

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

The famous president of America, Abraham Lincoln was born in a very poor family, but his untiring hard work helped him to become the president of America. Once, as he was addressing a public gathering, someone from the crowd shouted- "Is your father still alive?" Lincoln said-No. Then, the Man continued shouting, "I have a pair of shoes designed by your father, and they need some repair, and if your father were to be alive, I should have got it repaired." By hearing the words of this man, Lincoln was speechless for few minutes, and said "Thank you sir for reminding me about my great father; he was a perfect cobbler, and with much dedication and interest he did all the works he undertook in his life. As for myself so far I have done four types of works, but I could not be like my father in my duties in the case of dedication, interest and perfection. Can I meet you during the break? Can you show me the shoes designed by my father? If it is a small repairing works I shall do for you." Dear friends, the Gospel of today comes to us with a thought provoking statement from Jesus; "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

How many of you think that you have a good heart? If you have a good heart, how come we fail to accept Jesus and His words in our lives? When we close our hearts towards Jesus and His words, the proverb Jesus used to explain is the attitude of His own town people; "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house" is applicable to each of us. Last weekend we had seen the merits of having true faith in Jesus, this weekend we see the demerits of not having faith in Jesus; "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying hands on them."

Every incident in the life of Jesus is a lesson for all of us, as we are called to continue His mission in this world. If we examine the ministry of Jesus we can find that, Jesus has been rejected many times by many people. The disciples rejected Him, his own people rejected Him, and today in different ways we reject and take offense at Him. Thus, rejection seems to be an essential part of the mission towards the establishment of the Kingdom of God. The reason for this rejection is that, the Kingdom values are not the same as the values of this world. How many times each of us have been rejected by others when we ask someone to go to church or to participate in any other church/spiritual activities? In the last weekend the woman with hemorrhages was rejected by society, but she took a bold step and received salvation through her faith.

There is no doubt that, God always thinks about us and that is why we are all here. But how many of us think about God in our lives always? Often we think about ourselves only, and it is there SIN (Self Interested Nature) comes into our lives, and rejects Jesus from our lives. So, only when we think about God in our lives, there begins the beginning for the kingdom of God. Remember, Jesus is very powerful, but we make Him powerless through our unworthy lives in this world. As a Catholic, by Baptism we have three important roles to play in our spiritual journey; Priestly, Prophetic and Kingly. Yes, you are a priest, called to sanctify and keep the sanctity of every life, you are a Prophet called to teach the truth about everything to everyone, and you are a King, called to govern the world according to the will of God. Yes dear friends, if we have true faith in Jesus, and if we are faithful to these roles, be prepared to walk a different walk, because to all of us Jesus says; "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself take up his cross and follow me." **God Bless.**

Finance Council Meeting
St. Sebastian Church
Wednesday, July 7th at 6:30pm
Parish Council Meeting
St. Sebastian Church
Monday, July 12th at 6:30pm
Finance Council Meeting
St. Charles Church
Thursday, July 15th at 6:30pm

Marriage Enrichment
Grace marriage is a quarterly, small group model of marriage enrichment where couples spend 6 hours every 90 days investing in their marriage. The diocese is expanding from three locations to five location in 2021, including Owensboro, Whitesville, and Henderson. Registrations opens in July. Groups start in August. For more details, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage. For other marriage enrichment opportunities, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment

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

Financial Report - June 27, 2021
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 2,820.00 - 118.09
Emergency Fund	\$ 145.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 95.00

Financial Report - June 27, 2021
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 1,074.00 - 73.46
Peter's Pence	\$ 165.00
Cemetery	\$ 3,754.88

Mass Schedule
July 4 - 11
Sunday - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
***Independence Day**
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Robert Vollman
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
John Miller Jr.
Monday - Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Luke Searcy
Tuesday - Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time
- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Beth & Cory Fulks
Wednesday - Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor-Leachman Families
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
June Evans
Thursday - Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger
Friday - Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young
Saturday - Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Alvin Bickett
Sunday - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Pat Bickett
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Martha Jane Westerfield

Ministry Schedule
July 10, 2021
St. Sebastian Lector: Paula Tichenor
July 11, 2021
St. Sebastian Euch. Min.: Mike Vollman
Lector: Tony Searcy & Faye May
St. Charles Euch. Min.: Sherry Logsdon
Lector: David Albin & Patricia Martinez

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

Congratulations
I'm very pleased to announce that Debbie Gross has joined St. Sebastian Church & Preschool and St. Charles Church as Secretary and Bookkeeper. Debbie began her journey with us on Wednesday, June 30th. Please congratulate her on her new position! We are excited to have you here.

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>).

"America was built on courage, on imagination and an UNBEATABLE DERTINATION."
- Harry S. Truman

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary

Joseph & Kimberly Staples - July 4
Terry & Mirasol Baggett - July 5

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary

David & Lynne Scott - July 5
James & Jennifer Ferguson - July 9

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

Joseph Christian - July 8
Sydney Ferguson - July 8
Joseph Coffman - July 9

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

Judy Fee - July 7

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, Ben Dunn, Jacinta Tichenor Peters, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, and Lance Green