

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

How many of us really believe that we are called by Jesus? If we believe that we are called by Jesus, what is the real purpose of His calling to be a Christian in this world? Even though we all live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the purpose of our call to be a Christian has not changed and will never change, because the one who called us has not changed. This is what Hebrews 13: 8 says to us. *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”* The Gospel of today very clearly reminds us of the very purpose of our call; *“Jesus summoned the twelve and began to send them out...”* Yes, to be with Him and to be sent out is the same purpose the Holy Eucharist is fulfilling for us; being with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and to become another Eucharist outside the Church.

In the Gospel of Matthew 22:14 Jesus says, *“Many are called, but few are chosen.”* Today, as we reflect the Gospel, the question to reflect seriously is - am I one of the chosen ones, to be with Him and to be sent out? Believe me or not, everyone present here is called by God, but how many of us are chosen ones to be ready to set out for a mission? As I reflected about this Gospel, I am really surprised by the courage Jesus had in His life, to send His disciples for a mission with many conditions! Looking through the lives of the disciples we can find that until the Holy Spirit came upon them, they did not trust Jesus completely, they really did not understand the mission of Jesus, and they did not understand His preaching at times. Though the disciples were with Jesus all the time, they did not understand His thoughts and feelings, and that is the reason towards the end of Jesus life here on earth, after explaining three times about His passion, death and resurrection they did not care for it. In spite of all the failures of disciples, Jesus trusted and never lost His hope in His disciples. The same way, today you and I are here because Jesus continues to trust us and has not lost His hope in us either in spite of our constant failures.

After Jesus experienced a great painful rejection from His own dear and near ones in the last weekend Gospel, today the disciples are sent out on a mission to establish the Kingdom of God with many conditions. By placing strict conditions for their mission work, Jesus is not aiming to make their mission work more difficult, rather more effective and qualitative. So to say, building of the Kingdom of God is not based on material things that we have rather the quality of faith that we have in Jesus, a quality of faith like Jesus. To have the same quality of faith, Jesus says to us; *“Learn from me, for I am meek and humble in heart.”* (Mt.11:29)

In today’s world Jesus lives with us in spirit and so it is our responsibility to be His eyes, ears, mouth, hands, heart, and legs in this world. Jesus has called us to be His own and sent every one of us from this Baptismal font by giving us authority and power to perform our three fold Christian roles (Priestly, Prophetic and Kingly) in this world effectively. But, how many of us are sincere to the call and mission that we have freely accepted from the hands of the Lord? Remember, as Christians, evangelization is not an option given to us; rather it is our bounded duty and obligation. This obligation can be fulfilled through our lives only as long we are able to think about God in our thoughts, words and actions, just as God thinks about us always. So let us have a strong faith in God and be Faithful to Him always. **God Bless.**

**Grandparents Day**

Pope Francis has recently declared this July 25th to be the first annual world day of grandparents and the elderly, and has asked every Diocese to promote its celebration in each Parish community. Dear grandchildren please be sure to recognize and appreciate the love and care of your grandparents.

**Natural Family Awareness Week: July 25-31, 2021**

Why should couples use Natural Family Planning? Because it’s good for your marriage, it doesn’t hurt your body, and it’s what the Catholic Church recommends. It’s also very effective and statistically leads to greater joy and a more satisfying relationship. For more information, visit [OwensboroDiocese.org/natural-family-planning](http://OwensboroDiocese.org/natural-family-planning).

**Marriage Enrichment**

Grace marriage is a quarterly, small group model of marriage enrichment where couples spend 6 hours every 90 days investing in their marriage. The diocese is expanding from three locations to five location in 2021, including Owensboro, Whitesville, and Henderson. Registrations opens in July. Groups start in August. For more details, visit [OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage](http://OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage). For other marriage enrichment opportunities, visit [OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment](http://OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment)

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

**Financial Report - July 4, 2021**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly**  
Regular Collection \$ 5,003.00 + 2,064.91  
Emergency Fund \$ 400.00

**Financial Report - July 4, 2021**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly**  
Regular Collection \$ 874.00 - 273.46  
Emergency Fund \$ 40.00  
Cemetery \$ 6,628.73

**Mass Schedule**

**July 11 - 18**

**Sunday - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Pat Bickett*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Martha Jane Westerfield*

**Monday - Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tuesday - Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Wednesday - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Lisa Young*  
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles  
*John Miller Jr.*

**Thursday - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Delila Mae Payne*

**Friday - Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Saturday - Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Jimmy & Gail Clayton*

**Sunday - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Guy & Virginia Anderson*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Andy Martinez*

**Ministry Schedule**

**July 17, 2021**

St. Sebastian Lector: Jim Lebold

**July 18, 2021**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min.: Neil Scott  
Lector: Earlene Abney & David Scott

St. Charles Euch. Min.: Jackie Lee  
Lector: Derek Miller & Geneva Bishop

**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

**Young Adult Ministry**

**Holy Hour at Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

All young adults 18-39 are invited to attend a Young Adult Holy Hour hosted at Sts. Joseph & Paul in Owensboro and sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro’s Young Adult Ministry, on **Monday, July 12 at 6:15 PM.** Confession will be available for those who are interested. To learn more, contact Robin Tomes in the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry: [robin.tomes@pastoral.org](mailto:robin.tomes@pastoral.org) or visit [Facebook.com/OwensboroYoungAdult](https://Facebook.com/OwensboroYoungAdult).

**Attention Please**

From now on everyone renting St. Sebastian Parish Hall is not permitted to put anything on the wall, such as: tape, command strips, decorations, etc. Thank you.

**Safe Environment Announcement**

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities (270) 338-2240; local law enforcement (270) 273-3276; or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro’s sexual abuse policy is available on the bookshelf in back of the church, in the parish office, and the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).


**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**

Marc & Lindsay Searcy- July 16  
Jimmy & Gail Clayton - July 17

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

  
Charles Walker - July 15  
Becky Cheatham - July 17  
Whit Searcy - July 17  
Candace Walker - July 17

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

  
Sarah Miller - July 13  
Carol Rhodes - July 15  
Jackie Picard - July 17

**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, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Jacinta Tichenor Peters, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, and Lance Green