

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Christianity is a religion of people who believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the person who came to this world out of His love for us. Out of His love, He lived, suffered, rose from the dead and lives with us always. Thus, the entire life of Jesus is nothing but an expression His true Love. As believers of Jesus Christ, Jesus expects our life to be a life of love, and so our community should be a community of love. But being a Christian or a Catholic, how much love do we spread within our community of family, Church family, society and country? If we have failed to share the love of Christ in our lives, be sure, we are infected with a virus, a virus that affects not only our body, but affects our body, mind and soul. Sadly, most of us are infected with this virus. If you feel that you are infected with this highly contagious and dangerous virus, the only prayer we can make to God for the vaccine is; "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."

The Gospel of today talks to us about the hunger of a person starving for the healing of his mind, body and soul. Often we pray "give us this day, our daily bread". The daily bread for the leper in today's Gospel is not any hotdog, or sandwich or steak...but healing of his body, mind and soul, and at the same time healing of the mind of the people of his own community. So to say, an integral healing of himself and of his community. In Jesus' time all kinds of skin diseases were categorized under the label of leprosy. During that time the religious priests were authorized to examine those people with skin diseases and declare them whether they are infected with leprosy or not. If someone is declared as a leper, he or she is kept out of their community. This is what we see in the story of ten lepers. (Luke 17: 11-19)

In the Gospel we see, the leper kneels down and is begging to Jesus-"if you wish, you can make me clean." Through this request, the leper expresses his unworthiness before the Lord with great humility and leaves the decision making to Jesus. I am sure; this leper has understood the prayer of 'Our Father' more clearly than many of us. In the prayer of Our Father, we pray "...thy will be done..." When we stand before the Lord in prayer, do we have the humility of heart like the leper? While seeking blessings from the Lord, do we allow God to make decision? To the request of the leper Jesus says; "I do will it. Be made Clean." Dear friends, the problem in our relationship with Jesus is the way we approach Jesus. Jesus always showers His abundance of blessings upon each of us with His extended hands, but often we lack humility of heart in our prayers, and fail to give freedom to Jesus to make the decision like the leper in the Gospel.

After Jesus healed the leper, He extends His healing grace to the community of people by saying "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing." Hereby, the priest has to declare to the community of people that the concerned person is completely healed and he should be inducted back to the community and be accepted by all. Lastly, we see the expression of the leper's healed soul, that he went around and glorified God.

Dear friends, reflecting on the Gospel today, no doubt, most of us need an integral healing like the leper, which can be given to us only by Jesus. We all need physical healings from various sicknesses. We all need healing of our mind to accept and forgive others. We all need healing of our soul to give witness to Christ. So, let us follow the example of the leper and kneel before the Lord, with a humility of heart and pray – "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." **May God Bless.**

**Online Lenten program begins Feb. 23**

Would you like to enrich your spiritual life this Lenten season? "A Prayerful Journey Through Lent" is a four-part adult faith formation opportunity that will be offered online by the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. Through presentation, prayer "practice" and group discussion/sharing, participants will explore and experience praying through nature, silence, our imagination and the ordinary events of our day. The program will take place from 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, **Feb. 23, March 2, March 9, and March 16.** You will be provided with a Zoom link to allow you to watch in your home. The fee is \$40. To register, contact Maryann Joyce, Retreat Center Director, at 270-229-0206 or [maryann.joyce@maplemount.org](mailto:maryann.joyce@maplemount.org).

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

**Financial Report - February 7, 2021**

<b>St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 3,316.00 + 377.91
Emergency Fund	\$ 365.00

**Financial Report - February 7, 2021**

<b>St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 843.00 - 304.46
Emergency Fund	\$ 90.00

*Correct totals for St. Sebastian January 31, 2021. Last week's totals was not changed from previous date of January 24, 2021 by mistake. Thank you.*

**Financial Report - January 31, 2021**

<b>St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 2,410.00 - 528.09
Emergency Fund	\$ 210.00

**Mass Schedule**

**February 14 - 21**

**Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday - Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Danny Edwards*

**Tuesday - Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Wednesday - Ash Wednesday**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Scott & Marie Caraway Family*
- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles  
*Bill Payne*

**Thursday - Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*David Voges*

**Friday - Friday after Ash Wednesday**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Marijilee Alvey*

**Saturday - Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

- 3:00pm Confession
- 4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*David Smith*

**Sunday - First Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Evelyn Drury*
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Conversion of Souls*

**St. Charles - Happy Anniversary**



Tony & Sherry Logsdon - February 14

**Prayer List for members of our community:**

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Jimmy Clayton, Pat Calhoun, Jacinta Tichenor, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Nowak, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, and Bill Abney

**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**

- Charles May - February 14
- David Abrams - February 15
- Katelyn Dame - February 18
- Andy Cobb - February 21
- Houston Hudson - February 21

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

- Connor Logsdon - February 21



**Parents: Would you like to jump-start communication with your son or daughter? Do you need help talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, marriage, dating and other important topics?** The Office of Marriage & Family Life invites you to a webinar for parents presented by Family Honor. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, we encourage you to register for the Real Love & Real Life parent-teen chastity webinar on Monday evenings, January 25<sup>th</sup> – March 1, 2021. Cost is \$50 for all five sessions. Register at: [owensborodiocese.org/parenting-resources](http://owensborodiocese.org/parenting-resources) or call 270-852-8336.