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|  <p>See Derek Miller • 278-2376</p> | <p>KESSINGER Body Shop & Wrecker Service 4644 Ky 81 N. Calhoun, KY 42327 270-785-9003 24-hour wrecker service Gary Kessinger</p> | <p>Muster Funeral Homes Funeral Directors Since 1855 www.musterfuneralhomes.com</p> |
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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.

Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):
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.

DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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



St. Charles Church
506 Hill Street
Livermore, KY 42352

APRIL 7, 2024

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
Pastor: Rev. Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal
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Music Minister: Tracie Feldpausch: 270-314-0158

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp
If you have a child attending Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp this summer, please notify Laura Fritz or Lindsay Searcy. Thank you.

ACTS 2:42 GROUP MEETING
The Searcy/Hayden group will next meet on April 21 at 4:00pm. Thank you.

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

Congratulations & Welcome New Members
Please join in welcoming Darrik, Stehanie, Allyson, Case, and Kelly Caraway, as well as Melisa and Michael Woosley, and David Winkleman who all became members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. God Bless.

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.

Attention Please
Keeping contact information up to date is essential for staying connected with church members. It ensures that everyone can be reached promptly for important announcements, events, or even in case of emergencies. So, a gentle reminder to update your contact details in the office, please. Thank you.

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

Mowing Sign-Up - St. Sebastian
Can you help the Church mow its yard? We are looking for someone to mow the yard for the month of May. If you can please put your name down on the sign-up sheet on the table. Thankyou in advance for your great help.

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

Upcoming Meetings
 April 14 at 11:30AM – St. Charles Parish and Finance Council
 April 15 at 6PM – St. Sebastian Finance Council
 April 16 at 6PM – St. Sebastian Parish Council

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.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

It was in the year 2000, St. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina, and made the second Sunday of Easter to be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina was a Polish nun gifted with mystical visions, messages, and revelations from the Risen Jesus. This feast reminds us that our life is a gift of God's mercy through Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. St. Faustina wrote in her diary, "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All God's works are crowned with mercy" (no. 301). This is the same as the Psalmist says in 130:3, "If you, Lord, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness and so you are revered." God forgives no matter the depth of one's sin. There are many parables in the Gospels which gives us a good idea of the depth of God's forgiveness. As a believer in Jesus, we should proclaim God's mercy, not only in words but also in deeds like the early Christian community.

In the first reading, the early Christian community sets a good example for us. "The community of believers shared all their possessions in common. They brought them to the Apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need" (Acts 4:32-35). We are invited to imitate the early Christian community. Jesus teaches us to be merciful even to our enemies. Jesus says, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

The image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus showing two rays, one reddish (symbolizing blood) and the other whitish (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. This is one of St. Faustina's visions. The image takes us back to the passion, crucifixion, and death of Jesus. When the soldier pierced the side of Jesus, "immediately blood and water flowed out." St. John says in the second reading, "This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood." Jesus said during the Last Supper, "This is my blood of the new covenant, which will be shed for many for the forgiveness of sins." The blood of the new covenant means the physical blood Jesus shed on the cross for us, and the sacramental blood present in the Eucharist.

Reflecting on the Gospel, I am sure the disciples must have been suffering from a severe depression since Good Friday. Jesus was dead. The crowd that welcomed them along with Jesus to Jerusalem with palms have turned against Him on Good Friday. The apostles are now scared and finding their own protection in the closed room. There were ten of them in the closed room, Judas was no more, and Thomas was temporarily absent. It was to their state of fear Jesus came with His mercy and healing saying, "Peace be with you."

Thomas came back to their group and the other disciples told him about their new experience that they had seen Jesus alive. However, Thomas was not willing to accept their claim and demanded proof: "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Thomas does not have faith, yet he is depending on reason alone but within a week we will see that faith and reason will be perfectly blended in Thomas. The following Sunday Jesus came again even though the doors were closed. Jesus again wished them peace and provided Thomas with the proof that he was asking for, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas replied acknowledging his mistake, "My Lord and my God."

