

### Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

After having taught us about the importance of fraternal correction in last weekend's Gospel, this weekend Jesus invites us to walk some extra miles of forgiveness-"not seventy times but seventy-seven times" To walk these extra miles first and foremost we all need to upgrade our thinking from human to divine, otherwise be sure this walk of forgiveness will be a difficult task and, our life in this world will be a difficult task as well.

After listening to Jesus about the fraternal correction in last weekend's Gospel, today I get the impression from the Gospel that St. Peter is in trouble with someone, otherwise he would not have asked such a question to Jesus. Peter asks Jesus; "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" According to the Jewish law, a person could be forgiven three times. But Peter goes beyond the law of the time, trying to play a "good boy" game before others and his master by increasing the number of forgiveness to seven; the number of perfection and completeness and asks; "as many as seven times?" Jesus who understood the inner thoughts of St. Peter spoils his "good boy" game by saying "not seven times, but seventy-seven times." By this answer Jesus clearly teaches us that forgiveness has no limit. Yes, forgiveness is not a matter of number, but it is a matter of love.

Even now when I am talking about love and forgiveness, there will be some thinking how can we do this like Jesus? This question arises in our hearts because we are still thinking like humans not like God. Remember, if Jesus were to think like humans, none of us could have experienced His love and mercy in our lives. Yes, as humans it is difficult, but with God everything is possible. Dear friends, if you desire to forgive, the only way is to reflect seriously about the crucified Jesus; because He was crucified with more humiliation, hurt feelings, pain and suffering than any one of us are experiencing or excuses for not forgiving our brothers and sisters. Today, Jesus is asking us to forgive seventy-seven times, because He has done the same for you and me. It is the grace of Jesus' forgiveness on the cross amid heart breaking pain we enjoy in our lives. So, people who can value His forgiveness on the cross will find no difficulty in forgiving others. If we are not ready to forgive others as a Christian or as a Catholic, how fake we are in praying the prayer of Our Father...?

Yes, forgiveness needs an openness of heart. If we hold tightly to mercury in our hand, it will run away from our hand; only in the open palm we can hold mercury. The same way, only in the openness of the heart is forgiveness possible. Remember, Christian life is to live, to live is to love and to love is to

sacrifice. Yes, Jesus lived, loved and sacrificed. Now it is our turn. **Good Luck and God Bless.**

**Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center**  
Family Retreats @ Gasper. Gasper River is offering family retreats at the camp this fall! There are many options available. You can book a lodge, bring your own meals or have Gasper cater meals, hike and explore, do activities, or just enjoy God's creation together. Call or email Gasper to make a reservation: 270-781-2466 or [gasperriver@hotmail.com](mailto:gasperriver@hotmail.com).

***"Pray as though everything depended on God.  
Work as though everything depended on you."  
- St. Augustine***

### **Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy**

Effective (July 1, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy as well as non-parish sponsored events held by groups renting or using parish facilities or property.

- *Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 50% of the maximum permitted occupancy capacity of the space.*
- *Maintain physical distance of six feet minimum from those not living within the same household.*
- *Wear face covering over mouth and nose. Based on CDC recommendations, everyone over the age of two must wear a mask for the duration of any event held on parish property if closer than six feet to anyone not living within the same household.*
- *Conduct temperature checks for each participant.*
- *Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.*
- *Follow State of Kentucky **Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants and Bars** for any form of food service.*

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

### **Financial Report - September 6, 2020**

#### **St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,696.00 - 242.09
Emergency Fund	\$ 660.00

### **Financial Report - September 6, 2020**

#### **St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 1,053.00 - 94.46
Emergency Fund	\$ 90.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 4,994.88

### **Money Counting**

Due to safety reasons we are suspending the duty of counting money. At this point in time Sarah Brown will be counting the collection. Thanks.

### **Mass Schedule September 13 - 20**

#### **Sunday - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

*Joe Hayden*

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

*Conversion of Sinners*

#### **Tuesday - Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

*Lisa Young*

#### **Thursday - Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles

*Jim Rhodes*

#### **Saturday - Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

-5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian

*Betty Menter*

#### **Sunday - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

*Martin Hamilton*

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

*Ron Shelton*

### **St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

Sarah Anderson - September 14

Matt Hayden - September 15

Ashby Rice - September 20

### **St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

Derek Miller - September 18

### **Prayer List for members of our community:**

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Stella Ibrahims, Elaine West, Lisa Jackson, Howard Hillard, Brett McPherson, Stephanie Payne, Kathy Hudson, Evelyn Drury, Teresa Jones, Ethan Settle, Tom Schutte, Kim Staples, Katherine Roberts, Patricia Hardison, Tommy England, Dennis Millay, Todd Tichenor, Patricia Hayden, Jim Lebold, Jimmy Clayton, Candace Miller, Mary Jewell, Charlie May, David Abrams, Jackie Lee, Debbie Neal, James & Paula Tichenor, Tony Calvert, Mike Dant, Alice Durbin, Jim Logsdon Betty Bickett, John Muster, Pat Calhoun, Kyle Hicks, Kathy Owen, James Lewis Dant, Gloria Farmer, Allie & Josh Kirk, Lisa Vaught, and Louis Dant.

### **Please pray for our Military**

MMN1 Andrew Logsdon, SSgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zarembo, 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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

### **Natural Family Planning**

Southwest Fertility Care Center is offering a FREE intro training for the Creighton Method of Natural Family Planning on September 10th at 7pm via Zoom video conference for anyone in the Diocese of Owensboro. Please RSVP [https:// owensborodiocese.org/creighton-method](https://owensborodiocese.org/creighton-method) if interested.

### **Diocese of Owensboro Announcement**

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all people who have been sexually abused, especially those abused by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. If you need to make a report of abuse, from either the past or present, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line (270-852-8380). The revised diocesan sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014, describes the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns, and can be found in the back of church, in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site ([www.rcdok.org/safe](http://www.rcdok.org/safe)).

### **Rachel's Vineyard**

Come join us for a weekend of emotional healing and spiritual renewal. Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women & men who are suffering from the lingering effects of abortion. The next retreat is October 23-25, 2020 in a location near Owensboro, KY. Contact Wendy at (270) 474-4707 or [wendyc@hopeafterabortionky.com](mailto:wendyc@hopeafterabortionky.com).

### **Hope in A Time of Pandemic: The Book of Revelation**

Starts at 7:30am after the 7:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. The Book of Revelation is the most misunderstood book in the Bible. Fr. Tony Shonis in five sessions beginning on September 19 will guide us in reading the Book of Revelation, both as a warning, and a source of hope for Christians undergoing a crises. This book carries a tremendous message for our time - you won't want to miss it! For those unable to attend in person, the sessions will be videotaped and made available on the Holy Name Parish website. For more details please call Holy Name Church in Henderson at (270) 826-2096

#### **Saturday: September 19**

Introduction to Book of Revelation

#### **Saturday: October 3**

What John Saw: Revelation 4 - 5

#### **Saturday: October 17**

The Woes to Come: Revelation 6 - 11

#### **Saturday: October 31**

The Woman Clothed With the Sun: Revelation 12 - 19

#### **Saturday: November 14**

The New Creation: Revelation 21 - 22

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.