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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.

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



# **SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**



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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**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.

#### Welcome Home, Fr. Jegin

As we welcome home Fr. Jegin from his pilgrimage, I want to remind you all that our normal mass schedule will resume this week.

## Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul

SVdP's food pantry is almost empty. Please find it in your heart to donate some non-perishable food items to help those in need in our community. Thank you.

"Go to the poor: you will find God."

-St. Vincent de Paul

"It is not really a small thing when in small things we resist self."

- Thomas a Kempis, The Imitation of Christ

## Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Charles

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group will meet on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the hall. The first meeting was very uplifting. We look forward to seeing you. Sherry Logsdon 270-316-9718 and Geneva Bishop 270-836-3632. Thank you.

## Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group - St. Sebastian

Our first meeting for the Eucharistic Revival was last Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining a small group, we have two options for you. One group is led by Debra Hamilton, Neil and Laurie Scott, and they meet at their home every third Sunday of the month. The other group is led by Marc and Lindsay Searcy, and Mark and Paula Hayden, and they meet at the parish hall once a month on Sundays. To learn more about the groups, please contact the leaders directly. Thank you.

**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.

#### Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

We remember that parables are earthly stories with a heavenly meaning. Jesus' parables are always designed to shock us into thinking in a different way than what we are used to think normally. Today, as we listen to this parable, many of us may raise our eyebrows and would say it is not fair. Because, in a county like the United States most of the workers are paid based on the number of hours they work, but today Jesus breaks all barriers and understanding of payment for the job. Yes, Jesus is trying to provoke our thinking through this parable and if you are provoked, be sure the real purpose of this Gospel is working within in you.

Growing up in a large, traditional, farming family has its advantages. When the crop is ready for harvest, the whole family is out in the field working together. They do not work at the same pace. Dad and big brother would be in the field very early while little sister is still asleep. Mom and little sister would join them in the farm later. You see, dad and big brother go to work without breakfast, but little sister would not go anywhere without breakfast. When she finally arrives in the field, she is more interested in asking silly questions and distracting the workers than in the work itself. At the end of the day all go home happy together. Supper is prepared and served. Does anyone suggest that you eat as much as you have worked? Not at all! Often the same little sister who did the least work is pampered with the best food. Yet no one complains, no one is jealous, and everyone is happy.

In today's Gospel we hear of a harvest in which some workers put in more work than others. When pay time comes, they are all treated equally and the early birds among them begin to complain and grumble. Why do the workers in the vinevard grumble and complain whereas the workers in the family do not? The answer is simple. One group of workers is made up of family members and others of unrelated individuals drawn from the wider society. So, the question that the parable poses to each one of us today is "Do we see ourselves as family with a common purpose or do we see ourselves as a bunch of individuals, each with their own agenda? We call ourselves brothers and sisters. Why then do we often see and treat one another as rivals and competitors?

The notion of the Kingdom of God as family is central to understanding this parable. The kingdom of God is a family more than a society. A society is characterized by they-and-them, by rivalry and survival of the fittest. A family, on the other hand, is we and not they or them. It is characterized by a spirit of co-operation rather than competition and

and supported by generous love and understanding of each other.

Yes, certainly the Gospel of today and especially the dealing of the landowner is really embarrassing to most of us as human beings as he is paying the same amount of money to all workers, even to those who came at the last hour. But by presenting this parable, Jesus wants to tell the individuals of the society that God's ways are not the same as human ways. God does not work according to the world's standards, but God operates on the principle of grace and generosity. The Kingdom of God is not something that you can earn by your ability or hard work or argument, but it is purely a gift of God, that God gives generously to whomever He wishes.

Finally, as the members of the church, it is time to evaluate our attitude. Do we really feel the belongingness of a family member to your parish with understanding and generosity in all the activities of the Church? Or do we act like different individuals each with their own agenda? Remember God unites, but Evil separates. God Bless you all.

#### Our Lady of Fatima

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13th and October 13th. 1917. Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin told them that She had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living in our century. Coming at a time when civilization was torn asunder by war and bloody violence, She promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. In all Her appearances at Fatima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. To prevent the terrible chastisement at the hands of Russia and to convert "that poor nation", Our Lady requested the solemn public Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart by the Pope and all the Catholic bishops of the world. She also asked that the Faithful practice a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months. ("The Five First Saturdays")

#### Financial Report - September 17, 2023 St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3.035.00 weekly.

\$ 2,075.00 - 960.00 Regular Collection **Emergency Fund** \$ 370.00

Financial Report - September 17, 2023 St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly. Regular Collection \$.1.466.00 +238.00

## **Mass Schedule** September 24 – October 1

### **Sunday – Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - JoAnn Hayden -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Katherine Roberts

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**Tuesday – Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - JoAnn Hayden

Wednesday - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - JoAnn Hayden -5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles

Conversion of sinners

Thursday - Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - JoAnn Hayden

Friday- No Mass

## Saturday - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

-3:00pm - Confession

-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian - All Parishioners

## **Sunday – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Macie Caraway

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Mary Albin

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluegrass on Beshear October 7th



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#### Please Pray for our Military

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**

Sean, Serena & Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Havden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Brandon Good, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller and Ben Dunn.

## THE 33<sup>RD</sup> DIOCESAN MARIAN CONGRESS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

# "ST. JOSEPH, PILLAR OF THE FAMILY"

Keynote Address by Fr. Joseph Morgan, CPM Adoration, Marian Procession, and Confessions 4 pm Vigil mass offered at Parish

To be held on the campus of Saint Joseph Catholic Church 434 Church Ave. Bowling Green, KY 42101

"It is our part to seek, His to grant what we ask; ours to make a beginning, His to bring it to completion; ours to offer what we can, His to finish what we - St. Jerome cannot."

## Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Richard Devins - Sept. 24 Henry Fritz – Sept. 24 Billy Coffman - Sept. 25 Susan Lebold - Sept. 27 Gates Tichenor – Sept. 28

## **Ministry Schedule** Saturday, September 30, 2023

Euch. Min: Susan Lebold St. Sebastian Lectors: Jim Lebold

## Sunday, October 1, 2023

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: David N. Scott

Debra Hamilton Drew McCarty

Lectors: Josh Searcy Laurine Sexton

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dant

Hospitality Ministers: Neil Scott

John Pinkston

Money Counters: Cathy Burden

Becky Kline

Donuts: Church Breakfast

St. Charles

Euch: Min: Lee Edwards **Darrell Bishop** 

Lectors: David Albin

Pat Martinez

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Terry Baggett

Money Counters: Pat Martinez

Philip Logsdon