Dear friends, by relying only on reason and science Thomas closed his mind to Jesus' resurrection and lost him a week to experience the Risen Lord. Let us examine, how many times we have acted like St. Thomas and wasted our time to experience the risen Lord because of our ignorance, negligence, and carelessness? For the times we have failed, wasted our time to experience the Lord through sacraments, word of God and in others, let us be sorry and fall into the Mercy of God like St. Thomas, "My Lord and My God." **God Bless.**

"Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, 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*

Diocese of Owensboro – Director of Music

The Diocese of Owensboro has a job opportunity for a Director in the Office of Music. This position is located at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro, KY. The Director of the Office of Music is mandated to improve the liturgical music in the parishes and other institutions of the diocese. For more details and all interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to: diocese.hr@pastoral.org

Thank you for your contributions.

Financial Report – March 31, 2024

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.

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| Regular Collection | \$ 1595.00 |
| Emergency Fund | \$ 70 .00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 5 .00 |
| Diocesan Collections(Spec. Coll.) | 502 .00 |

Financial Report – March 31, 2024

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.

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| Regular Collection | \$ 1083.00 |
| Easter offerings | \$ 595.00 |
| Cemetery | \$.00 |
| Diocesan Collections(Spec. Coll.) | 450 .00 |

Mass Schedule
April 7 – April 14

Sunday – Sunday of Divine Mercy

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Debbie Cinker*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Steven R. Evans*

Monday – The Annunciation of the Lord(Solemnity)

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *JoAnn Hayden*

Tuesday – Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Louise Waters*

Wednesday – Easter Weekday

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Betty Bickett*
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Katherine Roberts*

Thursday – St. Stanislaus, Bishop, and Martyr (Memorial)

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Jesse McIntyre Family

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – Easter Weekday

-8:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – *All Parishioners*

Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Thomas & Janice Hobbs
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church – Henderson.

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Henderson, Kentucky is searching for someone to lead our liturgical music program. It is a Full-Time position, reporting to the Pastor. We are a parish of over 1,000 families and have 5 masses on the weekend. For more details and interested candidates may please contact Kaye Villines at Holy Name Parish @ 270-826-2096 or kvillines@holynameparish.net.

"Do Small Things With Great Love"

Please Pray for our Military

SSgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zarembo, 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 Guenther, 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 and Mike Logsdon.

Fueled Workshops for Women

The Office of Marriage and Family Life tries our best to spread the word when we hear about something women in our Diocese might find helpful. Two local Catholic women, Suzanne Cecil White and Mary O'Herron are co-presenting a series of quarterly "Fueled Workshops" for women at the White Chateau in west Daviess County. Each 1.5-hour quarterly workshop covers a different theme with the goal of learning the skills to contribute back to those they love the most, but do so truly fulfilled, and not overwhelmed. The first workshop is Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 6:00-7:30pm. Cost is \$30/workshop. Tickets are available at <https://www.whitechateau.com/store/aprilquarterlyworkshop>

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Marsha Logsdon – April 9
Terry Baggett – April 12

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Nona Hancock – April 7
Josh Searcy – April 9

Ministry Schedule
Saturday, April 13, 2024

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Susan Lebold
Lector: Jim Lebold

Ministry Schedule
Sunday, April 14, 2024

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Mike Vollman
Kimberly Cooper
Susie Alexander
Lectors: Josh Searcy
Laurine Sexton
Gift Bearers: Debra Hamilton & Family
Altar Servers: Jude Cooper
Liam Cooper
Money Counters: Mike Dant
Mike Hayden
Donuts: Jennifer Ferguson

St. Charles Euch: Min: Mary Lynne Logsdon
Leon Durbin
Lectors: Marsha Logsdon
Derek Miller
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. George Rhodes
Money Counters: Christina Hudson
Leon Durbin