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The Parishioners of The St. Sebastian & St. Charles Catholic Churches of McLean County  
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.

**Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):**  
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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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.*

**STAFF & CONTACTS**  
**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal  
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**Music Minister:** Tracie Feldpausch: 270-314-0158

**Thank You!**  
Thank you to Vickie & Mike Vollman for donating the beautiful Christmas decorations that are hanging on the sconces and altar.

**New Ministry List**  
The new Ministry List are posted on the bulletin board and extra copies are available on the table for your convenience.

**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 270-314-8290  
 Cathy Burden 270-316-4488  
**Parish Hall Rental:** Church Office 270-273-3185  
**Cemetery:** Church Office 270-273-3185  
**Altar Society:** Brianne McCarty

**Let's Celebrate**  
A celebration will be held on Saturday, December 30, after the 4:00pm Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring finger foods/appetizers. Drinks and dessert will be provided. It will be a fun time to gather with your church family, plus we'll celebrate Fr. Jegin's anniversary! Please make plans to join us.

**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.

*Merry Christmas*  
**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.

**ST. CHARLES**  
**Parish Council:** Christina Hudson 270- 871-6644  
**Finance Committee:** Derek Miller 270-314-2007  
**Bereavement Committee:** Carol Rhodes 270-278-2759

**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.

**St. Charles** prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am.  
**Parish potluck brunch** First Sunday of every month after 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.**



**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

God is always speaking to us in different ways. He sent His messenger Gabriel to announce to Mary, and His servant Nathan to counsel David. He often makes Himself known to us through our loved ones, our companions, and our neighbors. He often manifests Himself to us through the afflicted, the needy and the lowly, and in everyone we meet. But do we realize the truth that God is communicating with us through others and circumstances?

As we get ready for Christmas, the wonderful celebration of God's love for us, we are encouraged to look at Mary as our example of faith and obedience. Today, we listen to the story of how the angel Gabriel told Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus; "Hail full of grace! The Lord is with you." The Gospel shows us that Mary was puzzled and wondered what kind of greeting this was. My dear friends, the first step to welcome Jesus into our hearts is to reflect on the word of God that we have heard in the last four weeks. It is not enough that we think about it, but it is vital that we cherish those words in our hearts. Receiving the word of God in our hearts is the same as carrying Jesus in our hearts, because the Word of God is God Himself.

When the angel came to Mary and told her what God had in mind for her, she was in a tough spot. She was already engaged, and she didn't know how her fiancé Joseph would react. But the angel reassured her and said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." That's what our guardian angel says to us too, but we're too distracted, so we don't listen. God wants us to have faith in Him and do what He says, even when it's hard or scary. Sometimes we worry too much about what other people will say or think, instead of what God will say or think. But God tells us today, don't be scared, because you have found favor with Him.

God has a plan for everything. Mary was confused when she found out she was going to have a baby without being married. Sometimes we also feel puzzled by the things that happen in our lives. But we should have faith in God because nothing is impossible for Him. Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Can we also be like Mary and follow God's will with all our hearts?

Dear Friends, I know life can be tough and scary sometimes, and you might feel like you have no clue what to do next, or how to handle things. But don't worry, there's always a way out, and there's always someone who loves you and cares for you. Just think of what Mary said when she found out she was going to be the mother of Jesus: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me

according to your word." That's the attitude we need to have, too. If we can say yes to God's plan for us, we can also let Jesus into our hearts and experience his peace and joy. **God bless.**

**Vacation to India**

Fr. Jegin is going to India on January 2nd and coming back on February 3rd. There will be no Saturday Mass while he is away. 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.

**A Gift for you.**

"Beautiful Eucharist" is a collection of life – changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. The books are available on the table. Please take one for your family.



**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.

**January 13, 2024 – Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green**

**February 24, 2024 – Blessed Mother in Owensboro.**

Learn more and register by visiting <https://owensborodiocese.org/parenting-resources/>

**Job Opening**

We are looking for a Preschool Assistant Teacher to join our team in August 2023 or earlier. If you have the qualifications and passion for this role, please email your resume to stsebch@outlook.com. We appreciate your interest and referrals. Thank you.

**Financial Report – December 17, 2023**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,300.00 – 735.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 55.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Special Collections	\$ 25.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 25.00

**Financial Report – December 17, 2023**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.**

Regular Collection	\$1,076.00 – 152.00
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**Mass Schedule**  
**December 24 – December 31**

**Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Expectant Mothers*

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

*Mr. & Mrs. Joe Shultz*

-5:30pm – Mass at St. Sebastian Christmas Vigil

*Thomas & Janice Hobbs*

**Monday – Christmas Day**

-12:00am – Midnight Mass at St. Charles

*Estina Marie Roberts*

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *JoAnn Hayden*

**Tuesday – St. Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)**

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Betty Bickett*

**Wednesday- St. John the Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)**

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian

*Deceased members of the Bickett family*

-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles

*Conversion of sinners*

**Thursday – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)**

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Louise Waters*

**Friday – No Mass**

**Saturday – Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of our Lord**

-3:00pm - Confession

-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Eddie Sallee*

**Sunday – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Betty Bickett*

-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – *Minnie Logsdon*

**Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.**

**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 Guenther, 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.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Mass at St. Sebastian - December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm  
December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am

Mass at St. Charles - December 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00am

**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: <http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org/>  
**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.

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which means,

*God with us."*

**Happy Birthday - St. Charles**



Patty Humphrey – Dec. 29

**Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian**



Mike Dant – Dec. 23

Porter Floyd – Dec.27

Trudy Tichenor – Dec. 29

**Ministry Schedule**  
**Saturday, December 30, 2023**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Katie Murphy  
Lectors: Paula Tichenor

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden  
Drew McCarty  
Laurie Scott  
Lectors: Lindsay Searcy  
Kathy Hudson  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Tommy McCarty  
Altar Servers: Evie Searcy  
Annie Searcy  
Money Counters: Mike Dant  
Mike Hayden  
Donuts: Mike Hayden

St. Charles Euch: Min: Volunteers  
Lectors: Volunteers  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers  
Money Counters: Volunteers