

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Can you imagine a tree that does not want to get rooted in the ground? If it does so, no doubt the tree will die eventually. The same way, human beings, created in the image and likeness of God, cannot have a true and peaceful existence away from his or her creator. Today, we live in a world where many people think that they don't need God in their lives, and many others think of God only when they need some blessings in their lives, and the effect of this attitude is something that we are experiencing in and around the world. Believe me, there are some saintly people living in this world and so we have a world at least in this shape now. Dear friends, if we feel that we are going through a dangerous situation, get ready, because now is the time to act-Get attached to God than this world.

How can we get attached to God more effectively is the answer the Gospel is presenting to us today, and that is through prayer. Prayer is one of the powerful mediums through which we get connected to God. The life of Jesus very well shows us the role of prayer in His life. If we are following Jesus, we are all bound to follow His prayer life also, but how many of us are serious about the importance of prayer in our lives? When we talk about prayer, many will have different opinions and complaints. 2 Chronicles 7:14 has the answer for all our problems regarding prayer. *"if my people who are called by name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* Next time, before we raise our finger towards God with our complaints, please reflect about this Bible passage.

In the first reading of today we see the power of prayer. Moses raised his arms in an unceasing prayer of intercession to God for his people. As long as Moses' hands were lifted up to God in prayers, the Israeli soldiers were victorious in battle. This reminds us that our victory in life depends much on God. So, we must be steadfast in prayer. The psalmist says; *"Our help will definitely come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."* This is because God never fails.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us of the importance of the scriptures in our faith journey. According to him, the Word of God is inspiring and must be the guiding principles of our daily life and action, and of course, our prayer life. So, just as we remain faithful to God in continuous prayer, we must also learn to meditate on His word.

When we come to Gospel reading, we see, Jesus further underlines the importance of continuous

prayer. Luke writes: *"He told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually without fainting."* Through, His parable, Jesus teaches us be always consistent and persevere in prayer. Being a man of prayer, Jesus knew how important prayer was for His disciples. It will be the key to their success in their mission too. The same goes for all of us Christians. If we must really have any success in our respective vocation and missions, we must make prayer as the foundation of our Christian life. It is an indispensable tool that every Christian need for success.

Finally, we must never be tired of praying because God is never tired of listening to us. He might take time to open the door like the judge in today's parable. However, if we do not quit, He will surely hear, and answer us. Just as Moses hands, mind and heart were raised to heaven for the people of Israel, today, Our Christ's arms are constantly open in prayers on the cross in intercession for us. So, today the Holy Mother Church calls us to join Christ in this unceasing prayer without fainting. Let us continue to pray, because prayer can change things. **God Bless.**

*"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."*  
- Luke 11:9

**Empty Bowls of Owensboro**  
Tickets are on sale for the annual Empty Bowls of Owensboro fundraiser. This year's dinner and silent auction will take place on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at Sts. Joseph & Paul's Parish Hall (514 E. 4th Street, Owensboro). Attendees will select from hundreds of handmade ceramic bowls and then be served soup, Great Harvest bread and water for dinner. Tickets are \$20 and available online by visiting <https://www.eboky.org/tickets>. The recipients of the funds this year will be Alive Community Outreach and The Shepherd's Hand, Inc. For more information, contact Empty Bowls at [emptybowlsowensboroky@gmail.com](mailto:emptybowlsowensboroky@gmail.com)

*Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to our churches.*

**Financial Report – October 9, 2022**  
**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly**  
Regular Collection \$ 1,655.00 - 1,412.00  
Emergency Fund \$ 180.00

**Financial Report – October 9, 2022**  
**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,249.00 weekly**  
Regular Collection \$ 1090.00 – 159.00  
Special Collection \$ 20.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**Oct. 16 – Oct. 23**

**Sunday - Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Louis Weise*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Katherine Roberts*

**Monday – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Lisa Young*

**Tuesday – St. Luke, Evangelist (Feast)**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Alvin Bickett*

**Wednesday- Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Tichenor-Leachman Families*  
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

**Thursday – Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time**  
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Joe Bickett*

**Friday- No Mass**

**Saturday – Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time**  
-3:00pm – Confession  
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*

**Sunday – Thirtieth- Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Thomas & Bernice Hobbs*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Sabrina Whitehouse Evans*



**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, 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 Zhang, Tom Schutte, Becky Cheatham, 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, Jerry Abney, Bea Dame and Heath Dame.

**Happy Anniversary – St. Sebastian**  
  
Charlie & Faye May – Oct. 15  
Ross & Rachal Hudson – Oct. 17

**Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian**  
  
Brenda McDaniel – Oct. 15  
Annette Dant – Oct. 16  
Debra Hamilton – Oct. 16  
Jimmy Clayton – Oct. 18  
Kevin Fritz – Oct. 20  
Susan Alexander – Oct. 21

**Ministry Schedule**  
**October 22, 2022**  
St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Cathy Burden  
Lectors: Paula Tichenor  
**October 23, 2022**  
St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden  
Marc Searcy  
Neil Scott  
Lectors: Gail Clayton  
Drew McCarty  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Watkins  
Hospitality Ministers: Scott Caraway  
Marc Searcy  
Money Counters: Gates Tichenor  
Kelli Watkins  
St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee  
Sherry Logsdon  
Lectors: David Albin  
Patricia Martinez  
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. John Renfrow  
Money Counters: Mark Logsdon  
David Albin