

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Beginning Ash Wednesday we all took forty days of journey to Calvary with Jesus to crucify our sins with His crucifixion. After taking a small break at Calvary for three days, we started a different form of spiritual journey with our Risen Lord, and we continue this journey to His Ascension. It is His resurrection from the dead that brought about dramatic changes in the lives of the disciples and in the lives of many other people. It is His resurrection that brought a new life to each one of us to be called as a Catholic or as a Christian. The new life and change that we experience has to be continued through our lives, but, is it happening? Being a Catholic, what kind of change could we bring to the lives of others and to our own given situations of family, work place, community, etc?

The new life in the Risen Lord needs to be shared and to share it effectively, we are called upon to have a healthy relationship with Jesus. This is the reason Jesus came to us through different sayings. First, Jesus came to us through the breaking of the bread saying; *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst."* (Jn. 6:35) Secondly, Jesus came to us as a good shepherd saying; *"I am the good shepherd, I know mine and mine know Me.....and I will lay down my life for the sheep...and they will hear my voice."* (Jn. 10:14) This weekend Jesus comes to us by saying; *"I am the true vine, and you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* (Jn. 15:5) All these statements of Jesus after His resurrection highlight the importance of being connected to Him closely, to live as a quality Christian in this world and to bring about a positive change in this world.

Dear friends, let me ask you, how many of you think that you are independent? Some people do not want to accept dependency, but whether you accept it or not, we are dependent on many people and things, as well as on God. Dear friends, the very purpose of linking our name with His name through the sacrament of Baptism is to be with Him and to be sent out; but do we find time to be with Him? Through the sacrament of Baptism, we have entered into a covenantal relationship with God, where both parties have mutually agreed to be faithful. God is always faithful to us, but how many of us are faithful to Him? Through the Gospel, Jesus says; *"Remain in me, as I remain in you."* Jesus continues to remind us that; *"without me you can do nothing."*

Dear friends, we live in a consumerist world, where God and faith have become a commodity to be used only in needs, and the result of this attitude is very

much seen in today's world. The Gospel of today states that, if we are truly looking for a positive change, we should be ready to enter into a strong relationship with Jesus, like the vine and the branches. Jesus says; *"a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."* As He invites us to be with Him, He also promises three gifts; He will hear our prayers, we will be fruitful and will be His true disciple. Let us not forget the fact that we live in a world where we need the intervention of God very much, and at the same time God needs our support because it is through you and I Jesus can live in this world to establish His Kingdom. So, let us be united to Him not only in our needs but always and forever. Amen. **God Bless.**

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 (9th & Frederica St) in Owensboro. This free session will include three lessons and a participant book to give couples an in-depth example of what to expect in a full Grace Marriage quarterly session. Space is limited to 50 couples, so 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 25, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 2,177.00 - 761.09
Emergency Fund	\$ 205.00
Easter	\$ 40.00
Home Missions	\$ 80.00

Financial Report - April 25, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,715.47 + 568.01
Home Missions	\$ 35.00

Mass Schedule

May 2 - 9

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter

-7:00am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Brenda Payne

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Scott & Marie Caraway

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

Mary Joe Higdon

Monday - Saints Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Leon & Mary Jane Gibbons

Tuesday - Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Robert Vollman

Wednesday - Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Alvin Bickett

-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles

Oma & Louis Wedding

Thursday - Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Joe Bickett

Friday - Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Lisa Young

Saturday - Easter Weekday

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian

Delila Mae Payne

Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter

-7:00am - Mass at St. Sebastian

People of the Parish

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Thomas & Bernice Hobbs

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

Porter Rogers

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary



Jonathan & Beth Rhodes - May 8

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

*These guidelines are effective July 1, 2020 (**updated April 12, 2021) and include 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. 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. □ Conduct events via drive-in or outdoors whenever possible. □ Ensure that gloves are worn by employees/volunteers who clean or handle high-touch areas of the gathering space. □ Encourage volunteers and attendees to frequently wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer, provided by the event organizer. □ Use appropriate disinfectants to clean frequently touched surfaces and shared equipment. □ Use signage to alert attendees of required occupancy limits, six feet of physical distance and the facial covering requirements. □ Parishes should add a rider to rental contracts specifying that the renter is bound to abide by all government and diocesan restrictions that are in place at the time of the event.*

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



- Sanae Durbin - May 3
- Jackson Abney - May 4
- Reese Abney - May 4
- Ayden Rice - May 4
- Juliet Cooper - May 5
- Derek Alexander - May 6
- Harriette Ellis - May 6
- Bill Hamilton - May 7
- Gerald Payne - May 8
- Cathy Burden - May 9

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



Quinton & Laurine Sexton - May 5

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, Jacinta Tichenor Garinger, and Tommy England