

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus, and it is also known as Candle Mass day. The Presentation after forty days of Jesus' birth throws us back to the 40 years of wilderness by the people of Israel prior to their entry in Cana. It also throws our memories to the gospel of Mathew where Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert before He begins His public ministry. Now we have the Presentation of the Lord after 40 days of Jesus' birth. So, the day after 40 days stands as a new beginning and new life for each one of us. Thus by celebrating the great feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are reminded that Jesus committed to a new way of life.

Today we solemnly began our celebration with the blessing of candles, lighting of candles and processing to Church. Did anyone reflect about the reason why we carried this lighted candle? The whole meaning of this beautiful action lies in the burning candle itself. Today, by carrying this burning candle, we are invited to throw our memories back to the day of our Baptism, where we were all given a lighted candle and where it is proclaimed to us- "Receive the light of Christ", and thus we made a commitment to Christ to become the "light of the world". But did we ever become the light of this world through our life? As Christians we believe that it is through Baptism we enter into a new way of life in Jesus. But did our Baptism make any change in our lives, and in the lives of the other to dispel the darkness of this world? Yes, it is a time to reflect about and renew our baptism and our commitment to Christ.

Today by presenting Jesus to Jerusalem Temple by Joseph and Mary, they make their commitment to God for Child Jesus, to offer the rest of Jesus' life for the glory of God or for the kingdom of God. And Joseph and Mary were faithful to their commitment, and so we have the salvation through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Remember, as you present your children for the Baptism in the Church, the parents have got a greater role to play just like Joseph and Mary, to mould the child-"light of this world". Parents, think about the responsibility you have taken up, you are taking up, and if you have failed in this great responsibility, be sincerely sorry for it.

Yes, every one of us has made the same commitment to Jesus, by accepting Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus through Baptism. But why is it that our candle of faith life is not burning brightly? Why is it that, our flame of faith goes off when problems and tensions arise in our lives? Think about the lighted candle we carried at the beginning of the

Mass. There were three things we carried along with the candle; the fire, wick, and the wax. The fire was given to the wick and the wick was ready to die, and so wax also and so there was light. The same way, the fire of spirit was with Jesus and Jesus was ready to die Himself and God the Father who supported Jesus was ready to be melted for us with Jesus, and so we have the salvation of the world and light in darkness. This is what in last Sundays gospel we read about Jesus, "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land of overshadowed by death light has arisen".

Yes, through baptism, we are all given the fire of spirit and the grace of Jesus. Only when we accept and live Jesus as the centre of our life, can we bring light in this world. Just like wick stands as the center of a candle, we should hold Jesus as the center of our life, and only then our life can bring light in darkness. Let us seriously ask the Eucharistic Lord to guide our life and take control of our lives. **May God Bless.**

**ST. VALENTINE'S DAY Dinner and Reverse Raffle:** St. Sebastian is hosting a prime rib dinner and reverse raffle on Friday, February 14th, at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. We only have 120 tickets available for this fun evening, so buy your ticket today. For \$35 a ticket dinner includes prime rib, potato, salad, dinner roll, drink, and dessert — you'll also have a chance to win \$1,000! Additional prizes will be drawn throughout the evening, plus a 50/50 pot will be available. Tickets will be sold after Sunday Mass, or you can see a member of the parish council. If you'd like to help with the dinner and/or make a contribution to the event, please check out the sign-up sheet in the foyer or see Neil Scott, Theresa Lancaster, or Cathy Burden. We look forward to having a great time with you on Valentine's Day!

**Financial Report - January 26, 2020**  
**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,079.37 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,523.00	-\$ 556.37
Children's Collection	\$ 7.00	
Emergency Fund	\$ 220.00	

**Financial Report - January 26, 2020**  
**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,102.97 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 1,911.00	-\$808.03
Raise the Roof	\$14,136.05	
Children's Collection	\$ 1.00	

**St. Sebastian Counting of Collection February 9**  
Lisa Vaught & Mike Dant

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**February 2, 2020 - February 9, 2020**

**Sunday - The Presentation of The Lord**  
- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian -  
*Robert Vollman*  
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles -  
*Betty Booker*

**Sunday - The Third in Ordinary Time**  
- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian -  
*Alvin Bickett*  
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles -  
*Carlos Kassinger*

*"The Measure of Love is to Love without Measure"*

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY PRAYERS AND COMMUNION**

While Fr. Jegin is away every Tuesday and Thursday at **8:00am** there will be Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Communion at St. Sebastian. This service lasts about 30 minutes. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS**  
February 22 & 23, Tom Carr Photography will be here to take family photos for the new St. Sebastian Church directory. There are now sign-up sheets available. Think about a good time for you and your family to come in and be a part of the new directory.

**RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE**  
Wednesday, February 5th 6:00pm. There is no mass.

**Ninth Annual Catholic Men's Conference**  
Saturday, February 15 at the Riverpark Center. Ticket costs are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Lunch is included. Registration starts at 8:30am. The speakers include Patrick Madrid, Brian Greenfield and Bruce Sullivan. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered as well as mass after the conference with Bishop Medley. For more information go to [www.kycatholic.com](http://www.kycatholic.com)

**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, Spec Private First Class Charlotte Marshall, Specialist 4 Chaz McKay, Sgt. Adam Dickey, Aly Franklin

**RIGHT TO LIFE**  
Right to Life of Owensboro Chili Supper February 22nd 5-7 pm at Blessed Mother Catholic Church. Trivia & Silent Auction. \$10 for Adults & \$5 for Children. For more information call 270-685-4922.

**KNOW ANYONE INTERSTED IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH?**  
The time to act is now. If you know anyone interested in joining our Catholic Faith you may contact our RCIA Director, Daven Edmonds. Cell: (270) 543-6442 or Email: [Daven.edmonds@farmers247.com](mailto:Daven.edmonds@farmers247.com)

**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**  
  
Kevin & Lisa Vaught - Feb 02  
Scott & Marie Caraway - Feb 07

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**  
Neil Scott - Feb 04  
Sid Hayden - Feb 07  
Genevieve Searcy - Feb 08

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**  
John Logsdon - Feb 03  
Mark Logsdon - Feb 03  
Kimberly Staples - Feb 06

**Ministry Schedule - February 9**

**St. Sebastian**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy Burden, Laurie Scott & David Scott  
**Lectors:** Gail Clayton & Michael Cooper  
**Servers:** Jackson Lee & Evie Searcy  
**Hospitality Ministers:** Long Handle: Tony Searcy & Mike Vollman  
**Gift Bearers:** Kevin & Lisa Vaught Family  
**Holy Family Statue:** Mike Vollman

**St. Charles**  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Sherry Logsdon & Darrell Bishop  
**Lectors:** Maddie Ward & Anna Miller  
**Altar Server:** Connor Logsdon & Emma Hudson  
**Hospitality Ministers:** Derek Miller & Rony Humphrey  
**Gift Bearers:** Kyle & Jill Chappell Family  
**Holy Family Statue:** John & Michelle Calhoun Family

Whenever you are unable to fill your ministry, please find someone to replace you and/or contact the office so your name will not be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.