

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Meeting with one of my friends during my last vacation, he sadly shared with me about his son. His son is top in his class, does everything wonderfully, and reads a lot, but recently the son blasted a bomb in their faith and in their expectation of him saying that the whole universe is created by science and there is no God. Believe me or not, this is one of the tragedies of this postmodern world. Many people think that God has nothing to do with this world and question the unquestionable reality called God.

Today as we are reflecting on the gospel passage we see; a scholar is raising a question to Jesus regarding eternal life- "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" By asking this question the scholar affirms that, there is a life after death. The answer to this question is very difficult, but Jesus puts it in a very simple way that he is to, "Love God and love Neighbor with his whole heart, with whole being, with all strength and with all mind." So, to enjoy eternal life, we should have love of God and love of neighbor. Everyone has love, everyone has loved, everyone loves, and everyone will be loved, but do we have a perfect love, a love that surpasses all limitations to live and to die for God and for our neighbor? John 15:13 says, "there is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Today, Jesus is asking for this sacrificial love. Place your hand on your chest and check sincerely, do I have a perfect love?

Again, we have a second question raised by the same scholar to Jesus- who is my neighbor? The Christian meaning of "neighbor" is different from the social idea of 'neighbor,' and that is what we see in today's gospel. Yes, the question to be answered today is who is my neighbor? As Christians we should believe and accept the fact that it is not he or she is my neighbor, it is not wife or husband is my neighbor, but it is Christ who is my neighbor. That is why St. Paul says, "it is no longer I who live in, but Christ who lives in me". Yes, only as long as we are able to see the presence of Jesus in others, can we accept the other as our neighbor and love him/her sincerely.

The man who traveled from Jerusalem to Jericho and became the victim of robbers is Christ Himself. The robbers, the priests, and the Levites are each one of us. In different situations of our life we assume the role of robbers who try to have something, though we are not worthy, we assume the role of Priests and Levites, by becoming more religious and faithful, but today Jesus is looking for a Good Samaritan among us- who is approachable, who can care & nurse, who can understand, who can uplift, who can accommodate, who can foresee, and

and above all whose heart is full of compassion for the wounded. Are you one of those Samaritans? Or can you be?

When we see the plight and cry of the poor and needy, if we don't get transformed to the image of the Good Samaritan in the gospel, be sure we are not compassionate and we are not a good neighbor either. In the last Judgment scene from St. Mathew 25: 40 & 45 we read, "...I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me. ...I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me".

So, my dear friends, Jesus is inviting us to fill our hearts with perfect love, because only if we have perfect love can we have compassion, and only if we have a compassionate heart, can we become a good neighbor. Till today if you have not grown into a good neighbor, be sure you can become a good neighbor and you have the possibility to change, God gifted us with this day to change our lives and thus to change the world. **Amen**

**Come celebrate your marriage with Bishop Medley!**

Join us on **Sunday, September 25th** at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro for the annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration. Mass begins at 2:00pm with a cake and punch reception immediately following. Couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 50+ anniversaries will receive a Certificate of Recognition and take a group photo with Bishop Medley following Mass. All are invited and families are welcome, we only ask that those coming **RSVP to Sara Lewis** at (270)683-1545 or [sara.lews@pastoral.org](mailto:sara.lews@pastoral.org)

**ALPHA In a Catholic Context**

Alpha is a dynamic way to invite parishioners on a journey of renewal! It trains leaders to listen, accompany others and be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is a language of welcome, hospitality and evangelization, that teaches by experiencing it! The Office of Evangelization & Discipleship will purchase promotional materials and copies of the workbook for all who attend. Contact Jeff Andrini for more information at: <https://alphausa.org/catholic-context/>

**Financial Report – June 19, 2022**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,825.00 + 941.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 470.00
Special Collection	\$ 25.00

**Financial Report – June 19, 2022**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 1,650.00 + 591.78
Emergency Fund	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 100.00
Special Collection	\$ 50.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**July 10 – July 17**

**Sunday – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Dant & McIntyre Families*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Randy Joe Marcum*

**Monday – St. Benedict, Abbot (Memorial)**

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Mary Vollman*

**Tuesday – Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Wednesday- Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Tichenor – Leachman Families*  
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles-Souls in Purgatory  
& The conversion of sinners.

**Thursday –St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (Memorial)**

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Lisa Young*

**Friday- No Mass**

**Saturday – Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

-3:00pm - Confession  
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*

**Sunday –Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Louise Weise*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Lauretta Evans Adkins*



Ministry list can change. Please check the bulletin board often. Thank you.

**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., Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle and Charles Mae.

**40 Hours Devotion | July 17-19, 2022**

St. Mary Magdalene Parish invites you to join them for Adoration on Sunday, July 17 from 11:30-7 PM and Monday, July 18 and Tuesday, July 19 from 7:30-7 PM. Each evening will include Evening Prayer followed by Gospel readings, preaching by Fr. Corey Bruns and Benediction beginning at 7 PM.

*"Whenever you begin any good work, you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection."*

- St. Benedict

**Happy Birthday - St. Charles**



Sarah Brooke Miller – July 13  
John Calhoun – July 15  
Carol Rhodes – July 15

**Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian**



James & Jennifer Ferguson – July 9

**Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian**



Joseph Coffman – July 9

**Ministry Schedule**  
**July 16, 2022**

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

**July 17, 2022**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Drew McCarty  
Laurie Scott  
Patricia Hayden  
Lectors: Neil Scott  
Marie Caraway

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. John Pinkston  
Hospitality Ministers: Scott Caraway  
Marc Searcy

Money Counters: Gates Tichenor  
Kelli Watkins

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee  
Sherry Logsdon  
Lectors: George Rhodes  
Christina Hudson

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Dotson  
Money Counters: Mark Logsdon  
David Albin