

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

After the beautiful celebration of Christmas, we had two other great celebrations centered in the last two weekends, namely the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and the Baptism of the Lord respectively. In the Epiphany celebrations we had three wise men from the East, who manifested about the glorious birth of Jesus to the world. In the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, we had St. John the Baptist who manifests the greatness of Jesus by saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Today we have a beautiful Gospel passage, where Jesus is manifesting Himself by changing water into wine. According to the Gospel of John, Jesus begins His public ministry with this great miracle.

As we reflect about this beautiful Gospel passage, the central theme of the Gospel is "Change". A change that is happening before and after the intercession and intervention of Mary and Jesus respectively. As Christians, we know that the whole mission of Jesus is directed towards a change leading His people to the Kingdom of God. Thus, Jesus is born for a Change, lived for a Change, died for a Change and His resurrection also is for a Change. He changed the lives of many people- various type of sick people were healed, the sinners were forgiven, the blind were able to see, the oppressed made free, the neglected were loved, the hungry fed, the sorrowing were consoled and finally you and I are living today and witnessing the greatest change the world has ever seen on this altar, bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Can we feel that Change and do we believe in this change? If we cannot experience and nourish this greatest change in our lives, it is an indication that we need to change and to that change; Mother Mary is calling us by saying; "Do whatever He tells you."

Today every one of us is looking for a change in the present situation of the world. Even when we are talking about and praying for a change, how many of us do really and sincerely reflect about a change that should happen personally in our lives, according to the words of Mother Mary in today's Gospel; "Do whatever He tells you?" Dear friends, believe me, we are all participating in a celebration where we remember the passion, death and resurrection of a God who can turn the mess into a message. It is the same God called Jesus that we see in today's Gospel, who changed water into wine who is truly present at this altar. It is the same miracle of Jesus who is changing wine and bread into His own body and blood and coming to each one of us through the

Holy Eucharist. But, how many of us truly believe this greatest truth?

Mary says to Jesus-"They have no wine," and the reply of Jesus is that "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not come." Apparently, the response of Jesus to His Mother Mary is very rude, but it could be a response to every one of us who are disheartened with unfulfilled prayers. Yes, let us wait for Jesus' hour into our needed situation rather than forcing Jesus to act according to our hour of time. The response of Jesus; "My hour has not come" is a perfect time period Jesus is giving us to listen and to act according to His words. This is what Mary is telling to the servants there; "Do whatever he tells you." Yes, listening to Jesus is the only way to experience miracles in our lives, and be sure that miracles will be much appreciated, greater than before like the headwaiter who tasted the new wine of Jesus.

Dear friends, as we are aspiring for a good and peaceful life in this world, let us thirst for a new wine prepared by Jesus every day rather than the wine prepared by this world. For, "Jesus stood up and exclaimed, 'Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.'" (Jn.7:37) **God Bless!**

Condolences

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Sharon Anderson on the loss of her brother Harold West. Please keep the West family in your prayers.

Safe Environment

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 (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) (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 diocesan website (owensborodiocese.org/safe-environment-polices/). To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call (1-800-276-1562).

Financial Report – January 9, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly

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| Regular Collection | \$ 6,000.97 + 3,124.41 |
| Emergency Fund | \$ 315.00 |
| Special Collections | \$ 70.00 |

Financial Report – January 9, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly

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| Regular Collection | \$ 1,175.00 + 116.78 |
| Emergency Fund | \$ 40.00 |
| Special Collections | \$ 30.00 |

**Mass Schedule
January 16 – January 23**

Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Brenda Payne
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Tichenor - Leachman Families

Monday – St. Anthony, Abbot (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
V J Steele III

Tuesday – Second Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor - Leachman Families

Wednesday- Second Week in Ordinary Time

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor - Leachman Families
-6:30pm – Faith Formation

Thursday – Second Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Erica St.Clair Humphrey
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Friday – St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Saturday – First Week in Ordinary Time

-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Thomas & Bernice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Tichenor - Leachman Families

Ministry Schedule

January 22, 2022

St. Sebastian Lector: Jim Lebold

January 23, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden
Lectors: Marc Searcy & Maci Caraway

Money Counters: Cathy Burden & Jimmy Clayton

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee
Lectors: Lee Edwards & Marylyne Miller

Money Counters: Jacob Miller & David Albin

CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic

- All Vaccinated and Unvaccinated over the age of two are strongly recommended to wear a facemask properly.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus, be encouraged to remain home.
- Gathering spaces to be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- Continue with proper hand washing and/or sanitizing.
- No social gatherings or meetings are permitted in the church buildings.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

Financial Peace University | St. Pius X, Owensboro

St. Pius X Catholic Church will be offering the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class starting on Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Resource Room at St. Pius X. There will be nine (9) consecutive classes on Sunday nights with free baby setting available. COVID 19 protocols will be followed. For more information, contact Gary Estes at 270-314-4419.

Hancock County March for Life

Join us on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 8:30 AM as we gather as a faith community and walk the Hancock County High School track in solidarity with the national March for Life in Washington, DC. Together, let us celebrate the gift of life and the dignity of every human person.

St. Sebastian - Anniversary



Gates & Trudy Tichenor - January 21

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Eddie Sallee - January 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, Lisa Vaught, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper and Jeff Husk.