

My dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

St. Theresa of Calcutta says, "The fruit of Silence is Prayer, The fruit of Prayer is Faith, The Fruit of Faith is Love, The Fruit of Love is Service, The Fruit of Service is Peace." This saying of St. Theresa of Calcutta could be found in today's Gospel of Jesus' Transfiguration. A beautiful process; Beginning with the silencing of the Heart-Prayer-Faith-Love-Service-Peace. This is the process that should happen in our lives too in order to experience the Glory of God on Easter Sunday, but is it happening in our lives? I think in the starting itself we are losing the track. Remember, the warning of Jesus about making prayers to Him, "when you pray, go to the inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret." Yes, every prayer should lead each one of us to witness the Glory of God and transfiguration of one's own self, and that is a wonderful experience which no one would like to lose and that is why Peter says to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Since we do not find this glorious experience, we don't find time for prayer, and we don't enjoy praying either. It is not the problem of Jesus, rather the problem is one's own self-Lack of Personal Holiness.

Sr. Nirmala, the Superior General of Sisters of Charity, the nun who succeeded St. Theresa of Calcutta shares her personal experience. As a Superior General she was making her visit to one of the Communities in America. Since there was the Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Church every day after the Mass, she thought after her breakfast she would come back and pray in the Church for some time. So, she came back to the Church and started praying. After some time, she was experiencing a different atmosphere in the Church. She sees the angels moving around in the Church and singing Glory to the Lord and Sr. Nirmala was enjoying every bit of that heavenly experience. Suddenly, she got a phone call from someone, and she had to go to the convent. To get back to the Church and experience that Heavenly atmosphere, she quickly finished the call and went to the Church. As she was climbing the stairs of the Church, she saw a beggar asking for some help for food. She thought, she will go to the Church and come back later and take care of the beggar. So, she went into the Church and started praying, after 30 minutes also she was not able to have the heavenly experience which made her so sad and disturbed her mind. Suddenly, she thought about the beggar who was sitting on the stairs of the Church. She went out and gave the beggar 10 dollars for his food. The beggar left and she went back to the Church again for the prayer. To her surprise, as soon as she knelt down before the Holy Eucharist, she began to have the Heavenly

experience. She understood her mistake and begged pardon from the Lord for delaying the beggar on the stairs without giving him the needed help.

Yes, my dear friends, if an ordinary nun like Sr. Nirmala could have a heavenly experience; we too have the possibility for that, but we need to follow the procedure Mother Theresa has said. During this Lenten season Jesus invites each one of us to have the transfiguration experience and get transformed according to His will. Yes, through this Holy Eucharistic Celebration, we are experiencing this transfiguration and transformation of Bread and Wine into Jesus' Body and Blood, but why is it that we are not feeling like that of Peter to stay awake and enjoy this Transfiguration experience? As I said earlier, we should learn to silence our Heart; it was to that Jesus invited us on last Sunday. To be with Him by casting out the devil from us. Yes, we need to Cast out the devil of temptations of distractions in our prayer and it is only then we can have the true prayer with Jesus, Have Faith in Jesus, Fill Love in our Hearts, Transform the Love into Service thus become a true instrument of Peace in this world. May the Good Lord Bless you and give you an experience of His Kingdom through Prayer, Faith, Love, Service and Peace. **God Bless.**

Mount Saint Joseph Sale of Antique and Vintage Items March 26

Join the Ursuline Sisters for a sale of items from the former Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Retreat Center from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, in the Mount Auditorium. The Academy building is being deconstructed later this year, so everything must go! Nothing that is an important part of the Ursuline Sisters' history is being sold. Museum items are being saved. But there will be plenty of valuable antique and vintage items for sale. Photos of the items for sale will be available beginning March 9 on the Ursuline Sisters website at this link: ursulinesmsj.org/antique-sale/. Credit cards, checks and cash will be accepted. The doors will open at 7 a.m. on March 26. We hope to see you there! For questions, contact Martha Alle, at martha.alle@maplemount.org, or 270-229-4170.

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

Financial Report – February 20, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 3,965.00 + 1,081.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 515.00
Special collections	\$ 411.00

Financial Report – February 20, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 855.00 – 203.22
Emergency Fund	\$ 65.00
Special Collection	\$ 185.00

Mass Schedule March 13 – March 20

Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Souls in Purgatory
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Monday – Second Week of Lent

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

Tuesday – Second Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Lisa Young*

Wednesday- Second Week of Lent

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Jude & Liam Cooper
-6:30pm – *Faith Formation*

Thursday – Second Week of Lent

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

-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles
Tichenor – Leachman Families

Friday – Second Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

-4:00pm - Confession
-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Guy & Virginia Anderson
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Ministry Schedule March 19, 2022

St. Sebastian Lector: Paula Tichenor

March 20, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Mike Vollman
Lectors: Mark Searcy & Macy Caraway

Money Counters: Josh Searcy & Neil Scott

St. Charles Euch. Min: Lee Edwards
Lectors: Marsha Logsdon & Ann Renfrow

Money Counters: David Albin & Derek Miller

CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic

- You can choose to wear a face mask.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus, be encouraged to remain home.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

"While the world changes, the cross stands firm"
- St. Bruno

Saturday Evening Mass

Starting on Saturday, March 19th, confession will be held at 4pm and mass will follow at 5pm at St. Sebastian Church.

Altar Servers Training

St. Sebastian – March 13th at 4:30 pm.
Parents, please encourage your children to participate.

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Looking for an exciting, faith-filled adventure this summer? Check out the summer camps at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp outside of Bowling Green, Kentucky! A ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro, we combine outdoor adventures like zip-line, Giant swing, Climbing tower and more, along with the celebration of the Sacraments and the teaching of our faith to help young people grow in all areas of their lives! Camps are available for incoming third graders to just graduated high schoolers. Please visit our website @ www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Elliot Rhodes – March 15

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Byron Cobb – March 13
Joren Edwards – March 15
Jude & Liam Cooper – March 16

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, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Elaine West and Maurice Drury, JR.