

My dear friends in Risen Christ,

In the Apostles Creed we pray; "On the third day He rose again from the dead." If we look closely into the life of Jesus, we can see that 'the Third Day' or number three has a great significance. In One True God, there are three persons-Father, Son & Holy Spirit and Jesus is part of this great unity. Looking at the Jerusalem Temple Jesus said, "I will destroy this temple and build it up on the Third day." It was on the Third day Jesus was at Cana for the wedding. Jesus was crucified with three nails on his body. Three times Jesus had told His disciples about His passion, death and resurrection. Jesus fell three times during His Journey to Calvary to be crucified. Jesus was tempted three times in the desert before His public Ministry. There were three wise men who came from the East to visit Jesus at Bethlehem. Jesus had three years of Public Life. There were three disciples with Jesus at the time of the Transfiguration-Peter, James, & John. Three times Peter denied Jesus. At last He rose from the dead on the Third Day, and it is this day we are celebrating today. Thus, we can find the "Third Day" has something special in relation to Jesus' life. If the 'Third day' has great significance in the life of Jesus, surely it has got great significance in the life of every Christian too.

The third day is the day of Hope and overflow of God's unconditional love for each one of us, to remain with us and to live in us. It is this day Jesus became Jesus Christ. The love has no limits, no end and so Christ has no end, and this is the truth the whole resurrection story is telling us. The resurrection is the foundation of our Faith and Life. So, Christianity is the religion of Hope-A ray of hope for everyone who believes in Him. So, it is to be understood that, a Christian without Hope is without Christ. This is what Pope Francis reminds us too; "A Joyful Christian is a true Christian." Today, Jesus through His resurrection calls all of us to a life of Hope and Love.

As Christians, who believe in Jesus' resurrection are called to walk the way Christ has walked. The difference in Christ's walk and our walk is that, Christ had a glorious end through His resurrection. In our walk often we don't experience or we are not able to achieve a glorious end. The sufferings on Good Friday did not quench Jesus' love for us, but it went further, more powerfully to the third day to the resurrection and still He continues to love and live in us. In our spiritual journey, most of the time, we end up on our Good Friday of suffering. Often suffering will take control of us rather than we take control of the suffering. As a result we lose hope in life, and fail to complete our journey. It happens to us because; we fail to understand the suffering that Jesus underwent for each one of us. At the same time, it is

good that there are people who have completed their journey like Jesus- our beloved Saints.

Today, as we celebrate this Easter, Jesus invites us to walk along with Him, asks us not to stop our journey on Good Friday of suffering, but encourages us to go further again to the third day of Resurrection with Hope and love for Jesus. As Human beings this third day, the day of hope and new beginning in our lives could be fallen at any time-may be right now, tomorrow, week-end, next week, this month, next month, next year, or may be after a few years. So, do not stop your journey in the midst of sufferings and problems, but continue with faith and love in Jesus. Yes, every Christian has a day of Resurrection in His /Her Life- A day of New Life, A day of New Hope, A day of great dream materialized. Remember, as Christians our Hope is in Christ. St. Paul says; "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and is your faith." So, go out and proclaim to every creature that Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Wish you all a very Happy Easter with Christ's wonderful Blessings.

Parish Council Meeting – St. Charles

St. Charles will have a parish council meeting on April 21st at 6:00pm.

Finance Committee Meeting

St. Sebastian - April 19th at 6:00pm
St. Charles – April 21st at 6:00pm

Fish Fry - 2022

Total Revenue:	+\$13,179.00
Total Expenditures:	-\$ 2,868.39
Total Profit:	\$10,310.61
Fish Fry Online Auction	\$ 7,165.00

Total Profit: \$17,475.61

A heartfelt thank you to the frying crew, in house crew, those who baked the delicious homemade desserts, organizers of the auction, all who purchased plates, donated money, and other items, that made this Fish Fry a great success. May God bless you all!

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

Financial Report – April 3, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 5,336.00 + 2,452.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 330.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 70.00

Financial Report – April 3, 2022

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,257.00 + 198.78
Special Collection	\$ 50.00

Mass Schedule April 17 – April 24

Sunday – The Resurrection of The Lord

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Joe Hayden*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Sabrina Whitehouse Evans

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Leon & Mary Jane Gibbons

Wednesday- Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Caroline Hudson
-6:30pm – Faith Formation

Thursday – Thursday within the Octave of Easter

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Lisa Young*
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Joe Marcum*

Friday – Friday within the Octave of Easter

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian - *Louis Weise*

Saturday – Saturday within the Octave of Easter

-4:00pm - Confession
-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday – Sunday of The Divine Mercy

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Morgan Farley
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Randy Joe Marcum

****No Mass on Monday, April 18th ****

Ministry Schedule April 23, 2022

St. Sebastian Lectors: Jim Lebold

April 24, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Harriet Ellis
Lectors: Gail Clayton & Drew McCarty

Money Counters: Mike Dant & Mike Hayden

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee
Lectors: Derek Miler & Marsha Logsdon
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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Following mass on Easter Sunday, each church will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Condolences and Prayers

Let us offer our prayers and condolences to David Scott on the passing of his brother, Larry. Also, for Becky Cheatham on the passing of her mother. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Happy Anniversary - St. Charles



John & Marsha Logsdon – April 20
Rondy & Patty Humphrey – April 21

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Michael & Kimberly Cooper – April 21

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Rene Picard – April 20

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Tracey Dame – April 17
Bob Guenther – April 17
Ashley Ebelhar – April 18

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.