

The Parishioners of The St. Sebastian & St. Charles Catholic Churches of McLean County Thanks to all the businesses that help support our bulletin both in the past and the present.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is administered upon request. Parents and Godparents must attend class on Baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact the pastor or the office to set up an appointment for this class at least a month in advance. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic for their child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age, and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

Is anyone sick/admitted in the hospital?

If anyone is sick or admitted in the hospital, please let Pastor know or call the office.

Sacrament of Penance

Sacrament of Penance is administered every Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment at St. Sebastian Church.

<u>Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):</u> Adults interested in becoming Catholic participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith. This is for persons who are seeking baptism in the Catholic Church or full communion with the Catholic tradition through the Profession of Faith, reception of Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are interested, please call the office.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months before the desired wedding date. According to the guidelines of our diocese, you should not make absolute plans for a specific wedding date until after meeting with the pastor. The couple will be required to attend a marriage preparation course which will include at least one formal program such as an Engaged Encounter weekend of the Sponsor Couple Program.

Bulletin Information

Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Sebastian's office by Wednesday. 270-273-3185 or stsebch@outlook.com

St. Sebastian & St. Charles Churches invite you to contact the church office at 270-273-3185 if you or someone you know are unable to come to church due to any type of disability. Do not let this keep you from coming to Mass. We will make every effort to come get you and take you home.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



St. Sebastian Church 180 Hwy 136 West Calhoun, KY 42327

We the people of the Catholic churches of McLean County come together as a loving parish family-reaching out as one, with open hearts, minds and souls to share our love for God and our neighbor centered around the Holy Eucharist.

STAFF & CONTACTS

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ST. SEBASTIAN

Parish Council: Marc Searcy 270-993-8161 Finance Committee: Tony Searcy 270-993-1775 Rel Education Coord.: Lindsay Searcy & Laura Fritz Youth Group: Kevin & Laura Fritz St. Vincent de Paul: 270-499-2309 Knights of Columbus Council 15484: Neil Scott 270-993-7370 Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314-8290 Cathy Burden 270-316-4488 Parish Hall Rental: Church Office 270-273-3185 Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185 Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

St. Sebastian will pray the rosary every Sunday at 8:00am. **Parish breakfast** First Sunday of every month after mass. **Donut breakfast** all other Sundays after mass.

ST. CHARLES

Parish Council: Christina Hudson 270- 871-6644 Finance Committee: Derek Miller 270-314-2007 Bereavement Committee: Carol Rhodes 270-278-2759

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am. **Parish potluck brunch** First Sunday of every month after mass.

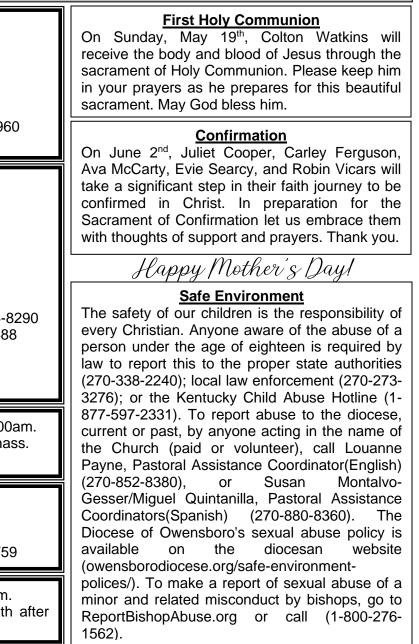
ALL ARE WELCOME - IF YOU ARE A VISITOR TO OUR CHURCH, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISHES, CALL 273-3185 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS TO REGISTER.







St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352



Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

When we read through the Gospels, we come to know that, though the disciples of Jesus were not faithful to Him, Jesus had been faithful to them always. Thus, we see that after the resurrection, Jesus was going after His disciples and teaching them about the importance of being with Him through different images such as, a good shepherd, a vine, and branches, love one another etc. Today, as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, the primary purpose of being with the Lord is well explained in the Gospel; "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved: whoever does not believe will be condemned." Yes, to be with Him is to send out to proclaim the Good News. Yes, this is the purpose of every Christian life too. No, doubt from the above command of the Lord it is clear that. Jesus wants His legacy to be continued in this world through each of us. Yes, we crucified Jesus, and we continue to crucify Him through our own sins. So today, as we are the so-called chosen friends of Jesus, we have an obligation to continue His mission in this world through our own worthy way of life.

