

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

There is a higher possibility that we all get disappointed and discouraged when our hard work does not bear any good results. People react to these kinds of situations differently; some people will put an end to their lives, at the same time some people take their failures as a steppingstone to their greater success. When we go through the Gospel of today, we meet with a disappointed Peter and his companions, who came back after fishing with no fish in their basket. However, listening to the command of Jesus Christ, thus working along with Jesus, brought a great smile on their faces with a great catch. Yes, the intervention of Jesus changed their sad moments into happy moments. So, the first message from the Gospel to be learned is that, working alone will bring no profit, but working along with Jesus will bring great profit.

Even though, Jesus had foretold about His death to His disciples many times when He was alive, the real death of Jesus brought a lot of changes among the disciples and in the lives of the disciples; the disciples had lost their unity. When Jesus appeared for the first time, Thomas was missing from the locked room. Again, we see a couple of disciples are making a journey to Emmaus. In today's Gospel we see, Peter and some other disciples are going fishing. Yes, they were like a sheep without a shepherd. However, we see Jesus is going after the lost ones, or the scattered disciples. Yes, this is the true love of Jesus. This is the true love of the Good Shepherd. This is the same love of the Father we see in the story of the prodigal son. Yes, true love goes after the lost ones. Yes, the Gospel challenges us to examine the quality of our love! Does our love embrace everyone we know?

The Gospel states that, the successful fishing following the command of Jesus numbered 153 large fish; still the net was not torn. Yes, the number of fish mentioned in the Gospel indicates all kinds of fish available in the sea and so today there are all kinds of people in the world. The net represents our Holy Mother Church. Yes, the Gospel states that all kinds of people will be part of the Holy Mother Church, but the Church will not be destroyed, just like the fishing net. Yes, it is Peter who is dragging the net to the shore where Jesus is standing. In the same way, all kinds of people will be brought to Jesus through the Holy Mother Church.

Finally, it is interesting to note that after the resurrection, every time the disciples recognized Jesus, it is in the breaking of the bread. In today's Gospel too the disciples recognize Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread. So dear friends, breaking of the bread is the most powerful medium that Jesus

uses to reveal Himself to each one of us. Today, we have come together around this table of Christ, to break the bread; do we really realize and recognize the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? If we fail to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, it is not the fault of Jesus, but it is our fault. So let us ask the Lord to open the eyes of our faith clearly to see Jesus in the Eucharist. **Blessings!**

No Potluck – St. Charles

St. Charles will not have their monthly potluck in May because it falls on Mother's Day.

"ALIVE: Who is there?" Movie

A new documentary highlighting the transformative power of the Holy Eucharist will be debuting for one day only in more than 700 theaters across the United States on **Monday, April 25.**

Bosco Films and Hakuna Films documentary "ALIVE: Who is there?" features the testimonies of five men and women who share how the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has transformed their lives.

It will be shown in the Owensboro and Bowling Green theaters. To find a showing near you visit <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/Alive-Who-Is-There>.

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will be held on May 14th at 5:00pm during the mass at St. Sebastian with a reception to follow. Please pray for Zach Albin, Robert Baggett, Macie Caraway, William Searcy, and Brooklyn Devine as they prepare for this sacrament.

71th ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Owensboro Prayer Events:

Thursday May 5th

~ Courthouse Lawn ~

Bible Reading	Prayer & Worship
11:30am - 11:50am	11:50am 12:50pm

For more information contact Rick Rhodes by phone / text at 207-313-8370

Financial Report – April 17, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,301.00 – 1,582.56
Emergency Fund	\$ 35.00
Special Collections	\$ 45.00

Financial Report – April 17, 2022

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 678.00 – 380.22
Special Collection	\$ 185.00

Mass Schedule

May 1- May 8

Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Jaimie Hobbs

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Mary Albin*

Monday – St Athanasius, Bishop, and Doctor of the church. (Memorial)

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

Tuesday – Sts. Philip and James, Apostles (Feast)

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

Wednesday- Easter Weekday

-6:00pm – **No Mass** at St. Sebastian

-6:30pm – Faith Formation

Thursday – Easter Weekday

-8:30am – **No Mass** at St. Sebastian

-5:30pm – **No Mass** at St. Charles

Friday – Easter Weekday

-8:30am – **No Mass** at St. Sebastian

Saturday – Easter Weekday

-5:00pm – **No Mass** at St. Sebastian

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Joe Marcum*

Gasper Summer Camp HELP WANTED!

We need your help. We have not had the response for summer staff and volunteer counselors that we need for this summer. If you can give an entire summer and are at least one year out of high school, please call our office at 270-781-2466 for more information. www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org

Ministry Schedule

May 7, 2022

St. Sebastian Lectors: Paula Tichenor

May 8, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Sid Hayden
Lectors: Marc Searcy & Macy Caraway

Money Counters: Josh Searcy & Neil Scott

St. Charles Euch. Min: George Rhodes
Lectors: Matthew Miller & Sarah Miller

Money Counters: Mark Logsdon & David Albin

Kindness Card Campaign

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, Ky., are continuing a unique fundraiser to support their ministries and spread a little kindness in the world. The Kindness Campaign provides 12 inspirational cards to be sent monthly to the person of the donor's choice. You may wish to be kind to an essential worker, a first responder, someone who is ill or homebound, or a friend, relative or neighbor. All of the cards and mailings for each recipient will be provided by the Ursuline Sisters for a contribution of \$50. You are both spreading kindness and helping the Ursuline Sisters continue their ministries. Please sign up by May 15 since the new cards will begin in mid-June (late signups will also be accepted). To request an order form, contact Carol Braden-Clarke at 270-229-2008, carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org or sign up online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/kindness-campaign/>

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.*

Proverbs 3:5

Happy Anniversary - St. Charles



Darrell & Geneva Bishop - April 30

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Cory & Candace Walker – May 1
Quinton & Laurine Sexton – May 5

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Marie Caraway – May 3
Ayden Rice – May 4
Juliet Cooper – May 5
Derek Alexander – May 6
Harriette Ellis – May 6

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, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Donald Durbin, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Elaine West and Maurice Drury, JR. Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller