

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.

<u>Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):</u> 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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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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: Neil Scott 270-993-7370 Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314-Cathy Burden 270-316-448 Parish Hall Rental: Church Office 270-273-3185 Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185 Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

St. Sebastian will pray the rosary every Sunday at 8:0 **Parish breakfast** First Sunday of every month after mathematical 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 270-278-278

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

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.

MARCH 10, 2024





St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352

960	Lenten Eucharistic Adoration <u>St. Sebastian</u> Fridays from 9:30am – 3pm. <u>St. Charles</u> Wednesdays from 12:30pm - 5:30pm. Please sign up to be with the Eucharistic Lord.
	Lenten Penance Service Penance Service will be held at St. Sebastian on Thursday, March 21 st at 6pm for both churches. Please take advantage of this opportunity to amend and strengthen your relationship with Jesus.
I-8290 I88	2024 Lenten Fish Fry Join us for our Fish Fries on March 15 and 22. Enjoy a delicious meal of fish, French fries, hushpuppies, beans, coleslaw, and dessert for just \$12. You can eat in or take out. Serving starts at 5:00pm.
00am. nass.	Holy Week The bulletin and the bulletin board have the Holy Week Ministry List and Mass schedule insert. Thank you.
759	Thank You! The Knights of Columbus have generously donated \$1000.00 towards the cost of the new ice machine.
m. ith after	Acts 2:42 Meeting The Searcy-Hayden group will next meet on Sunday, March 17 th at 4:00pm.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The main message of the Scripture passages we heard today is that God offers us salvation as a free gift through Jesus Christ. The readings emphasize God's compassion and mercy and remind us of God's love, kindness, and grace that we receive in Jesus Christ. As a way of showing our love and gratitude to God's mercy and as a sign of our Faith, we are called to share in Jesus' sufferings by doing penance during Lent so that we may attain our eternal salvation.

In the first reading of today, we see God's anger and compassion towards Israel and its leaders, who were accused of three sins: *"They were unfaithful; they defiled the temple; and they laughed at the prophets."* Their exile was the consequence of their disregard for God and His messengers, until they repented and begged for God's mercy. God then restored them to the promised land. This shows how God decided to save humanity through His only Son Jesus Christ. God is always willing to save us through His Son Jesus Christ, but are we ready and willing?

In the second reading Paul's message is that God loves us so much that He gave us the gift of eternal life through Jesus. This shows how amazing God's grace is. We are happy because God has been kind to us with his grace. God's grace saved us, but we also need to live well. That's what God expecting from us. Paul also warns us not to abuse God's grace for our own desires, but to follow His plan.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus, a Pharisee, that he needs to be born again by water and the Spirit to enter God's Kingdom. Jesus says he knows this because he is God's Son. Jesus also compares himself to the bronze snake that Moses lifted up in the desert. Just like the Israelites looked at the snake and lived, we can look at Jesus on the cross and have eternal life.

One of the most famous verses in the Bible is in today's gospel: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that anyone who trusts in him can be saved." This is the heart of the good news, and it should make us very happy. It shows us that faith and grace go hand in hand. It also shows us that God is offering us grace and salvation right now. All we must do is accept this gift by believing in Jesus. Even though the Gospel encourage us all with Jesus's mercy and compassion, the Gospel also draw our attention to the sadness Jesus is experiencing. Jesus is sad because people chose the darkness over the light. He knows the bad things we do and hide from Him. He wants us to be honest and show Him our mistakes, so He can help us with His love and grace. His grace is a gift for everyone who believes in Him and lives with Him. Let's say yes



Every Thursday from 12pm to 5pm until April 11th, there will be free tax prep service for anyone making less than \$75,000 a year.

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Financial Report – March 3, 2024</u> St. Sebastian- <u>Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.</u>						
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Regular Collection	\$ 3,635.0	00 + 600.00				
Emergency Fund	\$ 360.0	00				
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.0	00				
Easter Flowers	\$ 165.0	00				
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<u> Financial Report – March 3, 2024</u>						
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.						
Regular Collection	\$ 1	,619.00 + 391 .00				
Emergency Fund	\$	65.00				
Special Collections	\$	120.00				
Cemetery	\$	10.00				

Mass Schedule March 10 – March 17

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Lisa Young -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles James & Mary Gladys Welker

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- Wednesday Fourth Week of Lent -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Betty Bickett -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles The conversion of sinners
- Thursday Fourth Week of Lent -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian Deceased members of the Bickett Family
- Friday Fourth Week of Lent -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Judy Rhodes
- Saturday Fourth Week of Lent -3:00pm – Confession -4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – All Parishioners

Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent - 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Jimmy & Gail Clayton -10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – Justin Lambert

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat

<u>Center</u>

Registration is open for summer camp. Registrations are coming in at a record pace for our 17th summer! Go to our website to get signed up today!

Please Pray for our Military

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

Tommy England, Sean, Serena & Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Ben Dunn, Warren Pinkston, Theresa Rust, Cassie Alexander, Jeanie Wedding, Hannah Bercegeay Mark Logsdon and Mike Logsdon.

Ursuline Sisters' new Quilt Club drawings

Now is the time to purchase your annual Quilt Club tickets from the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, Ky. For one \$25 ticket, you get 12 chances to win a new handmade quilt! A new name is drawn on the first Friday of each month beginning April 5, 2024 through March 7, 2025. Watch the drawings live on the Ursuline Sister's Facebook page at noon Central Time: <u>www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj</u>. Purchase your tickets before the first drawing in order to get the most chances to win. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. Proceeds support the mission and ministries of the Ursuline Sisters. Call 270-229-2008, email <u>carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org</u> or order online at <u>https://ursulinesmsj.org/purchase-your-mount-saint-joseph-quilt-club-tickets/</u>

Happy Birthday - St. Charles

Zach Albin – Mar. 10 Sherry Logsdon – Mar. 11 Elliot Rhodes – Mar. 15

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian

Linda Dempsey – Mar. 9 David N. Scott – Mar.11 Alexander Vicars – Mar. 13

Ministry Schedule Saturday, March 16, 2024

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

Sunday, March 17, 2024

<u>St. Sebastian</u> Euch. Min: Neil Scott Debra Hamilton Sid Hayden Lectors: David N. Scott Stacy Green
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Clayton
Altar Servers: Evie Searcy
Liam Cooper
Money Counters: Josh Searcy
Neil Scott
Donuts: Michael & Kimberly Cooper
St. Charles Euch: Min: Jackie Lee
Lee Edwards
Lectors: Philip Logsdon
Ann Renfrow
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. John Logsdon
Money Counters: Lee Edwards
Candace Miller