

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The parable of the prodigal son in last weekend’s Gospel encouraged each one of us to get back to our first love with our Heavenly Father through true repentance. Just as the prodigal son experienced an unconditional love of His Father, the Gospel of today talks about a woman who experiences Jesus’ unconditional love. The prodigal son went after a prostitute because the big money he had made him blind. The woman in today’s Gospel became a prostitute because her poverty made her blind. The most important factor in both stories is that they both were not questioned about their past life, when they decided to make changes in their lives. Dear friends, be sure that God never hates a sinner, but He hates the sin that we have committed in our lives.

When Louie 13th was the King of France, he made a list of all his enemies and put a cross straight to their names. Coming to know about this, most of the enemies thought that the King is going to grant them death on the cross and so they all fled from the country. But later, the King declared like this, *“I am not going to kill anyone on the cross, but for the sake of the one who died on the cross I am ready to forgive all my enemies, and to show that, I have put a cross straight to their names”*.

This Gospel passage of today clearly explains to us the true nature of Jesus and each one of us. We are all very quick in judging others, whereas Jesus is not. This is the reason the Psalmist says in 103: 8; *“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in compassion and loving kindness.”* There is no doubt that every one of us is enjoying this divine nature of God in our daily lives. Imagine, if God were to use the judgment criteria of human beings, how many of us would be alive today? So, please take every moment in our lives very seriously.

In the Gospel we see that, when the people brought the woman with charges against her before Jesus under the leadership of the Scribes and Pharisees, Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger-why? This is what happens every time when we commit sin. As Christians we are called to make Jesus and His name proud in this world through our lives, but does that happen through our lives? The Call is to repent and to believe in the Gospel.

According to the Old Testament, adultery was one of the serious sins. This is the reason Scribes and Pharisees are citing from the Old Testament and arguing with Jesus, *“Moses commanded us to stone such women.”* But, the Mercy and Love of Jesus surpasses all their laws, and gives a powerful message to Scribes and Pharisees by saying *“Let*

*the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”* After hearing the strong comment from Jesus, we see that; “one by one went away beginning with the elders.” Why did Jesus mention the group “elders”? In the societies elders are supposed to set an example for others, but they themselves have failed miserably today. Please remember that every Christian is called to be an elder in this world. So, let us examine our life? The strong comment of Jesus to the people revealed the hypocrisy of everyone, including elders and the so-called religious teachers. If we journey through the life of Jesus, we can see that the worst sin He always condemned was hypocrisy. The Scribes and Pharisees knew well that they were not good enough to stand before Jesus either. No doubt, this is the situation of each one of us today. No one is perfect and this is the reason Jesus says, *“Do not judge, or you will be judged.”*

Finally left alone, Jesus says to the woman, *“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”* It is a message with firm purpose and call to amend her life. Yes, this is the same message Jesus wants to tell everyone, and then bless each of us with one more day in our lives. Dear friends, finally as we reflect about this Gospel passage, we have three characters to be chosen for our lives from; the character of the crowd, the character of the woman and the character of Jesus. Without any doubt, I am sure all of us have taken the role of crowd and the woman on different occasions. Today, can we take the role of Jesus, to forgive and to forget? **God Bless.**

**Parish Council Meeting – St. Sebastian**  
Parish Council will meet on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
St. Sebastian - April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
St. Charles – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm

**Easter Egg Hunt – St. Sebastian**  
Following mass on Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

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

<b><u>Financial Report –March 27, 2022</u></b>	
<b>St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 2,638.00 - 200.56
Emergency Fund	\$ 140.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Special Collection	\$ 105.00

<b><u>Financial Report – March 27, 2022</u></b>	
<b>St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,720.00 + 661.78
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Special Collection	\$ 130.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,340.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 25.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**April 3 – April 10**

**Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Alvin Bickett*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Katherine Roberts*

**Monday – Fifth Week of Lent**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Robert Vollman*

**Tuesday – Fifth Week of Lent**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Lisa Young*

**Wednesday- Fifth Week of Lent**  
-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Alvin Bickett*  
-6:30pm – **No Faith Formation**  
-6:30pm – Lenten Penance Service

**Thursday – Fifth Week of Lent**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian - *Joe Bickett*  
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles  
*Lauretta Evans Adkins*

**Friday – Fifth Week of Lent**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Souls in Purgatory*

**Saturday – Fifth Week of Lent**  
-4:00pm - Confession  
-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*

**Sunday – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Jamie Hobbs*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Mary Albin*

“Have patience with all things, but most of all with yourself”  
*-St. Francis De Sales*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**April 2, 2022**

St. Sebastian Lector: Paula Tichenor

**April 3, 2022**  
St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden  
Lectors: Earlene Abney & David Scott

St. Charles Euch. Min: Darrell Bishop  
Lectors: Lee Edwards & Marylyne Miller  
Money Counters: Mark Logsdon & Derek Miller

**CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic**

- You can choose to wear a face mask.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus, be encouraged to remain home.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

**“Come & See”**

The Vocations Office for the Diocese of Owensboro is facilitating two Come and See events in April for men to see what the seminary is all about:  
- One for men 16-20 to visit Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary & Marian University in Indianapolis and  
- Another for men ages 21-30 to visit Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Saint Meinrad.  
If you have any questions or concerns about these events, please reach out to Fr. Daniel Dillard, Director of Vocations, or Dcn. Mike Marsili, Assistant Director, at 270-683-1545 or email [vocations@pastoral.org](mailto:vocations@pastoral.org).

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro is in need of both skilled and unskilled labor volunteers and volunteers for Disaster Case Management to work in conjunction with Catholic Charities to support Tornado Survivors and rebuild homes of tornado survivors of the tornados that occurred on December 10-11, 2021 and January 1, 2022. Contact Alex @ 270-852-8343 for more information.

**Holy Week Ministry**

Holy Week Ministry list are inserted in the bulletin. Please do not forget when you are to serve. Thank you.

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**



Rebecca Devins – April 3  
Marc Searcy – April 3  
Paul Lancaster – April 6  
Nona Hancock – April 7

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