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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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



FEBRUARY 22, 2026



St. Charles Church
506 Hill Street
Livermore, KY 42352

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.

STAFF & CONTACTS

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Parish Council – St. Sebastian

We are delighted to welcome Bob Guentner, Cathy Burden, and Marie Caraway as the newest members of our Parish Council. Let us keep all our council members in our prayers as they dedicate themselves to serving the needs of our parish community. May their efforts be guided by faith, wisdom, and a spirit of collaboration as they help lead us forward.

ST. SEBASTIAN

Parish Council: Marc Searcy 270-993-8161
Finance Committee: Tony Searcy 270-993-1775
Rel Education Coord.: Lindsay Searcy & Laura Fritz
Youth Group: Kevin & Laura Fritz
St. Vincent de Paul: 270-499-2309
Knights of Columbus Council 15484:
Meet every 3rd Monday at 6pm/St. Sebastian Neil Scott 270-499-0955
Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314-8290
Cathy Burden 270-316-4488
Parish Hall Rental: Church Office 270-273-3185
Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185
Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

2026 Lenten Fish Fry – St. Sebastian

The wait is almost over—our first Fish Fry is happening this Friday, February 27th! We invite everyone in our parish and community to join in the fun and fellowship. Your help is needed: please sign up to bring a homemade dessert, lend a hand serving food and drinks, or join the clean-up crew at the end of the night. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious meal featuring crispy catfish, golden fries, creamy coleslaw, savory white beans, hushpuppies, homemade desserts, and a drink—all for just \$12.00! It's a wonderful way to support our parish and connect with our neighbors. Let's make this event a success—your participation makes all the difference. We can't wait to see you there.

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

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am.
Parish potluck brunch First Sunday of every month after mass.

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.

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,

It is the first Sunday of Lent, and – as always – we begin by heading to the desert. The word *desert* can also be translated as wilderness, or quiet place. We know it as the place of Jesus' testing, his battleground with the devil that prepared him for his public ministry and, eventually, his suffering and death.

Let's consider the young mother who was at her breaking point. She had a colicky baby who had been crying and fussing for most of the day and night for many months. Beyond exhausted and worried about her child, the mother called an older friend who had raised seven children of her own. The exasperated mother asked, "How long will this last? I don't know how much more I can take." The friend's response was crystal clear: "God will give you enough grace for *today*."

The desert is a trying place. Yet notice who drives Jesus into the desert: it is not the devil, luring Jesus to someplace evil; it is the very Spirit of God! The Spirit is a driving force, often leading us to places we would rather not go, such as multiple months with a colicky baby, or maybe even these forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of Lent. Perhaps Jesus also asked, "How long, Lord? How long will this wilderness last?"

As Christians, however, we never begin a journey without the end in mind. Today's first reading takes us back to the beginning: the story of Adam and Eve in Eden. The beauty of their creation and existence in the garden is quickly marred by their distrust of God's provision and ensuing disobedience. They believe the lies of the cunning serpent and eat from the tree of knowledge.

The entirety of Scripture documents how God has rectified this one decision. Salvation history takes many twists and turns, including plenty of wandering in the desert and continued disobedience, until it reaches a place called Calvary. It is here where the devil's victory in Eden is crushed once and for all. As Paul explains in today's second reading, Adam's disobedience is nothing compared to the obedience of Christ; gift transcends transgression, the cross always wins.

And so we begin this Lenten journey with the cross, with the victory in mind. The Spirit will take each of us to places of immense challenge throughout our lives, places of temptation, suffering, even death itself. Yet this Spirit does not drop us in the desert and then abandon us. No, the Lord journeys with us in the difficult places of life, always giving us

enough grace to endure *today*. We thus embark on this Lenten journey with hope, for the end is in sight.

