

Thanks to all the businesses that help support our bulletin both in the past and the present.

#### 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.

<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.

#### 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.

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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.

# STAFF & CONTACTS

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# ST. SEBASTIAN

Parish Council: Marc Searcy 270-993-8161 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: Neil Scott 270-993-7370 Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314 Cathy Burden 270-316-444 Parish Hall Rental: Church Office 270-273-3185 Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185 Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

St. Sebastian will pray the rosary every Sunday at 8:0 Parish breakfast First Sunday of every month after m 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 270-278-278

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00an Parish potluck brunch First Sunday of every mont mass.

**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.

**JANUARY 21, 2024** 





# St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352

	<u>Contribution Statements</u> Your 2023 contribution statements are ready. They are located at the back of church. Please pick up at your convenience. Thank you.		
960	Lenten Eucharistic Adoration During the Lenten season, we invite you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 9:30am to 3pm. This is a great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. The sign-up sheet is located on the table. Thank you		
-8290 88	<u>Online Auction</u> It's a new year and our annual Fish Fry and Online Auction is right around the corner. The auction will be coordinated by Laurine Sexton, who is looking for donations of baskets and other special items. If you have something to offer or want to learn more, please call Laurine at 270-499-0101. Thank you.		
)0am. Iass.	Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Charles Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group will meet on the second Sunday of each month 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 Lee Edwards 270-202-2873.		
59	Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Sebastian 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.		
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## Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap and listening to a bedtime story. As she was listening, from time to time, she would touch his wrinkled cheek and then she would feel her own. Finally, she asked, *"Granddaddy, did God make you?" "Yes, my dear",* he said, *"a long time ago."* Then she asked, *"did God make me too?" Yes, my sweetheart,"* he answered, *"just a short time ago."* Feeling his face and hers, she said, *"I think our God is getting better at making people."* 

God is always the best in everything He does. He is the Creator of all things, and He saw that everything He made was good. He loves us so much that He made us in His own image and likeness, the most wonderful creation of all. But we sinned against Him and ruined ourselves and the world. Yet He never gave up on us. He keeps calling us back to Him like a good shepherd. He tells us to repent and believe in the Gospel, because the Kingdom of God is nearby.

Last weekend, we heard St. John the Baptist proclaim Jesus as the Lamb of God. Today, we witness Jesus starting His public ministry with a call and a challenge: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." He calls us to turn away from the evil deeds that separate us from God, and He challenges us to do the good deeds that reflect God's will. This call and challenge come from God's love and concern for each one of us, which is greater than our love and concern for Him. We have broken our relationship with God through our sins, and thus we have lost His presence in our lives. But Jesus assures us that, by repenting and believing in the Gospel, we can restore our relationship with Him and shine His light in this world through His justice, peace, and love.

Jesus invites us to be the light of the world and to transform all creation with his love. In today's Gospel, we hear how he called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him and become "fishers of men." He wanted them to share his mission of bringing God's kingdom to all people. He wants the same for us today. He calls us by name and invites us to repent and believe in the Gospel. He asks us to change our hearts and minds and to trust in his promises. He challenges us to be his disciples and to spread his message of hope and joy. We have received this call through our baptism, but sometimes we forget or ignore it. That is why Jesus comes to us again and again, saying "Repent, and believe in the Gospel, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Yes, we need to renew ourselves first before we can renew others. We need to let Jesus transform us with his grace and power. Let us pray to the Lord of the Eucharist to fill us with the grace to turn away from our sins and embrace the Good News, so that we will live a new

life in Christ, to bring new life to others and the world. **God Bless.** 

## Vacation to India

Fr. Jegin is on vacation in India. He will be returning on February 3rd. During this time there will be no Saturday Mass. Saturday Mass will resume February 10th. Please pray for him and his safe journey. Also, watch out for scammers. Please do not respond to any calls or text referencing Fr. Jegin's name asking for gift cards or money. Thank you.

## Lazarus Retreat

We are pleased to announce signups are now open for the Lazarus Retreat #6 at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp Feb. 16-18, 2024. This retreat is for high school youth from across the diocese and is a onetime experience. Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 5, 2024, or once we are full.



## Upcoming Parent Workshop!

Join us for a Parent workshop hosted in 2024 (two choice of days to attend). As a parent and first educator of your child you have a challenge to accurately answer questions about "growing up". Learn how to joyfully accompany your child in the emotional, spiritual, and physical journey to adulthood through scripture and the sacraments. Leave with an abundance of resources available to you as parents.

Parents of any age child are welcome to attend. **February 24, 2024 – Blessed Mother in Owensboro.** Learn more and register by visiting <u>https://owensborodiocese.org/parenting-resources/</u>

<u>Financial Report – January 14, 2024</u> St. Sebastian- <u>Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.</u>					
Regular Collection	\$ 1,700.00 - 1,335.00				
Emergency Fund	\$ 190.00				
Special Collections	\$ 115.00				

<u>Financial Report – January 14, 2024</u>				
St. Charles - Amo	unt Needed:	\$1,228.00 weekly.		
Regular Collection	\$ 1	,015.00 – 213.00		

## Mass Schedule January 21 – January 28

Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Thomas & Janice Hobbs -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – John Miller, Jr

#### Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – Third Week in Ordinary Time -8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

#### Wednesday- No Mass

Thursday – The Conversion of St. Pual the Apostle (Feast) -8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – No Mass

Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – JoAnn Hayden -10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – Steven R. Evans

"It is not really a small thing when in small things we resist self." *Thomas à Kempis, The Imitation of Christ* 

#### Cursillo Retreats

Cursillo in the Diocese of Owensboro invites all adults to prayerfully consider making a Cursillo retreat in 2024! There are two English weekends scheduled. Check our website for updates: <u>http://www.cursilloowensboro.org/</u>

# Men's Cursillo #76: February 29-March 3, 2024 Women's Cursillo #78: March 7-10, 2024

The retreats are held at Gasper River Catholic Camp in Bowling Green. The cost is \$180, which includes a \$50 deposit when you register. Some financial help is available.

# 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

Tommy England, Sean, Serena & Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Brandon Algood, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Ben Dunn, Louise Waters, Zack Daugherty, and Steve Bickett.

