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LORD *is my* **Rock,**
and my **fortress,**
my **God,** *my* **strength,**
IN WHOM I WILL TRUST *Psalms 18:2*

The Parishioners of St. Sebastian & St. Charles Catholic Churches of McLean County would like to thank all the businesses that help support our bulletin both in the past and the present.	
<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u> 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. <u>Is anyone sick/admitted in the hospital?</u> If anyone is sick or admitted in the hospital, please let Pastor know or call the office. <u>Sacrament of Penance</u> Sacrament of Penance is administered every Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment at St. Sebastian Church.	<u>Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):</u> 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. <u>Sacrament of Marriage</u> 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.

<u>Bulletin Information</u> Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Sebastian's office by Wednesday. 270-273-3185 or stsebch@outlook.com	<i>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.</i>
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TWENTY FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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.

<u>STAFF & CONTACTS</u> Pastor: Rev. Fr. Chrispin Oneko Pastor email: chrispin.oneko@pastoral.org Cell Phone: 270-484-0532, Office: 270-273-3185 Email: stsebch@outlook.com Website: www.stsebastianandstcharles.com Secretary/Bookkeeper: Kimberly Cooper 270-499-8960 Music Minister: Tracie Feldpausch: 270-314-0158	<u>Father's Vacation</u> Fr. Chrispin will be returning around October 9. During this time, there will be no Saturday Vigil Mass and no daily Mass. Our regular Mass schedule will resume on Sunday, October 11.
<u>ST. SEBASTIAN</u> Parish Council: Cathy Burden 270-316-4488 Finance Committee: Tony Searcy 270-993-1775 Rel Education Coord.: Lindsay Searcy & Laura Fritz Youth Group: Kevin & Laura Fritz St. Vincent de Paul: 270-499-2309 Knights of Columbus Council 15484: Meet every 3rd Monday at 6pm/St. Sebastian Neil Scott 270-499-0955 Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314-8290 Cathy Burden 270-316-4488 Parish Hall Rental: Church Office 270-273-3185 Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185 Altar Society: Brianne McCarty	<u>OCIA September Schedule</u> Location – St. Charles at 6:00PM • Sept. 23 – Creation and the Human Person • Sept. 30 – Sin, The Fall, and God's Mercy All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
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.	<u>Knights of Columbus</u> KOC will meet on Monday, September 21 at 6pm.
<u>ST. CHARLES</u> Parish Council: Christina Hudson 270- 871-6644 Finance Committee: Derek Miller 270-314-2007 Bereavement Committee: Carol Rhodes 270-278-2759	<u>Family Faith Formation</u> Sept. 20 – Parent Meeting 3:00-4:30PM Oct. 7 – Parent Meeting 6:00-7:30PM Oct. 25 – Family Meeting 3:00-4:30PM
St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am. Parish potluck brunch First Sunday of every month after mass.	<u>Taco 'Bout a Fiesta! – Youth Group</u> Come hungry and ready for a great time on September 23 at 5:00 p.m. Chef Bobby is serving up a delicious Taco Fiesta for everyone to enjoy.
	<u>Acts 2:42 Study Group</u> Excited to start our 3rd. year of Acts 2:42 group study. Our monthly meeting will be the 2nd. Sunday at 9 a.m. in St. Charles Church Hall with Rolling Pin Donuts and faith sharing.
	<u>Focus on Faith</u> Focus on Faith book study led by Sister Ann from Mt. Saint Joseph is held the 2nd Thursday monthly in St. Charles Church Hall at 10 a.m. Sister Ann is so knowledgeable and leads us in quite interesting discussions.
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 Christ,

Perhaps we are familiar with the concept of *schadenfreude*, which Merriam Webster's dictionary describes as “enjoyment obtained from seeing or hearing about the troubles of others.” If we’re honest with ourselves, we all may fall into a bit of *schadenfreude* at times, particularly when we feel the person experiencing the troubles had it coming to them. Though certainly far from the love of neighbor our Lord calls us to, it’s easy to be tempted to delight when someone whom we dislike, or whom we feel deserves it, experiences some hardship or other.

But there’s also another less than charitable tendency we see in today’s Gospel: We can have a particularly strong reaction when someone we feel hasn’t earned it gets something good. There’s no fancy word like *schadenfreude* to describe that feeling, but it’s very real. In our Gospel we see the anger and confusion of the laborers who worked from dawn until dusk, grumbling against the landowner that the laborers who only worked an hour got the full daily wage. They are angry because the landowner’s generosity defies their sense of justice, which wants each person to get exactly what they’re due, and no more.

But God’s justice doesn’t work the way human justice works. *As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways*, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah. Other places in Scripture tell us that God *makes the sun rise on the good and the bad, and causes rain to fall on the just and unjust* (Mt. 5:45). Or, as our psalm tells us, *The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works*, good and bad, deserving and undeserving alike.

Why? Why is the Lord so indiscriminately generous, even when someone doesn’t deserve it? Because of his infinite mercy. *Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving*, Isaiah tells us. The radical generosity of God’s mercy helps the sinner to have confidence that it’s never too late to turn back, it’s never too late to come home.

