone of our Christian Faith and Christian life.

If we turn the pages of History, we can see that there were many people who tried to make a journey into the great mystery of the Trinity, to understand and to explain it logically, but no one has succeeded it. There is a beautiful story told of St Augustine of Hippo, a great philosopher and theologian who wanted so much to understand the doctrine of the Trinity and to be able to explain it logically. One day as he was walking along the sea shore and reflecting on this, he suddenly saw a little child all alone on the shore. The child made a hole in the sand, ran to the sea with a little cup, filled her cup, came and poured it into the hole she had made in the sand. Back and forth she went to the sea, filled her cup and came and poured it into the hole. Augustine went up to her and said, "Little child, what are doing?" and she replied, "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole." "How do you think," Augustine asked her, "that you can empty this immense sea into this tiny hole and with this tiny cup?" To which she replied, " And you, how do you suppose that with this your small head, you can comprehend the immensity of God?" With that the child disappeared.

Dear friends, as we celebrate this great feast of the greatest mystery, we should have the humility to accept that human reason cannot understand this greatest Truth, but we can have some glimpse of this Trinity through the qualities of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Yes, it is the same we prayed in the beginning"O Father who sought me, O son who bought me, O Holy Spirit who taught me."

"O <u>Father who sought me</u>". In the book of Jeremiah (1:5) we read, the Lord says "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." In the first reading we read about the experience of Moses with God as a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity. This fulfillment of Moses' comment on God we experience in the Gospel; "God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life" and Jesus saved us all though

His Passion, Death & Resurrection and so let us pray- "O Son who bought me". According to the gospel of John (15:26) it was before the death of Jesus, He comforts disciples by saying "...the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you". The instructions of the Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus through the Holy Spirit we read in the second reading, to love one another and live peacefully. So let us pray- "O Holy Spirit who taught me". Deepening our Faith in the Holy Trinity, let us ask the Lord for the grace to live in love and peace. Amen.

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.

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions during this unfortunate time. God Bless.

Financial Report - May 31, 2020 St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,079.37 weekly

Regular Collection \$4,034.00 + \$954.63 Children's Collection \$0.00 Emergency Fund \$220.00 Communications \$25.00

Financial Report - May 31, 2020 St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,102.97 weekly

 Regular Collection
 \$ 1,785.00 +\$ 682.03

 HVAC (\$1,900.00 Needed)
 \$ 0.00

 Children's Collection
 \$ 0.00

 Communications
 \$ 50.00

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.

Mass Schedule June 7 - 14

Sunday - The Most Holy Trinity

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

 -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
 Robert Alan Head

Tuesday - Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Leo Guenthner

Thursday - Saint Barnabas, Apostle

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles
For the Era of Peace

Saturday - Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

-5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian V.J. Steele Jr.

Sunday - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Martin Hamilton
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

For the Conversion of Sinners

Please visit our website at www.stsebastianandstcharles.com

Prayer List for members of our community:

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, 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 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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery Kitchen Manager

The Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville, KY is seeking a kitchen manager. The kitchen manager will manage and coordinate the day to day food service operations of the kitchen; assure compliance with State and Federal requirements and laws regarding nutrition, sanitation, safety and recordkeeping; select, assign, schedule, supervise, direct, and evaluate assigned food service personnel.

Please inquire: Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery 270-233-4571

Diocesan Marriage Celebration

September 27, 2020 @ 10:30 am Christ the King Parish 1600 Kingsway Dr Madisonville, KY 42431

Join us on Sunday, September 27 at 10:30 AM at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville for the annual Marriage Celebration during Mass. Bishop William F. Medley will be presiding and all are invited and welcome! Sponsored by the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Contact: Charlotte Hedges 270-683-1545

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

Mitchell Dotson - June 8

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

Clay Durbin - June 7 Judy Sallee - June 8 Maxine Nesmith - June 10 Charlie Watkins - June 10 Eloise Sexton - June 14

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



Greg & Sherry Abney - June 11 Todd & Cathy Burden - June 14 Nathan & Emily Floyd - June 14

The Catholic Marriage Summit

[A FREE online event!] June 11-13 Don't miss this amazing FREE online event! If you're married, engaged, or feel called to marriage, you've got to sign up for The Catholic Marriage Summit. Featuring Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Chris & Natalie Stefanick, Edward & Beth Sri, Damon & Melanie Owens, Ryan & Mary Rose Verret, and many more incredible couples getting into the real issues we face as married couples every day. This is a free event open to all couples. Sign up for free at: https://www.joyfuleverafter.org/a/27520/L77td5ah

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.