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*When we can't
see God's hand
we can
trust His heart*

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 4:30pm 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@bellsouth.net

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2023



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

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Church Office

The church secretary, Kimberly, will be out the office from July 25th – August 3rd.

Diaper Shower

A diaper shower will be held on Sunday, July 30th, after Mass for baby Andrew Scott. David & Kelsey can hardly wait for Andrew to arrive. Big brother Thomas is ready, too! Please keep the Scott family in your prayers. Thank you.

RCIA

If you know someone interested in joining the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr. Jegin or the church office. Thank you.

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world." – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Faith Formation

Faith Formation letters have been sent to parents of school-age children. Please let Lindsay or Laura know if you did not receive one. Registration for 2023-24 faith formation program will be every Sunday in the month of July. Please pick up a packet in front of the office and return the necessary paperwork. Thank you.

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Charles

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group will meet on the First Sunday of each month at 9:15 a.m. in the hall. Please check the list on the table to sign up for this exciting event with Sherry Logsdon and Lee Edwards our team leaders. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

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

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.

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

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,

As human beings living in this world and witnessing so many tragic events like life threatening sicknesses, natural calamities, accidents, war etc., we ask the question-why is there evil in this world? Why does God permit evil in this world? What is the solution to end the many evils in this world? I think, today's gospel gives us a better answer for our question concerning evil. First and foremost, we should accept the reality that there is evil in this world, and good and evil co-exist.

A little boy, not familiar with an echo, thought that he had heard the voice of another boy not far off in the woods. He shouted: "Hello there! and the voice shouts back, "Hello there". The little boy shouted louder and asked- "Who are you?", and the voice replied, "Who are you?" The little boy cried out little more loudly and said: "You are a mean boy" and the voice came back saying "You are a mean boy." The little boy went home and told his mother that there was a bad boy in the woods. His mother understood how it was and said to him: "Well speak kindly to him and see if he does not speak kindly to you." The little boy went to the woods again and shouted: "You are a good boy" and the echo voice came back saying "You are a good boy." The boy shouted: "I love you" and the faithful echo came back saying "I love you." Thus, the boy continued to shout kind things and heard back kind things too.

When we complain about so many people and things of this world, we should ask ourselves- Am I like the boy in the first part of the story? In the book of Genesis, we read that before creating Man in His own image and likeness, God created this world and all things, and He found it was good. As per the scripture, if God created a good world, why has this good world become an evil one today for many of us? The Gospel very clearly indicates that the enemy of evil makes its presence felt in a situation where everyone was asleep. Dear friends, the word "asleep" indicates the dangerous situation of our spiritual life. A Christian should never fall into this stage of "asleep", but rather a Christian is called to be very alert against the powers of evil. So, to say, we should never be careless in life but live life with much care and fear of the Lord. Remember the story of the ten virgins, if you are watchful and careful you can meet the bridegroom, the Lord, and the entire life of very Christian should be directed for that.

As humans most of us tend to find and project the evil side of others and other things, if not publicly at least in the secrecy of our heart. Because of this tendency we stand as a stumbling block to the growth of other people and things. This is what we see in today's Gospel too. The slaves of the householder

are more concerned about the weeds, not about the good wheat that is growing. Jesus very clearly states in the gospel that I no longer call you slaves, but you are my friends. One of the epistles we read that St. Paul is telling us to not be a slave to sin and sinful nature. So also in today's gospel, the slave is none other than the ones who are in a sinful condition. But the householder who always wishes the good declines the request of the slaves and shows His care for the good, by saying "No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them." Yes, everyone is a mixture of good and bad and this realization will change the world. St. Augustine, always commented on every sinner he sees "There goes Augustine, but by the grace of God". Today, this beautiful gospel invites us to pay attention to the good side of the other and things in life and appreciate it, which makes our life more beautiful and colorful. **God Bless you.**

RCIA Volunteers Needed

We have a few people signed up for joining the Catholic Church through our RCIA program. Like last year, we need your great support in leading the classes. This year the classes will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the St. Charles Parish Hall. We will be starting our RCIA Program on the Wednesday, September 6th. If you are able, there is a sign-up sheet on the table.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae

All former students and faculty of Mount Saint Joseph Academy or Junior College, Maple Mount, Ky., are invited to Alumnae Weekend on Aug. 26-27. Alumnae will gather on Saturday for a blessing and dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes Parish Hall, 4029 Frederica St., Owensboro. On Sunday, alumnae will meet at Mount Saint Joseph Maple Hall for a business meeting, class pictures, and the annual banquet which includes the Maple Leaf awards. The day will also include a Sunday Liturgy. The Saturday "Welcome Back" supper is \$15, and the Sunday catered awards banquet is \$25. A block of 30 rooms has been reserved for Saturday night at the Hampton Inn, 615 Salem Dr., Owensboro, at a discounted group rate. Contact the hotel at 270-926-2006 by July 26 if you wish to reserve a room. To register, contact Doreen Abbott at 270-229-2006 or alumnae.msj@maplemount.org.

Thank you for your contributions.

Financial Report – July 16, 2023

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,965.00 – 1,070.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 30.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 5.00
In Memory of Betty Bickett	\$ 375.00

Financial Report – July 16, 2023

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,486.00 + 258

**Mass Schedule
July 23 – July 30**

Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian– *Betty Bickett*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Lauretta Evans Adkins

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday – Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Alvin Bickett*
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Thursday – Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Joyce Chustz*

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (Memorial)

-3:00pm – Confession
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian-*All Parishioners*

Sunday –Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Jimmy & Gail Clayton
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles
Katherine Roberts

Church Keys

Those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of holding a key to the church, please make sure that all doors are closed and properly secured. Thank you.

No Mass

There will be no Mass Monday, July 24th and Tuesday, July 25th.

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

Serena Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Thomas Scott, Bob Guenther, Justus & Donnya Hayden, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Brandon Good, Ethan Settle, Faye May, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, and Tasha Miller

Attention Please

Our Church family sincerely appreciates all your great initiative to support our church through your Time, Talent, and Treasure, especially through some voluntary works around the Church, projects for the Church and additions to our Church facilities. At the same time, it is highly recommended that all your great initiatives and ideas for the betterment of the Church should receive prior approval from the pastor or the parish council to avoid unnecessary confusion among the church family members. Please take note of this.



Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Joseph Staples – July 23

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Sam Burden – July 22
Knox McCarty – July 22
William Payne – July 22
Nathan Floyd – July 27

**Ministry Schedule
July 29, 2023**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Susan Lebold
Lectors: Jim Lebold

**Ministry Schedule
July 30, 2023**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Laurie Scott
Patricia Hayden
Marc Searcy
Lectors: Josh Searcy
Laurine Sexton
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Ward
Hospitality Ministers: Josh Searcy
Daniel Watkins
Money Counters: Mike Dant
Mike Hayden
Donuts: Debra Hamilton

St. Charles Euch: Min: Jackie Lee
Sherry Logsdon
Lectors: Marsha Logsdon
Ann Renfrow
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Bishop
Money Counters: Derek Miller
David Albin