

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

After having reflected about true fasting, prayer and almsgiving, this weekend, the Holy Mother Church calls us to re-dedicate ourselves to Christ, because He is the fulfillment of God's commandment. In our first reading from the book of Exodus, we see God gave the Law to Moses for the people of Israel, to help them to become wiser, to strengthen their relationship with God and to organize their social and religious life. Today, as Catholics, we are all called to fulfill the purposes of the commandment of God through our lives. But how many of us will be part of it, to complete the 40 days of journey faithfully and successfully?

While the old Law was given through Moses, the new Law is given through and in Jesus Christ. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that Christ is the fullness of God's wisdom. The Greeks were looking for this wisdom, but unfortunately they rejected Him. So, instead of benefiting from the wisdom of God-Jesus, they were misled by the wisdom of this world. The effect of this can be seen in today's Gospel.

In today's Gospel we see people who are misled by the wisdom of this world desecrating God's temple. Instead of representing God's interests like justice, kindness, love etc., they represented their own personal economic and social interests with greed, corruption, cheating etc. In this atmosphere we see the glorious face of Jesus in last weekend is being changed to a feeling of great anger, and begins to chase all the business people and reminding them about the very purpose of the temple: *"Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."* Even though, this cry of Jesus is meant for the people doing the business outside the Jerusalem temple, today, it is very much applicable for you and me.

I Corinthians 6: 19 reminds us that, *"do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"* If this reminder needs to be believed, don't we have a responsibility to glorify God through our lives, through our thoughts, words and actions? While we are celebrating this Holy Eucharist, what are we thinking about? How many of us are able to talk to God from hearts? Why is it that even when we are in the Church, our supposed priority is misplaced with something else that is worldly? Jesus says to you and me very clearly and strongly; *"Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."* This is the reason, Jesus says; " You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength (Mk.12:30) There is no doubt, our heart, soul, mind and body is consecrated for the dwelling

of Jesus from the time we all received the sacrament of Baptism, but how many times have we messed up His dwelling place with all our sins and other priorities of this world?

Dear friends, if we do not take initiative to clean the mess from our heart and soul through the sacrament of Confession, be sure one day, He Himself will be coming to clean it up with a whip, which is the second coming of Jesus, and those days will be harder than we can think of. Believe me or not, the present Corona virus situation we are facing could be considered as a glimpse of what is going to happen prior to His second coming. So, I would like to remind you again the welcoming call of Jesus; *"Repent and believe in the Gospel for the kingdom of God is at hand."* **God Bless.**

Lenten Penance

Due to the pandemic threat we may not have a special day for confession during Lent. So please contact Father Jegin regarding your convenience of scheduling your confession and prepare for a meaningful Easter.



Into the Breach

Following the model of "Dadvent," join men from across the Diocese on Wednesday nights during Lent (Wed, Feb 17th – Wed, March 31st, 2021) at 8PM over Zoom for discussion around the video series ["Into the Breach,"](#) produced by the Knights of Columbus. Each night we will watch a video together and then have small group discussions. We plan to be finished within an hour. Just like "Dadvent," the overall goal is to strengthen our homes, families, and marriages by focusing on the example of St. Joseph. We're inviting all men in all parishes and calling on parish men's groups, Knights of Columbus Councils, and men's small groups to join us for ["Into the Breach"](#) during Lent. There is no cost, but we are asking men to pre-register at <http://bit.ly/2MoFjji> so we can email the access link to you for security reasons. For questions, contact Danny May in the Office of Marriage & Family Life, 270-683-1545 or email danny.may@pastoral.org.

Financial Report - February 28, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 3,117.00 + 178.91
Emergency Fund	\$ 105.00
Diocesan Administration	\$ 25.00

Financial Report - February 28, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,298.00 + 150.54

Mass Schedule

March 7 - 14

Sunday - Third Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Macie Caraway
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Conversion of Souls

Monday - Lenten Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill Abney

Tuesday - Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday - Lenten Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Delila Mae Payne
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Conversion of Souls

Thursday - Lenten Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lydia Payne

Friday - Lenten Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Wanda Green

Saturday - Lenten Weekday

-3:00pm Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Meghan Bingham

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Brenda Payne
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Souls in Purgatory

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

Zach Albin - March 10
Sherry Logsdon - March 11

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, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, and Ben Dunn

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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 25.
- Maintain physical distance of six feet minimum from those not living within the same household.
- Wear face covering over mouth and nose. Based on CDC recommendations, everyone over the age of two must wear a mask for the duration of any event or meeting held on parish property. Those unable to wear a face mask at the event, whether it be due to age (the CDC does not recommend those under the age of two to wear a mask), health condition, or preference, are asked to stay healthy at home.
- Conduct temperature and health checks for each participant.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- Encourage those at high risk to stay Healthy at Home.
- Maintain a record of all persons attending the event/meeting and their contact information.
- Follow State of Kentucky Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants and Bars for any form of food service. A summary follows:
 - o No indoor food or beverage consumption.
 - o Carryout and delivery encouraged.
 - o Outside tables or booths should be placed six (6) feet apart.
 - o Only those living within the same household should sit together.
 - o Use disposable napkins, tablecloths, utensils and condiments. Condiments must be single-use, disposable packages.
 - o If non-disposable linens (such as cloth napkins, tablecloths, wiping cloths) are used, they must be laundered between uses.
- Ensure that gloves are worn by employees/volunteers who clean or handle high-touch areas of the gathering space.
- Encourage volunteers and attendees to frequently wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer, provided by the event organizer.
- Use appropriate disinfectants to clean frequently touched surfaces and shared equipment.
- Use signage to alert attendees of required occupancy limits, six feet of physical distance and the facial covering requirements.
- Parishes should add a rider to rental contracts specifying that the renter is bound to abide by all government and diocesan restrictions that are in place at the time of the event.

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

Dylan McMahan - March 7
Linda Dempsey - March 9
Alice Durbin - March 11
David Scott - March 11
Byron Cobb - March 13

Safe Environment Announcement

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities (270) 338-2240; local law enforcement (270) 273-3276; or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available on the bookshelf in back of the church, in the parish office, and the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).