

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

God our heavenly Father created us in His own image and likeness and entrusted the entire creation to us to look after by placing His trust and love in us. Failing to fulfill this expectation, God began to walk with us from time to time through prophets, judges, kings etc.; but often we failed to listen to them too. In spite of all our failures, God never lost His hope in us or withdrew His love for us. "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son..." (Jn. 3:16), and through Him God the Father made clear to us that, He loves us more than anything in this world, by leaving His son to die on the cross and His resurrection. Thus, Jesus gives us the message that, "to live is to love and to love is to die." Just as Jesus, can we live to love and love to die for Christ in this world?

The Gospel of today is an invitation to live for love and love until death. The Gospel declares the price we must pay for the life we enjoy at the cost of Jesus' life. Jesus says "if anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers, and sisters and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." By this demand, Jesus does not mean that we must destroy our life and hate our dear and near ones; rather in our life, we should give priority to God and Godly things or to say, we should be wise enough to give priority to the creator than the creations.

There is a lot of difference between knowledge and wisdom. People with knowledge speak more about the world and worldly things, but people with wisdom speak about God and Godly things. Now, to which category we belong to is the question that we should reflect and make changes if it is needed. The first reading says that it is difficult for mortals to understand the thoughts, designs, and counsel of God, but those who have wisdom will be able to understand. Wisdom is a gift from God to understand the difference between good and evil, and accomplishing the always. Knowledge is something we acquire from this world through our interaction with the creations. Through wisdom we understand the creator and His will, but through knowledge we understand the creations. Often times, many people misunderstand knowledge as wisdom and as a result we have a broken world. If we approach God and Godly things with knowledge, we will find it difficult to accept God and His ways in our lives and will make the conclusion that, "it is difficult to follow Christ and His teachings." If we approach God and Godly things with wisdom, we will find everything as a blessing and an opportunity given by God to grow in His love and faith; these are the true disciples of Jesus who

find no difficulty in carrying the cross by denying one's own self.

Dear friends, as we know, merely having a boarding pass does not guarantee a smooth flight journey. We must make sure that we have not packed any prohibited things in our bag, and we have to go up to the flight. In the same way, the sacraments we celebrate do not guarantee our entrance into the Kingdom of God; rather we have to make sure that we are not carrying any prohibited items along with our lives, which are against the values of the Kingdom of God. The easiest way in this situation is to examine our priorities in life. Jesus, who wants us to be with Him, helps us in our journey with a true wisdom; "first seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." Yes, only a disciple with wisdom seeks His kingdom and righteousness, and are you one of those disciples? May the Good Lord bless you with His gift of WISDOM. Amen.

ODYC

Save the date for ODYC to be held at the Knicely Center in Bowling Green on November 18-19, 2022. ODYC is an overnight conference for middle and high school students, grades 7-12. More information is available at owensborodiocese.org/owensboro-diocese-youth-conference

"Living a Eucharistic Life as Missionary Disciples."

Saturday, October 22: This day is for members of your parish to come to a Diocesan Event focused on Parish Ministries and Leadership. We hope that some staff will attend with members from the parish to accompany them and foster good communication, learning and a clearer vision for adult discipleship across the diocese.

The day will include a bilingual Mass with Bishop Medley and Keynote addresses in English by Sherry Weddell and in Spanish by Dr. Gerardo Salazar, and Dr. Dora Tobar. There will be English and Spanish tracks with these presenters in the afternoon and 8 Breakout sessions led by various leadership and ministry experts in Adult Faith Formation, Parish Leadership, Strategic Planning and more. Save the date and look for posters to hang around the parish by Mid-August. The cost is \$20 per participant. We hope parishes will offer to pay for parishioners to attend. Online registration is available here: <https://owensborodiocese.org/pml-conference/>. Contact [Jeff Andrini](#), [Deacon Jay VanHoosier](#) or [Sara Lewis](#) with any questions.

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to our churches.

Financial Report – August 28, 2022

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

Regular Collection \$ 1,910.00 – 1,157.00
Emergency Fund \$ 60.00

Financial Report – August 28, 2022

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

Regular Collection \$ 860.00 - 389.00

**Mass Schedule
Sept. 4 – Sept. 11**

Sunday – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian– *Heath Dame*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Randy Joe Marcum

Monday – Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Poor Souls*

Tuesday – Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Louis Weise*

Wednesday-
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Lisa Young*
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Thursday – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Feast)
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor – Leachman Families

Friday- No Mass

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

Sunday – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Students & Teachers
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Lauretta Evans Adkins

*"To do the will of God, man must despise his own ~ the more he dies to himself, the more he lives for God."
- St. Peter Claver*

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, Jerry Abney, Bea Dame and Heath Dame.

Do You Know Someone?

Our RCIA program will be starting on September 11th at 6pm. As of now we have 4 people who have shown interest in joining our Catholic Faith. If you know someone of your family or friends who wish to join the Catholic Church through RCIA Program, please contact the church office. Everyone is welcomed to join with the RCIA Faith discussion.

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Michael & Margaret Dant – Sept. 4
John & Brenda Pinkston – Sept. 5

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Chloe Dempsey – Sept. 6
Mike Hudson – Sept. 9
Will Searcy – Sept. 9

Happy Anniversary - St. Charles



Michael & Jackie Lee – Sept. 3

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



John Renfrow – Sept. 8
James Logsdon – Sept. 9

**Ministry Schedule
September 10, 2022**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Cathy Burden
Lectors: Paula Tichenor

September 11, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Neil Scott
Harriette Ellis
Debra Hamilton
Lectors: Donna Dant
Kelli Watkins

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Vaught
Hospitality Ministers: Josh Searcy
Daniel Watkins

Money Counters: Lynne Scott
Mike Vollman

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee
Sherry Logsdon
Lectors: Lee Edwards
Marylyne Miller

Gift Bearers: Sherry Logsdon &
Marylyne Miller

Money Counters: Mark Logsdon
David Albin