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*The Lord is good,
a stronghold in the day of trouble;
and he knoweth them that trust in him.*
Nahum 1:7

The Parishioners of St. Sebastian & St. Charles Catholic Churches of McLean County would like to thank 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 3:00 pm 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@outlook.com

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Sebastian Church
180 Hwy 136 West
Calhoun, KY 42327



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.

JANUARY 18, 2026



St. Charles Church
506 Hill Street

Church Office
Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Upcoming Meetings

St. Sebastian:
Fish Fry Committee – Tues., Jan. 20 at 6PM
Finance Committee - Mon., Jan. 26 at 6PM.
Parish Council – Tues., Jan. 27 at 6PM.

St. Charles: Parish Council/Finance Committee Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 6PM.
All church members are welcome to attend.

Faith & Hope & Love
AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

St. Charles Acts 2:42 Group Sessions – St. Charles

Join us for the St. Charles Acts 2:42 group sessions "In The Word with Bishop Medley" on the second Sunday of each month at 9 AM. Join us for an inspiring study.

Focus on Faith Book Group

Join Sister Ann from Mount St. Joseph as she leads the Focus on Faith Book Group on the second Thursday of every month at 10:30 AM in the St. Charles Church Hall. The next meeting is on February 12. This session's book will be "My Life with the Saints" by James Martin SJ. Sister Ann has been guiding Focus on Faith for 12 years, so come and engage in an exhilarating conversation to deepen your understanding of your faith.

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 Christ,

"I'll know it when I see it." How many of us have uttered this phrase at one time or another, indicating that while we might not be able to describe something in precise terms at this very moment, we know that we'll be able to recognize what we're looking for as soon as we see it?

Sometimes what we consider to be an innate sense of what we're looking for is evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in us. In today's Gospel, we see that God had been preparing John the Baptist to recognize the coming of Christ. John says twice in our Gospel today that *I did not know him*, and yet as soon as Jesus started coming toward him, he immediately said, *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world*. John was able to recognize Jesus as the one sent by God because God had revealed to him that *on whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one*. Having listened to the voice of God, John was able to recognize Jesus immediately as the one sent by God.

Like John, we have been given a supernatural ability to recognize the presence of God in our midst. In confirmation, we received the Holy Spirit's gift of knowledge. This gift helps us to "know it when we see it" – to be able to recognize the presence and action of God in the midst of our daily lives.

The Gospels don't tell us whether John was aware that his cousin Jesus would be the one for whom God was calling him to prepare the way. But they show clearly that God told him what to watch for. God sometimes gives us a sense, an inkling, or some insight that helps us to recognize his presence or his work in our lives, especially when it shows up in unexpected places.

As we come to the table of the Lord, may this Eucharist we share open our hearts to receive all the many ways that God makes himself known to us, so we can bear witness to him more effectively in our lives. Amen.



Lazarus Retreat

We are pleased to announce signups are now open for the Lazarus Retreat #8 at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp Feb. 13-15, 2026. This retreat is for high school youth from across the diocese and is a onetime experience. Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 2, 2026, or once we are full.

The Diocese of Owensboro and Springs of Love

Ministry are working together to better support children and families by understanding who among us is currently fostering, has adopted, is discerning a call to foster or adopt, or feels led to support foster and adoptive families. Your response will help us build community, provide resources, and accompany those answering God's call to care for vulnerable children. We invite you to prayerfully consider completing this short survey.



Gasper River

Registrations are open and coming in fast! Please visit www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to get signed up for our 19th summer. Graphic
Applications are also open now for 2026 summer staff. If you or someone you know is one year removed from high school, visit the website to apply for the greatest joy you will ever have!
Get signed up and join the Friends of Gasper River Program to financially help support the amazing ministry that is happening at camp. Visit the website for more information and to join the team at Gasper River!

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." *–St. Catherine of Siena*

Prayer for Christian Unity

Have you experienced a conversion in your life, becoming more the person God created you to be? Join us for the Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 25, the day the Church remembers the conversion of the Apostle Paul, as members of Christian churches reflect on our experiences of conversion.

The service is being held at 3pm at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro and is sponsored by the Office of Ecumenism of the Diocese. A hearty meal follows. For questions you may contact Fr. Ray Clark at 270.231.1705.

Thank you for your continued support.

Financial Report – January 11, 2026

St. Charles - Amount Needed:	\$1,550.00 weekly.
Regular Collection	\$1,444.00 (-106.00)
Mass Intentions	\$ 50.00

Financial Report – January 11, 2026

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed:	\$3,210.00 weekly.
Regular Collection	\$5,060.00 (+1,850.00)
Mass Intentions	\$ 5.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 75.00

Mass Schedule

January 18 – January 25

Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Jonathan Burden*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Minnie Logsdon*

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – Second Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Families of Alvin & Betty Bickett

Wednesday – St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles
For those in need in our community

Thursday – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Leon & Mary Jane Gibbons

Friday – Second Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Betty Bickett*

Saturday – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian – *All Parishioners*

Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Brother Conrad Fleischman
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles
Sabrina Whitehouse Evans

Washing of the Purifiers – St. Sebastian

January – Gail Clayton
February – Paula Hayden
March – Brenda Pinkston

Please Pray for our Military

1st Sgt. 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 Joseph Kyle Ward (US Air Force).

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Bernadine Edwards, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy & Gail Clayton, Ethan Settle, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Theresa Rust, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, Rondy Humphrey, Wesley Robinson, Jimmy Tichenor, Jason Evans, Brenda Cooper, Darrell Henderson, Sharon Anderson, Janine Goatee, Kevin Fee, Kristin Bucio, John Pinkston, Jillian Phillips.

February 21 - Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky 2026

The Catholic Men's Conference returns February 21st, 2026 at the Riverpark Center in Owensboro with the theme "Fatherhood & Heroic Discipleship". There will be four dynamic speakers, including key-note speaker Bob Allen Kroll, Dr. Jason Winkle, Dr. Jeff Andriani, and Fr. Larry McBride. To learn more about the speakers, theme, and register to attend visit <https://kycatholic.com/>

Women's Retreat

St. Charles will be carpooling from the church at 6:45 AM February 7, 2025, to the Women's Retreat "Joy, Laughter & Holiness" at St Ann's Church in Morganfield. Join us for an inspirational retreat. Contact Kelly Joiner 270-952-0696 or email kejjoiner3@gmail.com

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Gates & Trudy Tichenor – Jan. 21

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Joseph Fritz – Jan. 23

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 24, 2026

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Katie Murphy
Lectors: Paula Tichenor

Sunday, January 25, 2026

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Kimberly Cooper
Neil Scott
Susie Alexander

Lectors: Neil Scott
Lindsay Searcy

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hudson
Altar Servers: Evie Searcy
Annie Searcy

Money Counters: Cathy Burden
Mike Dant
Donuts: Todd & Cathy Burden

St. Charles Euch: Min: Sherry Logsdon
Darrell Bishop

Lectors: Lee Edwards
Ann Renfrow

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. John Calhoun
Money Counters: Lee Edwards
Candance Miller