

## **Dear friends in Jesus Christ,**

Last Monday, many of you celebrated Valentine's Day. If I ask you what the symbol of true love is, I am sure many would say, it is the heart or red rose flower. But, I would like to say, the most beautiful symbol of true love is the Holy Eucharist; however many won't consider the Eucharist as the symbol of love because it is a normal human tendency that if something is given freely, we don't appreciate it until it is no longer available. This is the reason some people make the comment that 'they don't get anything out of the Holy Eucharist.' Let me ask you- How does it feel for you, if the other person does love you and you don't love that person? Or the other person does not love you and you love that person? In both cases the love is imperfect. It is in this situation of one-sided love that the Eucharist turns out to be meaningless and boring for some. Through the Holy Eucharist, Jesus expresses His unconditional love for all of us without any discrimination, but do we have the same kind of love is the question the Gospel of today is asking us to reflect! Remember the requirement Jesus is asking from us for a worthy celebration of the sacrifice: "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift." This is the kind of undivided love Jesus is talking to us through the Gospel of today.

Believe it or not, Jesus is the best ideal teacher of all time, of all the subjects concerning human life, because He teaches us only what He practiced in His own life. By teaching us about many subjects concerning our life, Jesus expects all of us to practice them in our lives too, because only then we can be qualified as Christians and be graduated to the Kingdom of God. Today Jesus comes to us with a difficult subject to be practiced in our lives, LOVE. Love appears to be an easy topic to talk about, but in reality, it is the most difficult reality to be practiced in our lives. Have you ever thought of the reason, why often we fail in the subject of love in our lives? Even though we are all liberated from the law of the Old Testament to the New Testament, the law of grace through Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection, still most of us hold on to the Old Testament life and law, neglecting the law of grace. The Old Testament teaches us that, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," but Jesus teaches us an updated syllabus by saying, "love your enemies and do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you..." Today, how many of us have updated our lives according to the new syllabus taught by Jesus?

Let us examine personally, how sincere we are in

forgiving and accepting our dear and near ones, others, and enemies. Forgiving others is practical and logical because taking revenge in any manner does not solve the problem or bring peace, rather it worsens the situation. This is the reason Jesus says, "offer no resistance to someone who is evil." Jesus did not offer any resistance to the evil inflicted upon Him. So He prayed, as He was crucified; "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Today Jesus is inviting us to get back to the life of grace, by leading a different life, and by doing things differently for the glory of God. By giving us all the advice to lead a perfect Christian life, Jesus says very clearly that, only by doing that, we will be called the children of the Most High. Thus, only by living as the children of God we will be able to establish the Kingdom of God here on earth. So, as we continue to celebrate this Mass, let us not only pray, but make effort to spread the sacrificial love of Jesus to everyone we meet in our lives, to create heaven on earth. **God Bless.**

### **Vendor Saturday**

Lourdes Ladies of Service from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro Presents; Vendor Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. Come shop local! Various vendors from handmade jewelry and art to well-known cleaners, scents & much more. Live music by local musician, Paul Montgomery from 1-4pm. Also serving delicious BBQ by the Lourdes Men's club.  
Contact Jennifer Hamilton 270-903-6322

### **Marriage Retreat at Pennyrile Forest State Park Lodge**

**March 11-12, 2022** It's been a rough couple of years. Why not take some time away as husband and wife to reconnect and reinvigorate your marriage? This retreat will be a chance to get away, stay in a beautiful lodge, enjoy undistracted time together, and strengthen a few communication skills while you're at it. Sponsored by the Office of Marriage & Family Life. We only have room for 20 couples, so we do expect this retreat to fill up. Visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/marriage-retreat-registration/> for more information and registration.

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

### **Financial Report – February 13, 2021**

<b>St. Sebastian- Amount Needed:</b>	<b>\$2,883.56 weekly</b>
Regular Collection	\$ 2,575.00 – 308.56
Emergency Fund	\$ 115.00
Special Collections	\$ 0.00

### **Financial Report – February 13, 2021**

<b>St. Charles - Amount Needed:</b>	<b>\$1,058.22 weekly</b>
Regular Collection	\$ 1,235.00 + 176.78
Emergency Fund	\$ 0.00
Special Collections	\$ 0.00

## **Mass Schedule**

**February 20 – February 27**

### **Sunday – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Lisa Young  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
Tichenor-Leachmen Families

### **Monday – Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Evie Searcy

### **Tuesday – Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (Feast)**

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

### **Wednesday- St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**

(Memorial)  
-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Bill & Jacinta Garinger  
-6:30pm – Faith Formation

### **Thursday – Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Lisa Young  
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles  
Tichenor – Leachman Families

### **Friday – Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Joseph Clement Mayfield

### **Saturday – Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

-3:00pm - Confession  
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Tichenor – Leachman Families

### **Sunday – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
Joe Hayden  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

## **Ministry Schedule**

**February 26, 2022**

**St. Sebastian** Lector: Paula Tichenor

**February 27, 2022**

**St. Sebastian** Euch. Min: Laurie Scott  
Lectors: Earlene Abney &  
David Scott  
**Money Counters:** Kimberly Cooper &  
Gail Clayton

**St. Charles** Euch. Min: Jackie Lee  
Lectors: Zach Albin &  
Anna Miller  
**Money Counters:** Jacob Miller &  
David Albin

## **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.
- No social gatherings or meetings are permitted in the church buildings.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

### **Altar Servers Training**

St. Charles – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> after mass.

St. Sebastian – March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Parents, please encourage your children to participate.

## **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!

### **St. Charles - Happy Birthday**



Jon Connor Logsdon – February 21

### **St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**



James Andrew Cobb - February 21  
Houston Hudson - February 21

### **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.