

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday; a day in which the church recalls the intimate relationship between God and His people through the image of a Shepherd and a sheep. The Gospel of today very clearly brings to us this intimate relationship by saying, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me..." As we were reflecting on last weekend's Gospel, very clearly, we examined the consequences of listening and not listening to the voice of God. Though, Jesus had foretold His disciples about His death and resurrection a number of times, the disciples heard, but did not follow in their lives. Consequently, they had all kinds of failures in their lives. Last weekend we saw, Peter and his companions had a very pathetic fishing night with no fish in their basket. But later on, we saw, after listening to the word of God and following it, they had a great catch in their lives. Today, placing each of our lives in this context of Good Shepherd Sunday, how do we evaluate? Do we maintain a good relationship with God? How eager are we to listen to the voice of God and follow His message in our lives?

Very often bad things strike our lives, many people justify by saying, I never missed Sunday Mass, I do all my daily prayers, I do my monthly confessions, I do good things for the people, etc, but still, why did God allow such bad things to happen in my life? Here at this point, we need to reflect deeply about this word of God; "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. Yes, people those who believe in this word, can never, ever raise questions to God when we are going through bad situations, because through the living word of God, Jesus promises that, if we follow Him, we shall never perish, and no one can take them out of my hand. Yes, dear friends, our Jesus is not a destroyer, but He is a builder. He is not a sadist God as we may be thinking, but He is a God who always wishes good for you & me. Yes, this is the kind of relationship we should always keep in our lives with God.

Yes, Jesus is the Good Shepherd: Last weekend we said, Jesus being the Good Shepherd going after the lost one, especially going after the disciples who went in different directions after the death of Jesus. If we examine the life of Jesus too, we can very well say that, He is a good shepherd. For He always cared for the unwanted people or the lost ones of the society; especially the poor, sick, tax collectors, prostitutes, crippled, blind, lepers, sinners etc. Yes, the heart of Jesus reached out to everyone in the society. Today, as we celebrate this Good Shepherd Sunday, the challenge before us is the same, to prepare our hearts to love everyone, especially the

lost one in the society. Only then can we secure a place in the Kingdom of God. That is why Mathew 7:21 says to us very clearly, "Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven".

So today, as we celebrate this Good Shepherd Sunday, the challenge before us is to become a good sheep for God and be a Good shepherd for the people of this world. **May the Good Lord Bless you.**



**Tri Parish Fundraiser**  
**St. Anthony-St Augustine-St. Benedict**  
The tri-parishes in Grayson County will have a fundraiser at St. Anthony, in Peonia, KY on Saturday, July 2, 2022. The day begins with a yard sale from 8 AM – 12 PM in the parish yard. Dinner will be from 4-7 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Dinner consists of an all-you-can-eat fried chicken dinner with all the fixins. Cost is: \$15 (adults); \$10 (ages 8-12); and free (7 and under). Main raffle prizes are 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$500; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$250. There will also be a raffle for a Crown of Thorns quilt. Join the tri-parishes at 1256 St. Anthony Road. Call 270-242-4791 or email [stanthony1256@windstream.net](mailto:stanthony1256@windstream.net) for questions

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

**Financial Report – May 1, 2022**

<b>St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 4,167.00 + 1,283.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 370.00
Special Collections	\$ 40.00

**Financial Report – May 1, 2022**

<b>St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,320.00 + 261.78
Emergency Fund	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 610.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**May 8- May 15**

- Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian- *Louis Weise*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Joe Marcum*
- Monday – Easter Weekday**  
-8:30am – **No Mass** at St. Sebastian
- Tuesday – Easter Weekday**  
-8:30am – **No Mass** at St. Sebastian
- Wednesday- Easter Weekday**  
-6:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class*  
-6:30pm – Faith Formation
- Thursday – Easter Weekday**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian - *Alvin Bickett*  
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*
- Friday – Easter Weekday**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Lisa Young*
- Saturday – St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast)**  
-5:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Zach Albin, Robert Baggett, Macie Caraway, Will Searcy, Brooklyn Devine*

- Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Joseph Fritz, Grayson Watkins, Sophie Patrick, Annie Searcy*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Katherine Roberts*

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**May 14, 2022**

St. Sebastian      Lectors: Jim Lebold

**May 15, 2022**

St. Sebastian      Euch. Min: Laura Scott  
Lectors: Neil Scott & Marie Caraway

Money Counters: Patricia Hayden & Susie Alexander

St. Charles      Euch. Min: George Rhodes  
Lectors: Philip Logsdon & Sarah Miller

Money Counters: Rondy Humphrey & Derek Miller

*A Mother's Day Prayer*

*Dear Lord,*

*Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day.*

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**Happy Anniversary - St. Charles**



Jonathan & Beth Rhodes – May 8

**Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian**



Cathy Burden – May 9  
Ashley Vaught – May 12



**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, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Donald Durbin, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Elaine West and Maurice Drury, JR. Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller