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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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



DECEMBER 22, 2024



St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352

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.

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Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

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.

ST. CHARLES

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

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

Advent Penance Services

Dec. 22 - St. Stephen Cathedral at 2:00pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th

-4:00 PM Caroling by Children at St. Sebastian -4:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. Sebastian December 25th

-12:00 AM Midnight Mass at St. Charles -8:30 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

No Vigil Mass

There will be no Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 28th. Thank you.

Jan. 1st Mass Schedule - Holy Day of Obligation

St. Charles – Mass at 9:30am St. Sebastian – Mass at 6pm

Christmas Decorations

After the Mass today, we need all hands on deck to help with decorating the church for Christmas.



Seeds of Faith Book Study Group

Join us every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the St. Charles Parish Hall for a time of faith sharing and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to be a part of our community as we explore and discuss inspiring books together.

Act 2:42 Meeting

St. Charles Acts 2:42 Group will continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month. Come join us on January 12 as we continue to learn and celebrate the Eucharist.

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.

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Last weekend we celebrated the Rejoicing Sunday. and we were reminded that Christmas is all about sharing the joy of Christ with everyone around. Today, we see a great joy of Christ with great faith is being shared between Mary and Elizabeth in the Gospel. As they were rejoicing in their lives for the unexpected blessings they received, please do not conclude that they did not have any problems at all. They had mountains of problems ahead of their lives, but they were not worried or counting their problems. but their focus was on counting the blessings that happened in their lives. Mother Mary had social problems ahead of her life, because she conceived even before her wedding, still she rejoices. Elizabeth had age-related physical problems, but she rejoices too. This is the kind of joy and faithfulness every Christian should have in his or her life to make this world a better place to live. Mary and Elizabeth were able to rejoice amid their problems because their problems were related with saving YES to the will of God; so, the grace of the Lord was with them. Most of our problems, are related with saying NO to the will of God, so we find it difficult to accept them in our lives. So, it is not God who has to change, but we need to change, our attitude needs to be changed.

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth is a meeting of joy and faith. They were both excited and joyful as they were sharing their joy and faith. When Mary greeted Elizabeth, Elizabeth recognized and praised Mary for her faith. I am sure Mary also complimented her cousin's faith. When we come to our own personal lives, how do we respond to the responsibility of sharing the joy and faith in Jesus with others? Often, we seek and welcome joy but not faith. Faith seems to be a private thing to talk and share about. Most of the time, most of our Christmas suffers the same fate. We enjoy anticipating Christmas. We exchange gifts, hold Christmas parties, sing songs, visit relatives and Godparents, decorate lavishly, buy new things for ourselves, etc. But do we have a sharing of faith? Do we talk about the great event of the Incarnation? Do we share how Christmas had affected our relationship with God? Do we marvel at the love of God and the great sacrifice God had done for us? It seems that we do and talk about everything to make Christmas unforgettable, but we elect to forget about sharing our faith. John and Jesus were faithful to their mission even unto death. Certainly, they had inherited part if not most of it from their mothers. Mary and Elizabeth shared their faith with their children.

Today, if we believe that we have the right faith, then we must share it with our children. Yes, they will choose their own faith in the future, but in the meantime, our faith is their faith. When our children

were baptized, we made covenant with God that, we were responsible for their faith. Yes, we are expected to share our faith with them. As we are a couple of days or hours away from the celebration of Christmas, I am sure most of us will have our own problems, and difficulties in sharing the joy and faith in Jesus. Let us stop worrying about them. Let us spend some time enjoying the sound of silence and reflect about the life of Mother Mary and Elizabeth. Please remember that, just like Jesus visited Elizabeth and John through Mother Mary, today Jesus is visiting us through this sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Let us try to experience the Eucharistic Lord and conceive Him in our heart through His Most precious body and blood, and become a mediator of Christ in this world, and that is the whole purpose of Christmas too; to carry Jesus around this world. Amen.

2025 Calendars

Our 2025 Calendars are finally here. Please take one per family. Thank you.