The message of today’s Gospel is that no matter what, all is not lost. Though we may have squandered our lives in dissolute living – like the prodigal son – upon coming home to the Father, we know that a heavenly banquet awaits us.

When we move from seeing this Gospel through our small-minded lens of someone getting more than

they deserve to understanding it from the vantage point of the infinite mercy of God, then perhaps we can move from our all-too-human reaction of grumbling at the unfairness to praise of God’s goodness. May this Eucharist we share help us to offer thanks and praise to God for his unfathomable mercy, which gives each of us infinitely more than we could ever deserve. **Amen.**

Called to Serve: Support Our OCIA Ministry

As we welcome new members into the Catholic Church through OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), we invite our parish family to prayerfully consider volunteering.

Emily Floyd leads OCIA, and there are several ways to help: teach or lead a lesson, attend meetings and offer encouragement, provide snacks, and pray for our teachers, volunteers, and those entering the Church.

Several individuals and families from both churches are currently participating as they explore joining our faith: **Stacey Bartolon and family, Conner Baldwin, Nick Ashby, and Grant Whitmer**, with others possibly joining.

Please welcome them with open hearts, loving support, and prayers as they continue this journey of faith.

Classes are now underway.

Your time, talents, prayers, and encouragement can make a lasting difference. Thank you for supporting our parish family and this important ministry!

September 27 – Priesthood Sunday

Priest Priesthood Sunday is the equivalent of the “Father’s Day” we celebrate for the fathers of families each summer and falls on the last Sunday of September every year. It is meant to be a lay-led initiative in praying for and supporting our wonderful priests.

Ways to celebrate..

- Pray and send a note of thanks to the priest who baptized you.
- Invite your priest to join your family for a meal.
- Make a visit or phone call to a retired priest.

Financial Report – September 13, 2026
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,608.00 weekly.
Collection \$1,559.00 (-49.00)

Financial Report – September 13, 2026
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,588.00 weekly.
Collection \$1,916.00 (-1,672.00)

Mass Schedule
September 20 – September 27

Sunday – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Jerry Abney*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Ben Garcia*

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday – No Mass

Thursday – No Mass

Friday – No Mass

Saturday- No Mass

Sunday – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Gloria Tingle*
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles - *Ronnie Calvert*

4th Annual Holy Spirit Golf Classic

Join Holy Spirit Catholic Church for a day of friendly competition, networking, food, and golf on **October 30, 2026**, at Crosswinds Golf Course. Check-in begins at 7:00 a.m., with an 8:30 a.m. start. Proceeds support community outreach events, including the “Freedom Fest Celebration.” Registration options are Corporate Teams for \$750, Foursomes for \$600, and Hole Sponsorships for \$250. The registration deadline is **October 16, 2026**. Register teams and sponsors at HolySpiritGolfClassic.com.

“Without the burden of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases.”
-St. Rose of Lima

Please Pray for our Military

1st Sgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zarembo, 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, Bob Guenther, Jimmy & Gail Clayton, Ethan Settle, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Theresa Rust, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, Rondy Humphrey, Wesley Robinson, Jimmy Tichenor, Jason Evans, Brenda Cooper, Darrell Henderson, Sharon Anderson, Janine Goatee, Kevin Fee, Kristin Bucio, John Pinkston, Jillian Phillips, , Joan Dant, Carol Rhodes, Pat Martinez, , Cindy Miller, Sonny Renfrow, Mike Vollman

American Martyr:

The Stanley Rother Story is coming to theaters on August 25 & 26 (English) and August 27 (En Español). The feature-length documentary narrated by Golden Globe and Emmy Award winning actor Martin Sheen, follows the life, death and impact of Blessed Stanley Rother, an American priest from Oklahoma, who served the indigenous Tzu'tujil people of Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala until his martyrdom during the Guatemalan Civil War. Celebrate the power of community and take a group from our parish to the movies: <https://tinyurl.com/rothergroupsales>. Learn more about this inspiring and heroic story at

Preschool Donations Needed

St. Sebastian Preschool is accepting donations of outdoor play equipment, such as playhouses, slides, small roller coasters, teeter-totters, and other age-appropriate playground items. If you have gently used equipment in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Happy Anniversary – St. Sebastian



Tim & Linda Dempsey – Sept. 21 35 yrs
James & Paula Tichenor – Sept. 21 35 yrs

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Richard Devins – Sept. 24
Henry Fritz – Sept. 24
Billy Coffman – Sept. 25
Bill Clouse – Sept. 26

Ministry Schedule
Sunday, September 27, 2026

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Marc Searcy
Cindy Schwartz
Cathy Burden
Lectors: Josh Searcy
Kellie Watkins
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Durbin
Altar Servers: Will Searcy
Luke Hayden
Money Counters: Mike Hayden
Neil Scott
Donuts: Cindy Schwartz

St. Charles Euch: Min: Jackie Lee
Lee Edwards
Lectors: Cooper Bishop
Marylyne Miller
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Robbie Freels
Money Counters: Christina Hudson
Leon Durbin