

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Waiting for someone or something for a long time is not that easy, but if we have a real need and commitment we can. I had to wait almost 11 years to become a priest and it was a vigilant waiting without getting into any major trouble. A woman who is pregnant needs a vigilant waiting for 9 months to see her child in her hands. A farmer needs vigilant waiting to earn the fruit of his labor. A person who wants to reach Florida or California by car or flight needs vigilant waiting to get to his/her destination. A loving parent is ever ready to sacrifice their time, meal, & sleep for the sake of their sick child in the hospital, a good wife is ready to wait for her husband to return from the war land. Yes, in every field we are ready to sacrifice time & energy in waiting, but why is it that we find it difficult to find time for Christ and prepare for His second coming? Is it because we don't need Him? Remember that since from Baptism, every Christian is empowered to give birth to Jesus. But why is it that, even after so many days and years we fail to give birth to that child? Why is it that we fail to reflect His spirit in our lives and in our surroundings?

Dear friends, today's Gospel invites us to be faithful and watchful, because the Master of our life can enter in at any time from now on. The Gospel says "Blessed are those who prepares and wait for his master's arrival", and the Gospel of Luke 21:36, says to us how we should get prepared- "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man". How many of us are able to be vigilant and faithful in prayer waiting for the Lord? Yes, those who are faithful will be able to prepare & wait for the Lord, because a true Faith calls for patience and waiting without any complaint.

Here is the question to be asked- are we believers of Jesus Christ or faithful of Jesus Christ? Which is correct and applicable for us? To find out our category we need to understand the difference between both-believers and faithful. Believe-it is something worldly. It is created in one person based on the experience. It is not permanent and strong. That is why when bad things happen in our lives we question God. But whereas Faith- It is divine, strong, permanent and a free gift of God.

So, though we say we are faithful, we are not faithful but rather we are believers. Faith is the highest realm of believing and to become a faithful should be the ultimate goal of every believer, where the faithful of God accepts everything with an open heart without raising any question. This is the reason we call Abraham the Father of Faith. The second reading very well explains to us about the quality of

Abraham's faith; By faith Abraham obeyed God, By Faith Abraham journeyed in the promised land, and by faith Abraham received the power to generate in his old age and we continue to read that "he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy".

Yes, my dear friends, this is the same God who made the promise with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and made the promise with each one of us through Baptism that, "I will be with you always till the end of the age". It is the same God who promised us that, "those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will never die". So let us remind ourselves that our God is the God of promise. And the gospel is asking us to wait for this promising and faithful God. Every sacrament in the church is a means to grow from believing to be faithful. Yes, the Church & the world needs not just the believers but faithful servants. To be faithful is the call, and we have a missed call and voice mail through the gospel, and now it is our turn to call back and say "Yes" to Him. **God Bless.**

"We become what we love, and who we love shapes what we become."
- St. Clare

Chastity Project - September 14-15, 2022

St. Mary of the Woods in Whitesville is hosting bestselling author and speaker, Jason Evert, for two events:

Parenting for Purity - Sept. 14 at 6 PM – open to parents and adults

Love or Lust – Open to grades 7-12: Sept. 14 at 7:30 PM for Catholic students attending public schools or September 15 at 9:30 AM for all Catholic school students.

These events will take place at the Horn Community Center, 10458 Main Cross Street in Whitesville. Please RSVP to Joe Bland: joe.bland@stmarywoods.com or 270-233-4196 by August 31. Please click on the above images to open in a larger file size and save to use in your bulletins. You may also download a PDF poster of both events here: [Parenting for Purity Poster](#) and [Love or Lust Poster](#).

Learn more about the work that Jason and his wife Crystalina do by visiting <https://chastity.com/>

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to our churches.

Financial Report – July 31, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly

Regular Collection \$ 3,270.00 + 203.00
Emergency Fund \$ 205.00

Financial Report – July 31, 2022

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,249.00 weekly

Regular Collection \$ 1,085 – 164.00

Mass Schedule

Aug. 7 – Aug. 14

Sunday – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

Sabrina Whitehouse Evans

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

Wednesday- No Mass

Thursday – St. Clare, Virgin (Memorial)

-8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – No mass

Sunday – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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



Grace Marriage Update

Attention married couples in Union County, Murray, Fancy Farm, and the Bowling Green area... Grace Marriage is coming to your area in the fall! Teams are now being formed in those places, in addition to existing groups in Owensboro, Henderson, and Whitesville.

For more information, visit owensborodiocese.org/grace-marriage.

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, Kimberly Stiles, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant., Lance Green, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle, Charles Mae Tony Searcy and Jerry Abney

Healing Prayer at Bedtime

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, go back into my memory as I sleep. Every hurt that has ever been done to me, heal that hurt

Every hurt that I have ever caused another person, heal that hurt.

All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I am not aware of, heal those relationships.

But, Lord, if there is anything that I need to do, if I need to go to a person because he or she is still suffering from my hand, bring to my awareness that person, I choose to forgive and I ask to be forgiven.

Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, Lord, and fill the empty spaces with Your love.

Amen.

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Matt & Patricia Hayden – Aug. 6

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Brayden Michael Bishop – Aug. 8

Mary Lynne Logsdon – Aug. 8

Ministry Schedule

August 14, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden

Marc Searcy

Neil Scott

Lectors: David N.Scott

Earlene Abney

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Ward

Hospitality Ministers: James Dant

Larry Hardinson

Money Counters: Cathy Burden

Jimmy Clayton

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee

Sherry Logsdon

Lectors: David Albin

Patricia Martinez

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lee

Money Counters: Mark Logsdon

David Albin