

**Dear friends in Jesus Christ,**

There are many developed countries in this world; however, even in those countries there is a great distinction between rich and poor. Why is there a great distinction between rich and poor in every nation in this world? The simplest answer is, we have many people in this world with developed minds and underdeveloped hearts. As a consequence we do much more talking than action regarding poverty in every country, and sad to say, we Catholics are part of this talking as well. What can we do to bring down the poverty rates in this world? The only way is to change our way of thinking; think not like humans but like God. No doubt, if we Christians can live the prayer of 'Our Father' meaningfully, most of the problems in this world could be resolved.

A serious examination of conscious will help us to realize that all of us are living according to our desire, not according to our need. The very moment we decide to give priority to our need rather than our desire, we can see the changes happening in this world. A recent report says that nearly half of the world's entire wealth is in the hands of millionaires. We don't need to be a millionaire to change this world and its poverty, but we need to have a heart like that of God. Remember the story where Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fishes and fed more than five thousand people. Yes, what we need to have is a heart like that of a young boy.

In today's Gospel we see a landowner with God's own heart, who treats everyone equally, who treats everyone according to their need, not according to their desire. As we reflect about this Gospel, we can learn that it is greed that leads a person to complain about things and people like the workers who came first to the vineyard. As long as we complain about things and the system, we can never lead a happy life. Trust me; the only unsatisfied creature in this world is the so-called God's image, we human beings. The book of Psalms 8:5 says that "God created us all a little less than an angel; and crowned us with His glory and honor." Does our life reflect this beautiful Word of God?

In our human thinking, what the land owner did was unjust, but in the eyes of God the landowner secures his place in the Kingdom of God, because he not only cared for the worker, but his whole family. Because, if the landowner decided to pay only according to the hour of work, someone or some of his family members will be going to bed without any food. So, he acted according to the need of the workers; thus, the land owner is acting towards the establishment of the Kingdom of God, where everyone is equal and treated equally. It is not that they did not want to work; rather nobody called them for work. Yes, "the harvest

*is plentiful, but the workers are few.*"(Mt. 9:37). It is only when we can be a faithful worker, who attends the needs of the other, rather than the desire, do we become members of God's Kingdom. Let us be thankful to God for His generosity through His Son Jesus and for all the blessings we enjoy out of His generosity despite our unworthiness. No doubt, there are many blessings to be counted and shared rather than problems we face in our lives. Yes, the call is to be generous like Jesus the landowner, not to be envious like Cain and some of the workers in the vineyard. Let us pray from our heart; "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." **May God Bless.**

**Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy**

Effective (July 1, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy as well as non-parish sponsored events held by groups renting or using parish facilities or property.

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 50% 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 held on parish property if closer than six feet to anyone not living within the same household.
- Conduct temperature checks for each participant.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- Follow State of Kentucky **Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants and Bars** for any form of food service.

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

**Financial Report - September 13, 2020**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly**

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| Regular Collection | \$ 2,769.00 - 169.09 |
| Emergency Fund     | \$ 235.00            |
| Holy Land          | \$ 86.00             |

**Financial Report - September 13, 2020**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly**

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| Regular Collection | \$ 1,198.00 + 50.54 |
| Emergency Fund     | \$ 0.00             |
| Holy Land          | \$ 83.00            |
| Cemetery Fund      | \$ 4,994.88         |

**Money Counting**

Due to safety reasons we are suspending the duty of counting money. At this point in time Sarah Brown will be counting the collection. Thanks.

**Mass Schedule**  
**September 20 - 27**

**Sunday - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Martin Hamilton*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Ron Shelton*

**Tuesday - Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Will Searcy*

**Wednesday - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Memorial)**

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles  
*Joe Bickett*

**Saturday - Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

-5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Ben Dunn*

**Sunday - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Dr. Robert Kraus Family*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*John W. Miller Jr.*

**Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat**

Family Retreats @ Gasper. Gasper River is offering family retreats at the camp this fall! There are many options available. You can book a lodge, bring your own meals or have Gasper cater meals, hike and explore, do activities, or just enjoy God's creation together. Call: 270-781-2466 to make a reservation.

**Prayer List for members of our community:**

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Stella Ibrahims, Elaine West, Lisa Jackson, Howard Hillard, Brett McPherson, Stephanie Payne, Kathy Hudson, Evelyn Drury, Teresa Jones, Ethan Settle, Tom Schutte, Kim Staples, Katherine Roberts, Patricia Hardison, Tommy England, Dennis Millay, Todd Tichenor, Patricia Hayden, Jim Lebold, Jimmy Clayton, Candace Miller, Mary Jewell, Charlie May, David Abrams, Jackie Lee, Debbie Neal, James & Paula Tichenor, Tony Calvert, Mike Dant, Alice Durbin, Jim Logsdon Betty Bickett, John Muster, Pat Calhoun, Kyle Hicks, Kathy Owen, James Lewis Dant, Gloria Farmer, Lisa Vaught, and Louis Dant.

**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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

**Diocese of Owensboro Announcement**

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all people who have been sexually abused, especially those abused by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. If you need to make a report of abuse, from either the past or present, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line (270-852-8380). The revised diocesan sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014, describes the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns, and can be found in the back of church, in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

Ashby Rice - September 20  
Tolbert Tichenor - September 23  
Billy Coffman - September 25  
Susan Lebold - September 27

**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**



Tim & Linda Dempsey - September 21  
James & Paula Tichenor - September 21

**Rachel's Vineyard**

Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women & men who are suffering from the lingering effects of abortion. The next retreat is October 23-25, 2020 in a location near Owensboro, KY. Contact Wendy at (270) 474-4707.

**Hope in A Time of Pandemic: The Book of Revelation**

Starts at 7:30am after the 7:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. The Book of Revelation is the most misunderstood book in the Bible. Fr. Tony Shonis in five sessions beginning on September 19 will guide us in reading the Book of Revelation, both as a warning, and a source of hope for Christians undergoing a crises. This book carries a tremendous message for our time - you won't want to miss it! For those unable to attend in person, the sessions will be videotaped and made available on the Holy Name Parish website. For more details please call Holy Name Church in Henderson at (270) 826-2096

**Saturday: September 19**

Introduction to Book of Revelation

**Saturday: October 3**

What John Saw: Revelation 4 - 5

**Saturday: October 17**

The Woes to Come: Revelation 6 - 11

**Saturday: October 31**

The Woman Clothed With the Sun: Revelation 12 - 19

**Saturday: November 14**

The New Creation: Revelation 21 - 22

Whenever you are unable to fill your ministry, please find someone to replace you and/or contact the office so your name will not be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.