The Gospel of Mathew 27 clearly tells us that Jesus cried out on the cross "My God, My God, why have *your forsaken me....*" Hearing the cry of Jesus one of the centurions at the foot of the cross, proclaimed; "Clearly, this was the Son of God." The celebration of the feast of the Ascension today, clearly supports the proclamation of the centurion that Jesus is truly the son of God. Yes, after being with us for forty days after the resurrection, Jesus is going back to His Father. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures, which is a preparatory time for a new way of life or a new beginning. In the Bible we see, Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared many times to His disciples to assure them that He had risen indeed.

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord marks three important events in the life of the Church. The Ascension brings an end to the physical presence of Jesus with His disciples. Secondly, the Ascension also prepares the disciples to enter a new way of experiencing the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Thirdly, the Ascension is also an invitation to all of us to be an active minsters of His Word of God, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." The command of the Lord is to proclaim the Gospel, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Today, how many of us really believe in the power of the Gospel? Proclamation of the Kingdom of God is the only mission which the Risen Christ has given to the whole Church, and as the members of the Church, it is our responsibility too. Dear friends, it is good to remember that we are not left alone in this mission, for the Risen Lord works in and through us by the power of His Holy Spirit.

Thus, as the members of the Holy Mother Church, the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord challenges us to live in the presence of the Holy Spirit and be a witness to Christ through our lives, and that is the mission given to all of us. Today, we also celebrate Mother's Day, I would like to invite all mothers out there to reflect on their motherhood in the light of the challenge given by the feast of the Ascension of our Lord. Do you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, being inspired and guided by Him, in every sphere of your life - in thoughts, words and actions? Thus, by being inspired by the Holy Spirit, were you able to be a great witness to your children and your other family members according to the will of God? **God Bless.**

"Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, and suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you." -St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Life Giving Wounds 2024 Fall Retreat

The Diocese of Evansville and the Diocese of Owensboro are pleased to sponsor a third Life Giving Wounds retreat on **September 27-29, 2024**, Sarto Retreat Center, Evansville Indiana. **Cost:** \$150 (\$85 for college students)

Come for a greater understanding of the wound left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to greater self-understanding and healing.

<u> Financial Report – May 5, 2024</u>	
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.	
Regular Collection	\$ 4,465.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 105.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Financial Report – May 5, 2024	
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,332.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 55.00
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Cemetery	\$ 30.00

Mass Schedule May 12 – May 19

Sunday – The Ascension of the Lord -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Tommy England -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles Lauretta Evans Adkins

Monday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Denise Algood

Tuesday – St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast) -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Betty Bickett

Wednesday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian - Fr. Mark Buckner -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – Howard Campbell

Thursday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Louise Waters

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – Easter Weekday

-3:00pm - Confession -4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – All Parishioners

Sunday – Pentecost Sunday

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Mason Abney

-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – Lucille Walker

Pray For Vocations

In connection with GRADD

Military personnel will offer vision, dental, sports physicals, nutritional and basic medical and veterinary services AT NO COST. Patients will be treated on a first come, first served basis.

June 15th - June 25th, 2024, at South Middle School, 800 South Alves Street, Henderson KY

Please Pray for our Military

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

Sean, Serena & Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Ben Dunn, Warren Pinkston, Theresa Rust, Cassie Alexander, Jeanie Wedding, Hannah Bercegeay, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, Mark Vollman and Chuck Green.

Do you know a person who needs kindness?

The Ursuline Sisters can send cards. Sign up by May 15. The Ursuline Sisters' annual Kindness Card Campaign is about to begin for the fifth year. Since 2019, the Ursuline Sisters have been sending monthly cards to people who we've been told could use a little kindness. For a \$50 contribution, the Ursuline Sisters will send one custom card a month for a year to a person of your choice with words of encouragement and inspiration. For more info contact Carol Braden-Clarke 270-229-2008

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Mike Ward – May 12 Marion Cooper- May 16

Happy Anniversary – St. Charles



Robbie & Kateri Freels - May 17

Happy Birthday - St. Charles

Allyson Caraway – May 16 Dylan Rhodes – May 18

Ministry Schedule Saturday, May 18, 2024

St. Sebastian

Euch. Min: Katie Murphy Lector: Paula Tichenor

Ministry Schedule Sunday, May 19, 2024

<u>St. Sebastian</u> Euch. Min: Marc Searcy David N. Scott Cathy Burden Lectors: Lindsay Searcy Kathy Hudson Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Clay Durbin Altar Servers: Joseph Fritz Henry Fritz Money Counters: Mike Dant Mike Hayden Donuts: First Holy Communion Breakfast

St. Charles

 <u>s</u> Euch: Min: Mary Lynne Logsdon Leon Durbin
Lectors: Marylyne Miller Pat Martinez
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Dotson
Money Counters: Teresa Marcum Rondy Humphrey