

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Being the disciple of Jesus, to evangelize the world in the spirit of the Lord, the best weapon Jesus invites us to use against all kind of evil in today's world is called humility; "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Humility is a Christian virtue, which every Christian should have, to relate with God and others to co-exist in this world.

All the readings of today remind us about the importance of humility in our lives. The first reading says, "Behave humbly and you will find favor with the Lord." Finding favor with the Lord will help us to find favor with everyone in this world too. Humility was one of the trademarks of Jesus' life and ministry, which brought about effective changes in the lives of many people. St. James declares that God loves the humble but detests the proud (Jas.4:6). The reading also reminds us that pride is a kind of sickness and evil; but at the same time, the good news is that it can be cured by imitating the humility of Christ in our lives. The second says that our destination is Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the city of the living God. In this city, only the humble, like that of Angels and Saints, can dwell and the proud cannot because a proud heart cannot worship the Lord.

When we come to the Gospel reading, Jesus uses the imagery of a marriage to teach us about humility. Jesus says: "...Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus teaches the importance of humility and simplicity in our Christian journey. In this regard, we have a lot to learn from the Blessed Virgin Mary who humbled herself. Her humility was so remarkable that God exalted her to be the mother of His Son.

In today's world, many people consider humility as weakness, but for God humility is greatness. So, as Christians, the question to reflect on is, is our life directed towards achieving greatness in this world or before God? There is nothing to lose by being humble. The book of Proverbs tells us, "Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth, honor, and life." (Prov. 22: 4). On the contrary, pride results in defeat and shame. The CCC teaches us that, "Humility is the foundation of a sincere prayer." (2559). So, only a humble heart can come to God in prayer. Matthew 15:8 says, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Do we have the virtue of humility in our prayer?

Humility is a garment we all need to wear if we desire to make changes in this world or in the lives of other people. It would not only gain favors from God, but it will also open a lot of doors for us. At his first appearance as the Roman Pontiff, Pope Francis

bowed his head and asked the world to pray for him. This act of humility was productive as it touched and changed the lives of many. During a presentation at a certain University a student was holding his paper at his left hand while making his presentation. Seeing him, the professor scolded him harshly and asked him to hold the paper at his right and sit down. The young man raised his right arm for everyone to see that half of it was cut off. The professor seeing this came to the student knelt down before him and begged to be forgiven because he did not know about his disability. This act of the professor touched and changed the life of not only the student but many other students.

Dear friends, God is not interested in what we are; but who we are, as that is where humility can be found. So let us humbly implore the Lord: "O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours." **God Bless.**

"Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved."

-St. Robert Bellarmine

Saint Stephen Cathedral- Business Manager

Saint Stephen Cathedral located in Owensboro, KY has an opportunity for a Full-Time Business Manager, working under the supervision of the Pastor.

Position Summary: The Parish Business Manager must be a well-organized professional who is able to execute daily parish accounting functions and is the point person responsible for all aspects of parish administration. The Parish Business Manager works closely with the Pastor and the staff, as well as with parish volunteers and outside contractors.

Qualification and Duties:

Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Business preferred or an Associate's degree with equivalent accounting experience. A minimum of three to five years of prior professional experience. Knowledge of budgeting principles, accounting principles, and financial reporting. Excellent organization, interpersonal skills, verbal, and written communication skills. Strong computer skills. Ability to relate to a variety of persons who are part of the Parish and Parish staff. Successfully complete a criminal history and background check. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to:

Email: Fr. John Thomas - John.Thomas@pastoral.org

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to our churches.

Financial Report – August 7, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 3,600.00 + 533.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 390.00

Financial Report – August 7, 2022

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,249.00 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 1,195.00 - 54.00
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Mass Schedule

Aug. 28 – Sept. 4

Sunday – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian– *Alvin Bickett*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

-8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

Wednesday- No Mass

Thursday – Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

-8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

-3:00pm – Confession
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor – Leachman Families

Sunday – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Heath Dame*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Randy Joe Marcum

Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference

Save the date for ODYC to be held at the Knicely Center in Bowling Green on November 18-19, 2022. ODYC is an overnight conference for middle and high school students, grades 7-12. More information is available at owensborodiocese.org/owensboro-diocese-youth-conference

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.

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, Charles Mae, Tony Searcy, Jerry Abney, Bea Dame and Heath Dame.

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Derek & Susan Alexander – Aug. 31

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Donna Dant – Aug. 27
Tommy England – Aug. 27
Kevin Vaught – Aug. 27
Margie Cobb – Aug. 28
Abel Floyd – Aug. 28
Sam Hayden - Aug. 29
Mike Vollman - Aug. 29
Scott Caraway – Aug. 31
Tony Searcy – Aug. 31
Kylie Ebelhar – Sept. 1
Faye May – Sept. 2

"Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls."

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Happy Anniversary - St. Charles



Derek & Candace Miller – Aug. 28
Mitchell & Linda Dotson – Aug. 28

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Rita Gill – Aug. 30

Ministry Schedule

September 3, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Kimberly Cooper
Lectors: Michael Cooper

September 4, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Laurie Scott
Patricia Hayden
Marc Searcy
Lectors: Marc Searcy
Maci Caraway
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Sid Hayden
Hospitality Ministers: Scott Caraway
Marc Searcy

Money Counters: Gates Tichenor
Kelli Watkins

St. Charles Euch. Min: Lee Edwards
Darrell Bishop
Lectors: George Rhodes
Christina Hudson
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Logsdon
Money Counters: Rondy Humphrey
Derek Miller