

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Not too far, as the members of the Body of Christ, we are all going to start a new journey in our spiritual life, a special journey to live more like Christ, by carrying the flashlight of His love in our hearts. Being the last Sunday before the 40 days of journey to meet, embrace and experience Jesus' sacrificial love, the Gospel of today comes to us with a reminder to have certain qualities in our lives, so that the fragrance of His love may be experienced by others during the 40 days of journey. Yes, be a different Christian, to make difference in this world. To make a difference in this world, "we do not have to do great things, but do small things with great love." (St. Theresa of Calcutta)

Knowingly or unknowingly, all of us are greatly helped by mentors or guides in our life journey. We listen to them carefully; we look at them as role models and imitate them in different ways. These are the people who have learned not only from books, but even more from their life experiences. They are called by various names: Gurus, Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Social workers, Counselors, Uncles, Aunts etc. Just as we are inspired and motivated by others' thoughts, words, and actions, have you ever thought-how many people might have been inspired by our thoughts, words and actions in this world? St. Theresa of Calcutta says, "Some people come in our lives as blessings. Some people come in our lives as message." So, the only question we need to reflect is have I become a blessing or message to others lives? As children of God, all of us are called to be a blessing to others. Today, the Gospel teaches us different ways that we can be a blessing to others.

The Gospel offers us three parables that indicate the qualities, a mentor or a guide should have in his or her life. In the first parable Jesus says, "A blind person cannot guide another blind person. If anyone attempts to do so, both will fall into a ditch" This parable points to the credibility of a mentor or a guide. Here, we put our faith in the mentor because we believe that the mentor is knowledgeable, enlightened and has the needed experience to guide us to solve different problems we face in our lives. The problem of today's world is that we have plenty of people with good sight, but not many people with insight to see the will of God and live accordingly.

In the second parable Jesus reminds us that we have no right to correct the other person, when we are at fault. Jesus says, "why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" I am sure, this parable is very much applicable to most of us and precisely because of this, Jesus again reminds us that, "do not

judge, so that you may not be judged." (Mt. 7:1) Jesus says, "Are not you mistaken, because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God?" So, it is not enough that we have sight, but by using the God given gift of sight, we should read the scripture to get the insight to be more like Christ. Yes, be compassionate to others. There is no doubt that no one is perfect in this world, everyone has their own positive and negative sides. So, let us highlight the positive side in everyone and make this world brighter.

In the third parable Jesus reminds us that, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." By this parable, Jesus reminds us that a good person draws what is good in others and always does good to others. Based on this parable, I would like to suggest the third desirable quality of a mentor or guide is competence.

As a Christian, every one of us is called to be a guide or a mentor in this world. As a Christian, the person whom we can always look upon us is none other than Jesus Christ. Because He is faithful, compassionate, and competent. We can be like Him, only if we are able to speak the same language as Jesus did, which is called the Gospel or the Good News. So, to become a good mentor like Jesus, let us walk in the shadow of His Gospel. **God Bless.**

Thank You!

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in our parish meeting to facilitate the synod-2023. Thanks for your valuable recommendations and concern for our Mother church. May God Bless you.

Fish Fry Signs - St. Sebastian

If you do not already have a Fish Fry sign, please feel free to pick one up and place in your yard as soon as possible. Spread the word to family and friends. With your help we are looking forward to another successful Lenten Fish Fry!

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

Financial Report – February 20, 2021

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

Regular Collection	\$ 3,225.00 + 341.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 185.00
Special Collections	\$ 0.00

Financial Report – February 20, 2021

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

Regular Collection	\$ 1,400.00 + 341.78
Emergency Fund	\$ 0.00
Special Collections	\$ 0.00

Mass Schedule
February 27 – March 6

Sunday – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Joe Hayden

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Monday – Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Sr. Lovena Fleischmann

Tuesday – Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Mary Vollman

Wednesday- Ash Wednesday

-9:00am – Mass at St. Charles

Bill & Jacinta Garinger

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian

Fr. Walter Hancock

-6:30pm – No Faith Formation

Thursday – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

-8:30am – **No Mass** at St. Sebastian

-5:30pm – **No Mass** at St. Charles

Friday – Friday after Ash Wednesday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Robert Vollman

Saturday – Saturday after Ash Wednesday

-3:00pm - Confession

-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian

Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday – First Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Joe Bickett

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

Tichenor – Leachman Families

Ministry Schedule

March 5, 2022

St. Sebastian

Lector: Jim Lebold

March 6, 2022

St. Sebastian

Euch. Min: David M. Scott

Lectors: Gail Clayton &

Drew McCarty

Money Counters: Mike Dant &

Mike Hayden

St. Charles

Euch. Min: Marsha Logsdon

Lectors: George Rhodes &

Christina Hudson

Money Counters: Derek Miller &

Rondy Humphrey

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.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish

Mission

Join Immaculate Conception in Hawesville, KY for their Parish Mission with guest speaker, Fr. Ken Geraci, Fathers of Divine Mercy. He will be there on Sunday, February 27; Monday, February 28; and Tuesday, March 1. Mission begins at 6:30pm each evening. All are welcome!

Altar Servers Training

St. Charles – March 6th after mass.

St. Sebastian – March 6th at 5:30 pm.

Parents, please encourage your children to participate.

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Mirasol Baggett – March 4

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Kimberly Cooper - February 27

Stacey Green - February 27

Susie Anderson – March 1

Alastair Cooper – March 1

Jamie Durbin – March 1

Emily Lancaster- March 1

Lucy Hayden – March 4

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, Jeff Husk, Elaine West and Maurice Drury, JR.