"He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute." - St. Augustine

Merry Christmas/Happy New Year Celebration

We're having a shindig after the 6pm Mass on the Holy Day, January 1st! We always have lots to celebrate at St. Sebastian, but this celebration is a "Thank Goodness for Christmas 2024 and Looking Forward to a Great 2025 combo!" It's a potluck of appetizers/finger foods/ hors devours AND desserts! Please join our beloved pastor, Fr. Jegin, and all your pew friends for a festive gathering. Laurine Sexton oversees entertainment, and Paula Hayden and Brianne McCarty will lead the dessert brigade. Please don't wait for one of these ladies to call you volunteer early and often! Everyone is asked to bring their favorite appetizer. Drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Burden or Becky Cheatham. See you there!

Mowing Schedule - St. Sebastian

We need more volunteers to mow and trim the church property. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support of both churches.

Financial Report - December 15, 2024 St Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3 187 00 weekly

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Financial Report - December 15, 2024 St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,468.00 weekly.

Regular Collection \$1,237.00 (-231.00) Mass Intentions \$ 40.00

Mass Schedule December 22 - December 29

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

Pody & Catherine Higdon

Monday - Fourth Week of Advent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Carol Prunty

Tuesday - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

-4:00pm - Children Caroling/ Sing Along

-4:30pm - Vigil Mass at St. Sebastian - Kelly Tichenor

Wednesday – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

-12:00am - Midnight Mass at St. Charles

Andy Martinez

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Bernard & Jane Payne

Thursday - St. Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)

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

Friday - No Mass

Saturday - No Vigil Mass

Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Curtis Howard -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Betty Abrams

The book "An Introduction to Prayer" by Bishop Robert Barron, offers brief reflections on prayer in the Catholic spiritual tradition. Please take one per family. Thanks.

A Gift for You

Ministry List

The new ministry lists are posted on the bulletin board and extra copies have been provided on the table for your convenience. Thank you.

Please Pray for our Military

1st Sgt. 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 Joseph Kyle Ward(US Air Force).

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Bernadine Edwards, Charles May, Jerry Abney, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Allison Pinkston, Theresa Rust, Cassie Alexander, Jeanie Wedding, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, Mark Vollman, Chuck Green, Rondy Humphrey, Wesley Robinson, Marie Caraway, Jimmy Tichenor and Rick McCarty

Upcoming Meetings

Jan. 6th - Fish Fry Meeting at 6pm – St. Sebastian

Jan. 7th - St. Sebastain Parish Council at 6pm

Jan. 8th - St. Charles Parish /Finance Council at 6pm Jan. 9th - St. Sebastian Finance Committee at 6pm

Women's Retreat

St. Charles will be carpooling from the church at 7 AM to the February 8, 2025, Women's Retreat "Joy, Laughter & Holiness" with Jackie Angel in Morganfield. Registration information is available at both churches. Please call Marsha Logsdon 270-836-1883 or Sherry Logsdon 270-316-9718 for carpooling.

Faith Formation

December 22nd – Christmas Party at 5:00pm December 29th – No Class - Christmas Break

Happy Anniversary – St. Charles



Larry & Patricia Hardison – Dec. 26

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Rondy Humphrey – Dec. 22 Kashlynn Rice - Dec. 22 Jeremy Coakley - Dec. 23 Alex Coakley – Dec. 28

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Mike Dant - Dec. 23 Porter Flovd - Dec. 27

Ministry Schedule Sunday, December 29, 2024

Euch. Min: Marc Searcy St. Sebastian

> David N. Scott Cathy Burden

Lectors: Marc Searcy

Macie Caraway

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Watkins

Altar Servers: Evie Searcy **Annie Searcy**

Money Counters: Patricia Hayden

Susie Alexander

Donuts: Michael & Kimberly Cooper

St. Charles Euch: Min: MaryLynne Logsdon

Leon Durbin

Lectors: Lee Edwards Pat Martinez

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Derek Miller

Money Counters: John Logsdon Derek Miller