Join us for Lenten Day of Prayer on March 28 at Mount Saint Joseph

Lent is traditionally a time when Catholic Christians recommit themselves to more serious prayer, along with fasting and almsgiving. On March 28, 2026 – the Saturday of the fifth Week of Lent – all are invited to join Sister Cheryl Clemons in Maple Hall at Mount Saint Joseph (8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Ky.) for a Day of Prayer and Reflection titled "Deepening Our Prayer Life: Advice from the Four Saint Teresas." Throughout the day, Sister Cheryl will offer insights on prayer from Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The day will include quiet prayer and reflection and opportunities for small group sharing. Lunch will be provided. The cost to attend is \$60. Sign up online by going to this link: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/calendar/> and click on the event and then the Register box. If you have any questions, call Doreen Abbott at 270-229-2006 or email doreen.abbott@maplemount.org.

Youth 2000

The 29th YOUTH 2000 Retreat will take place March 13-15, 2026, at Brescia University. For more information, please see Lindsay or Laura.

"Fasting and sackcloth are the arms of penance, the help of sinners; emphasizing fasting as a tool for repentance." -St. Jerome

Online Auction – St. Sebastian

The Online Silent Auction will take place on Facebook the week of March 16th. If you would like to provide a monetary donation to sponsor a basket or have new item or items to donate, please contact Laurine Sexton at church or by phone 270-499-0101.

Items will be posted Monday, March 16th and bidding will end Thursday, March 19th at 8pm. Items will be available for pick up at the March 20th Fish Fry or after Sunday Mass on March 22nd. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Thank you for your continued support for both of our churches.

Financial Report – February 15, 2026

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,550.00 weekly.
Regular Collection \$1,099.00 (-451.00)

Financial Report – February 15, 2026

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,210.00 weekly.
Regular Collection \$2,295.00 (-915.00)
Emergency Fund \$ 70.00

Mass Schedule February 22 – March 1

Sunday – First Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Jimmy & Gail Clayton*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Minnie Logsdon*

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – Lenten Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
The families of Alvin & Betty Bickett

Wednesday – Lenten Weekday

-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *John Logsdon*

Thursday – Lenten Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Mary Elizabeth Searcy

Friday – Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday – Lenten Weekday

-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Mark Vollman*

Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *All Parishioners*
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – *Sandy Wengerd*



Lenten Penance Services

Mount St. Joseph - February 23 at 6pm
St. Martin – March 11 at 6pm
St. Alphonsus – March 12 at 6pm
St. Sebastian – March 19 at 6pm
Immaculate Parish – March 23 at 6pm
Precious Blood – March 24 at 6pm
St. Stephen Cathedral – March 29 at 6pm

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 Guenther, 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, Serena Cooper.

Ursuline Sisters' new Quilt Club

Would you like to win a beautiful quilt for only \$25? Get your name into the monthly Quilt Club drawings at Mount Saint Joseph! Quilt Club tickets for the 2026-27 year are now available. For one \$25 ticket, you get 12 chances to win a new handmade quilt. A lucky winner's name is drawn on the first Friday of each month from April 2026 through March 2027. Watch the drawings live on the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Facebook page at noon Central Time: www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj. Purchase your tickets before the first drawing on April 2, 2026 (note that the first drawing is on a Thursday rather than on Good Friday) to get the most chances to win. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. Proceeds support the mission and ministries of the Ursuline Sisters. Order online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/quilt-club/>

Washing of the Purificators – St. Sebastian

February – Paula Hayden
March – Brenda Pinkston
April – Stacy Green

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Mike Hayden – Feb. 22
Kimberly Cooper - Feb. 27
Stacy Green – Feb. 27

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 28, 2026

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Volunteer
Lectors: Michael Cooper

Sunday, March 1, 2026

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Drew McCarty
Debra Hamilton
Sid Hayden
Lectors: Marc Searcy
Faye May
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bickett
Altar Servers: Jude Cooper
Alastair Cooper
Money Counters: Cathy Burden
Mike Dant
Donuts: Church Breakfast

St. Charles Euch: Min: Sherry Logsdon
Darrell Bishop
Lectors: Lee Edwards
Ann Renfrow
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lee
Money Counters: Lee Edwards
Canance Miller