

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

A good shepherd is the one who cares for the physical, mental and spiritual health of his or her neighbor. After witnessing a great crowd following Jesus and His disciples in last weekend's Gospel, Jesus commented "they were like sheep without a shepherd." Today we see, Jesus being a good shepherd, feeding more than five thousand people physically, mentally & spiritually. Last week, we were also reminded that, we are all called to be a good shepherd in our own circle. Today we are encouraged to reflect, whether we are a good shepherd or not. As parents it is our bounded duty and responsibility to care for the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our dear and near ones, but how many of us do really care for them? I am sure; all of you care for the physical needs of your dear and near ones, but how about their mental and spiritual needs? If so, am I a good shepherd?

Last weekend, we reflected how important it is to have a good relationship with God and His people for an effective evangelization and to become a good shepherd. In today's Gospel, we see this good relationship and the good shepherding of Jesus. From the Gospel we find that Jesus raised His eyes two times. The first time when Jesus raised His eyes, He saw a large crowd was coming towards Him. As a true shepherd, in the first sight itself Jesus could understand their need and so Jesus asks Philip – "where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" Dear friends, when we follow Jesus faithfully, this is what happens- without our request He provides-not according to our desire, but according to our need. God always thinks about us and our need, but do we always think about God and His needs from us? If we always think about God, be sure we will never lose sight of our brothers and sisters and their need. If we cannot live/act according to the need of the situation, the book of Psalm 135 has the right answer to say "they have mouths, but they do not speak, they have eyes, but they do not see, they have ears, but they do not hear..."

The second time, Jesus raised His eyes was for praising and thanking God. As human beings we have enough and more reasons to thank God, but do we thank God enough? The Psalm 116:12 says "what shall I return to the Lord for all His goodness to me? Very often we are all familiar with thanking God for the things that we have, and make complaints about the little things that we do not have, but we see before more than five thousand people, Jesus is taking just five loaves and two fishes and thanking and praising God and there by happens the greatest miracle of all time, and the Gospel says, "they all ate and were satisfied." Yes, dear friends, having a satisfied life in today's world is a miracle and

challenge for each one of us. For this miracle of a satisfied life, let us follow the example of our Good Shepherd and begin to thank and praise God for everything that He has done for us, doing for us and will be doing for us.

Today as we sit before this Eucharistic table, let us not forget to thank the Lord for the three beautiful gifts Jesus has given to us from heaven. First, Jesus has given us the permission to call His own Father as our Father, so we call Him-Abba Father. Secondly, a beautiful prayer to open the gates of heaven and enter into it- the prayers of Our Father. Thirdly, the divine bread, Jesus Himself through the Holy Eucharist. So, today as we pray the prayer of Our Father and receive the Holy Eucharist in our hands, let us not forget to raise our eyes to Heaven for the gift of them. Because Jesus is the most beautiful gift God has given to us. May the Eucharist give you a cheerful heart and satisfied life in Christ, so that like Jesus, we will raise our eyes to see the need of the other and thank God for all the blessings in our lives, which is the greatest commandment of the law-Love of God and neighbor. **God Bless you all.**

Happy Grandparents Day! God Bless

Faith Formation-Registration

On August 4th at 6pm there is a mandatory meeting of all kid's parents and teachers followed by registration. Please attend. Faith Formation starts on September 8th. Thank you.

Marriage Enrichment

Grace marriage is a quarterly, small group model of marriage enrichment where couples spend 6 hours every 90 days investing in their marriage. The diocese is expanding from three locations to five location in 2021, including Owensboro, Whitesville, and Henderson. Registrations opens in July. Groups start in August. For more details, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage. For other marriage enrichment opportunities, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment

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

Financial Report - July 18, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 3560.00 + 676.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 150.00

Financial Report - July 11, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$ 1,689.00 + 630.78
Emergency Fund	\$ 50.00
Cemetery	\$ 9,502.58

Mass Schedule

July 25 - August 1

Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Merrit & Janice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
John Miller Jr.

Monday - St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

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

Tuesday - Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday-Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Teresa Shultz

Thursday - Saint Martha (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Delila Mae Payne

Friday - Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Saturday-St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial)

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor-Leachman Families

Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Brenda Payne
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
John Miller Jr.

Ministry Schedule

July 31, 2021

St. Sebastian Lector: Paula Tichenor

August 1, 2021

St. Sebastian Euch. Min.: Cathy Burden
Lector: Josh Searcy & Laurine Sexton

St. Charles Euch. Min.: Lee Edwards
Lector: George Rhodes & Christina Hudson

Money Counters

July 25, 2021

St. Sebastian: Laurie Scott & Patricia Hayden
St. Charles: Derek Miller & Rhonda Humphrey

August 1, 2021

St. Sebastian: Mike Dant & Gates Tichenor
St. Charles: Mark Logsdon & David Albin

Natural Family Awareness Week: July 25-31, 2021

Why should couples use Natural Family Planning? Because it's good for your marriage, it doesn't hurt your body, and it's what the Catholic Church recommends. It's also very effective and statistically leads to greater joy and a more satisfying relationship. For more information, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/natural-family-planning.

Attention Please

From now on everyone renting St. Sebastian Parish Hall is not permitted to put anything on the wall, such as: tape, command strips, decorations, etc. Thank you.

Book Study

Sister Ann McGrew from Mount St. Joseph will be having a book study on Jesus by James Martin SJ on August 12th at 10:30am at St. Charles Church Hall. Everyone is invited to join. Please respond to the church secretary if you wish to attend. Thank you.

Preschool Registration



St. Sebastian Preschool Registration has already started. 4 year old classes are filling up quickly. Please call the church office if you are interested in sending your child to preschool this upcoming school year.

St. Sebastian - Anniversary

Paul J & Betty Logsdon - July 31

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Mason Abney - July 26
Nathan Floyd - July 27

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



McEuen Logsdon - July 30
Anna Kate Miller - Aug 1

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, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Jacinta Tichenor Peters, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, and Lance Green