

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

After having manifested Himself through a great miracle of changing water into wine in last weekend's Gospel, today Jesus makes it clear-what kind of change He is aiming at in our midst through His mission; *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year of acceptable to the Lord."*

We all know that politicians are really good at making promises to people especially during the elections. Of course, after the election, some try to fulfill the promises, whereas some do not even care about them. Sad to say, amid all the political promises, we forget or make compromise on the promises Jesus made to us or wants to fulfill in this world through our lives. Before becoming the follower of a particular political party or a politician, all of us signed up for a party of Jesus and promised to carry out His mission through our lives, but how many of us are really conscious of this great responsibility? Be sure, if we were to be faithful to the YES we made at the time of Baptism, there is no need for us to go after politicians and political parties, because the mission of Jesus is the mission of each one of us, and that is why we are called Christians. Today, we are here in this Church, not because we are the followers of democratic or a republican party, rather we are Christians or Catholics. So let us be aware of our Christian mission, which Jesus reminds us today.

Last weekend, Mary said to the servants at the wedding; *"Do whatever He tells you."* They obeyed and witnessed a great miracle. The mission of Jesus is aimed at working miracles in this world, and that miracle is to establish the Kingdom of God. This is what Jesus says: *"Today, this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing"*. Dear friends, the 'Word of God' is the most powerful productive seed among all seeds in the world, because there is no chaff in it. The seed called Word of God produces abundantly when it falls to the well prepared ground. The same seed can take deep root in our lives provided; we live with the sense that we are anointed by the Holy Spirit. It is here we become the fifth Gospel. Though there are only four Gospels in the Bible, every one of us is called to be the fifth Gospel by living the four Gospels through our lives. Then, Jesus would say; *"Today, this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing"*. Yes, our mission here in this world is to write the fifth Gospel.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring glad tidings to the poor: The glad tidings are the Gospel of our lives. To share our life Gospel, it is important to know the real Gospel. Today, the greatest problem with

Christians is that we know about Christ, but we do not know Christ. We all lack personal experience with Jesus and thereby we fail to write the fifth Gospel.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to give sight to the blind. When I know Christ personally, the Lord becomes *"lamp to my feet and a light to my path"* (Ps.119:105). It is only in this situation we can become a guiding star to others to experience Jesus in their lives. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to free the Oppressed and captives. To fulfill this mission, we need a serious examination of conscious to see-whether I am a free person in Jesus Christ or not? John 8:34-36 says *"... everyone who lives in sin is the slave of sin and if the Son frees you, you will be really free."* Yes, we all need an anointing of the Holy Spirit and that is what Jesus says to Nicodemus, *"You need to be born again."*

During this Eucharistic Celebration, let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to help us to be born again in His Spirit. For the book of *Joshua 3: 5* says; *"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will perform wonders among you."*

Welcome Immaculée Ilibagiza

St. Agnes Catholic Church in Uniontown, KY is pleased to welcome Immaculée Ilibagiza, New York Times best-selling author and Rwandan genocide survivor, on Tues., Feb. 15, 2022 at 7 PM. After the assassination of Rwanda's president in 1994, months of massacres of Tutsi tribe members ensued. Immaculée, a college student at the time, was hidden, along with seven other women, in a 3x4 foot bathroom for 91 days. On Feb. 15, she will share her story of faith, hope and forgiveness. This is a free event and open to the public. For more information, please call St. Agnes at 270- 822-4416.

Quilt Sale

The online Quilt Sale benefiting the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph continues! You can see all of the quilts that are still for sale on this webpage: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/get-involved/2021-22-online-quilt-sale/>. call 270-229-2008

Contribution Statements

Your 2021 contribution statements are ready. They are located at the back of church. Please pick up at your convenience. Thank you.

Financial Report – January 16, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 3,905.00 + 1,021.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 275.00
Special Collections	\$ 10.00

Financial Report – January 16, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 765.00 - 293.22
Emergency Fund	\$ 0.00
Special Collections	\$ 210.00

Mass Schedule
January 23 – January 30

Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Thomas & Bernice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Tichenor - Leachman Families

Monday – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church(Memorial)

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

Tuesday – The Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Lisa Young*

Wednesday- St.Timothy & Titus (Memorial)

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor - Leachman Families
-6:30pm – *Faith Formation*

Thursday – Third Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Alvin Bickett*
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles
Bill Rightmyer

Friday – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Mary Vollman

Saturday – Third Week in Ordinary Time

-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Thomas M & Janice Hobbs

Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Brenda Payne
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Tichenor - Leachman Families

Ministry Schedule

January 29, 2022

St. Sebastian Lector: Michael Cooper

January 30, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Drew McCarty
Lectors: Neil Scott & Marie Caraway

Money Counters: Josh Searcy & Paula Hayden

St. Charles Euch. Min: Darrell Bishop
Lectors: Marsha Logsdon & Ann Renfrow

Money Counters: Derek Miller & Rony Humphrey

CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic

- All Vaccinated and Unvaccinated over the age of two are strongly recommended to wear a facemask properly.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus, be encouraged to remain home.
- Gathering spaces to be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- Continue with proper hand washing and/or sanitizing.
- No social gatherings or meetings are permitted in the church buildings.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

Counseling Needed?

Is the pandemic stressing you out? You are not alone. Please call Catholic Charities at 270-683-1545 and mention CAP. We will direct you to a licensed counselor. You may also visit [owensborodiocese.org/counseling](https://www.owensborodiocese.org/counseling).

Cursillos in Christianity.

The upcoming Cursillo Weekends in English are: Men: March 3-6, 2022; Women: March 10-13, 2022. Retreat Weekends are being held at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center. The Spiritual Directors for the Weekends are: Men: Fr. Tom Buckman, Deacon Ken Bennett. Lay Director: Tom Wagner. Women: Fr. Terry Devine, Fr. Ken Mikculcik, Deacon James Morgan. Lay Director: Teresa Westerfield. Cost of the Weekend is \$180. Please click to access the [Catholic Cursillo Movement Candidate Application](#)

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Jill Chappell - January 26

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Joseph Fritz - January 21
Matt Elbelhar - January 24

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, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper and Jeff Husk.