

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Talking about our human relationship, I have heard people say, "Blood is thicker than water." In our relationship with God a blood relationship is not the qualification but doing the will of God is the qualification. This is the reason Jesus says to us, through the Gospel of today, Jesus warns every one of us; parents as well as their children, "whoever loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Do these words of Jesus disturb your hearts and minds actually? If it is so, you are growing in Christ, if not find out, where you have gone wrong in your relationship with God.

I have heard, people saying, it is difficult to follow and live all what Jesus is asking us to do in the Bible. I am happy that I have not heard anyone say, it is impossible to what Jesus is asking us to follow and live the word of God. Let us not forget the words of Jesus in our lives, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it." Everyone who can reflect these words of Jesus sincerely can find out the reason for all the problems in the world. Yes, beginning to live the word of God is the same as beginning to enter through narrow gate, which is the same as taking up one's own cross daily and following Jesus.

After listening to the Gospel of today, how many of us can sincerely say that we are worthy of the Lord? If we are not worthy of the Lord, how can we seek His blessings in our lives? So, one thing is for sure, all that we enjoy in our lives today is not because of our worthiness, rather, the worthiness of God, the kindness and mercy of God. It is to the worthiness of God, everyone of us are invited to say the Gospel is an invitation to say No to our own personal will and say Yes to His will.

Today, everyone is looking for a way to enjoy peace and Jesus has the way for it. Jesus says, "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you." Yes, Jesus is faithful to His words in His relationship to each one of us and that is why, in spite of our unworthiness, He continues to protect and bless us. Do we have same kind of mentality in our relationship with God? He loves us personally more than anything or anyone in this world, but do we love Him more than anything or anyone in this world? Yes, dear friends, unconditional love is a sacrifice, and it is about this sacrifice Jesus says, "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke; 9:23)

Saint Theresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." It is the same Jesus says today; "whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." Yes, this action could be a silly one, but what is important is great love, a love like Jesus, a love that we celebrate in the Holy Eucharist. Eucharist may be a small one; it is made possible with great love of Jesus. Today, let us ask the Eucharistic Lord to teach us to love Him unconditionally, more than anything or anyone in this world. **God Bless.**

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy

Effective immediately (May 27, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy (Religious Education classes, RCIA meetings, small groups, etc.) may resume with ten people or less, with the following guidelines:

- All must continue practicing physical distancing of six feet from those not living within the same household.
- All must wear a mask if closer than six feet to anyone not living within their household.
- No communal food may be shared.
- Encourage all to wash hands frequently before, during, and after the gathering.
- Encourage all to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Those at high risk over 65 with heart, lung, or kidney disease, are still asked not to gather.

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions during this unfortunate time. God Bless.

Financial Report - June 21, 2020

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,079.37 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 2,082.00 - \$ 997.37
Emergency Fund	\$ 260.00

Financial Report - June 21, 2020

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,102.97 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 818.00 + \$ 284.97
HVAC (\$1,900.00 Needed)	\$ 2,105.00 + \$ 205.00
Good Friday	\$ 75.00
Easter Seminary	\$ 75.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,174.15

Money Counting
Due to safety reasons we are suspending the duty of counting money. At this point in time Sarah Brown will be counting the collection. Thanks.

Mass Schedule
June 28 - July 5

Sunday - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Alvin Bickett
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Teresa Logsdon

Tuesday - Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
John Miller Jr.

Thursday - Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

- 6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles
Anna Schwarzer

Saturday - Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
***Independence Day**

- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
John Miller Jr.

Sunday - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Robert Vollman
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
HC & Mary Joe Higdon

Please visit our website at
www.stsebastianandstcharles.com

Prayer List for members of our community:

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Stella Ibrahims, Elaine West, Lisa Jackson, Howard Hillard, Brett McPherson, Stephanie Payne, Kathy Hudson, Evelyn Drury, Teresa Jones, Brittney Neal, Ethan Settle, Tom Schutte, Kim Staples, Katherine Roberts, Patricia Hardison, Tommy England, Dennis Millay, Todd Tichenor, Patricia Hayden, Jim Lebold, Jimmy Clayton, Candace Miller, Mary Jewell, Charlie May, David Abrams, Jackie Lee, Debbie Neal, James & Paula Tichenor, Tony Calvert, Mike Dant, Alice Durbin, Jim Logsdon, Betty Bickett, John Muster, Pat Calhoun, Kyle Hicks, Kathy Owen, James Lewis Dant and Gloria Farmer. *Please call the office to have a name added to the prayer list. This list will be purged at the end of each month. Thanks*

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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

Anthem Telehealth and Covid-19

The Diocese of Owensboro is extending the cost share waiver of telehealth visits with providers in the plan's network through Sept. 13, 2020. Members can sign up for telehealth visits through LiveHealth offered by Anthem. You can visit with a board-certified doctor from your home and a doctor can evaluate your symptoms. This is free of charge, \$0 co-pay. In addition the waiver of member costs shares for in-network providers on treatment of COVID-19 will be extended through Dec. 31, 2020.

Diocesan Marriage Celebration

September 27, 2020 @ 10:30 am
Christ the King Parish
1600 Kingsway Dr., Madisonville, KY 42431
Join us on Sunday, September 27 at 10:30 AM at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville for the annual Marriage Celebration during Mass. Bishop William F. Medley will be presiding and all are invited and welcome! Sponsored by the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Contact: Charlotte Hedges 270-683-1545

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

- Georgia Calhoun - June 28
- Brynn Fee - June 30

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

- Greg Dant - July 2
- Tim Dempsey - July 2

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary



- Joseph & Kimberly Staples - July 4
- Terry & Mirasol Baggett - July 5

St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary



- Joseph & Judy Christian - June 30
- David & Lynne Scott - July 5

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Since we can't have summer camp at Gasper River, we're bringing summer camp to you! Be on the lookout for dates and places all around the diocese where Gasper River staff will lead days camps! Camps will be for incoming 3rd through 6th graders from 8:30am to 11:30am and middle and high school from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Tuesdays through Thursdays. Sign up and more information will be on our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org. We cannot wait to see everyone in July!!

Whenever you are unable to fill your ministry, please find someone to replace you and/or contact the office so your name will not be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.