

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

I have heard people making the comment about the present world; *"the world and people in it are going crazy."* Have you ever thought why that is happening? A couple of months ago we had our election in our country and witnessed people supporting and arguing for their own political ideologies and political leaders respectively. The two focused political leaders during our election were our ex-president Donald Trump and the present president Joe Biden. We all know these two presidents, but which of these presidents know you personally? If our answer is none of them, that is the answer for the comment people make about the present world. Yes, we follow and argue for someone who does not know us personally and at the same time we fail to follow and argue for someone who knows us personally. Does it make any sense to us? As long as we follow this attitude in our lives, be sure people will never stop making the comment; *"the world and people in it are going crazy."*

Today we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday. On this beautiful day, looking at each one of us very confidently Jesus says, *"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know Me....and I will lay down my life for the sheep...and they will hear my voice."* Dear friends, let me ask you, which of your favorite political leader goes along with these words of Jesus? The disciples who failed to accept Jesus as a good shepherd lost focus of their lives after the death of Jesus, that they feared, wandered and went back to their old way of life. But the disciples who accepted Jesus after His resurrection walked forward courageously by bringing many to the Kingdom of God through their ministry of life in Jesus Christ. So, the Gospel invites us to ask a personal question considering our life today-Do I accept Jesus as my good shepherd?

As we all know, we are all in a crazy situation created by the Corona Virus. So far, no political ideologies or science could bring an end to this. If things get out of our control, please do not lose hope; we have a God who can save us from this crazy situation. But how many of us are ready to turn to Him? 2 Chronicle 7:14 says *"...if my people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."* Dear friends, we all need a healing of our mind, body, soul and our country and the remedy is each one us, that is to accept Jesus as our good shepherd and lead a life pleasing to Him. This is the same message Matthew 6:33 reminds us too; *"first seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you."* Yes, Jesus the good shepherd says; *"I*

know mine and mine know me." No doubt, Jesus knows us, but do we know Him? We may be able to cheat anyone in this world, but we can never ever cheat our God. Please remember the words of St. John last weekend; *"Those who say, I know Him, but do not keep His commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them."* Jesus the good shepherd says, *"My sheep will hear my voice."* We, the Christians are His sheep, but do we care for His voice in our lives?

Dear friends, every one of us are called to be a good shepherd in our own given situations of life, and we can become a good shepherd only when we accept Jesus as our Good Shepherd. So during this Holy Eucharistic celebration let us ask the Lord to be our guide and strength in every moment of our lives. Let us humble ourselves and say to Him along with Mary our Mother- *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to thy word"*. **May the Good Lord Bless you.**

Grace Marriage Come & See Event

Have you ever wondered what Grace Marriage is all about? Well, here is your chance to find out! Facilitator couples from current Grace Marriage groups will host a FREE "come and see" half-day session (for married couples) on **Saturday, May 8th** from **9am-noon** at Brescia University's Duffy Auditorium. This free session will include three lessons and a participant book RSPV at owensborodiocese.org/grace-marriage.

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center

Youth Camp at Gasper River Catholic is filling up! This summer Gasper will follow all guidelines set forth by the state to ensure the safety of all campers and staff. There will be limited attendance this summer (currently 50% occupancy), additional hand washing/sanitation stations, campers will stay in small groups, masks will be worn, campers will be asked to monitor their health two weeks out until they arrive at camp, and additional daily cleaning and sanitizing of buildings and most everything at camp will be done outdoors. Visit www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org

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

Financial Report - April 18, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 4,055.00 + 1,116.91
Emergency Fund \$ 330.00

Financial Report - April 18, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 3,203.39 + 2,055.93
Emergency Fund \$ 10.00
Good Friday \$ 20.00
Easter \$ 50.00

Mass Schedule

April 25 - May 2

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Jacinta Tichenor
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Margaret Louise Mills

Monday - Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday - Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Pat Bickett

Wednesday - Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Patricia Wearer
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Martha Jane Westerfield

Thursday - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Delila Mae Payne

Friday - Easter Weekday

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

Saturday - Easter Weekday

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young

Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Scott & Marie Caraway
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Mary Joe Higdon

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday


Ava McCarty - April 27
Agnes Pinkston - April 28

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, and Tommy England

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

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy

*the following: Parishes may meet in small group gatherings where strict mask compliance can be enforced. Youth Groups, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Parish Councils etc. can gather in person when mask compliance is manageable (over nose and mouth). Limit the persons in attendance to no more than **60% of the maximum permitted occupancy capacity of the space.*

*Maintain physical distance of six feet minimum from those not living within the same household These guidelines are effective July 1, 2020 (**updated March 10, 2021) and include. 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.*


Permanent Diaconate

The Diocese is calling forth men who are interested in service to the Church as a Permanent Deacon. Permanent Deacons, under the leadership of our bishop and in partnership with priests, religious communities, laity, and the gifted women of the Diaconate Community, humbly commit themselves to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church through the diaconal ministries of Service, Worship, and proclamation of the Gospel in word and deed. More information about becoming a Permanent Deacon, and the required application, to be in by **May 29, 2021**, can be found at the diocesan webpage <https://owensborodiocese.org/permanent-diaconate/>

"In an ever changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love."

- Mother Teresa

St. Charles - Happy Birthday


Pat Martinez - April 26
Tony Logsdon - April 29

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary


Tommy & Brenda England - April 28
Cory & Candace Walker - May 1

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary


Darrell & Geneva Bishop - April 30