

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

If you remember the Gospel of last weekend, Jesus reminded us about our responsibility toward our Creator and our brothers and sisters through the prayer of the "Our Father." Today, Jesus is inviting us to reflect more deeply about the point of our responsibility toward our brothers and sisters, which is the need of the time in today's world.

How many of us think that we are rich? Through the Gospel Jesus teaches us that our possessions will not follow us everywhere. The Covid-19 bacteria and many other things happening around the world proclaim to us the same Gospel message. Even after many unfortunate things have happened and witnessed personally by many of us, the greed for money and power has not subsided in many of our lives, and that is what the war in Ukraine and many other situations around the world are conveying to us. It was this greedy and selfish nature of our first parents that brought the stain of sin into this world. Precisely knowing the hidden power of evil in the wealth only Jesus said a big NO to all the temptations of Satan. So, today the Church reminds us that wealth is a blessing, but at times it can become a curse if we are not handling this with care, that it can spoil our peace of mind and quality of life.

In today's Gospel Jesus is forced to settle an inheritance dispute between two brothers. Being a just and honest man, why, did Jesus not solve the issue amicably? Jesus found that the core of the issue was not justice or fairness but rather greed and possessiveness. Jesus warned the man who wanted half of his brother's inheritance, "Take care to guard against all greed," and stated that "...one's life does not consist of possessions." More than the interest of the Creator, the man was giving importance to the creation and so breaking many commandments of the law.

As Jesus was explaining more on the subject of greed through the parable of the foolish rich man, Jesus calls the rich man, a fool? Jesus does not blame the rich man for his skill in making more wealth, but rather for his egoism and self-centeredness; it's mine, all mine, and no one else's. This parable is similar to the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). A small version of this attitude is hidden in every one of us. The rich fool had lost the capacity to know the interest of his creator and the need of his brothers and sisters. By ignoring the interest of the Creator and his own brothers and sister, he is preparing to lose his soul and that is why Jesus calls him fool. Through the Gospel of Matthew 16: 26 Jesus says, "what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what

can a man give in exchange for his soul." As human beings it is difficult for most of us to digest the message of today's Gospel because our priority is different from the priority of our Creator. God gives priority to our soul, but we give priority to our body and bodily needs. The best way to overcome this situation is to think and reflect more not about our life in this world, but about our life to come, the eternal life. The scholar asked Jesus; what must I do, to inherit eternal life? Jesus replied, "Love your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your heart and with all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself."

May the Eucharistic Lord give us all the enough grace to live the prayer of Our Father. **God Bless.**



#### Chastity Project - September 14-15, 2022

St. Mary of the Woods in Whitesville is hosting bestselling author and speaker, Jason Evert, for two events:

**Parenting for Purity** - Sept. 14 at 6 PM – open to parents and adults

**Love or Lust** – Open to grades 7-12: Sept. 14 at 7:30 PM for Catholic students attending public schools or September 15 at 9:30 AM for all Catholic school students.

These events will take place at the Horn Community Center, 10458 Main Cross Street in Whitesville. Please RSVP to Joe Bland: [joe.bland@stmarywoods.com](mailto:joe.bland@stmarywoods.com) or 270-233-4196 by August 31. Please click on the above images to open in a larger file size and save to use in your bulletins. You may also download a PDF poster of both events here: [Parenting for Purity Poster](#) and [Love or Lust Poster](#).

Learn more about the work that Jason and his wife Crystalina do by visiting <https://chastity.com/>

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

#### Financial Report – July 24, 2022

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

Regular Collection	\$ 1,770.00 – 1,297.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 50.00
Cemetery	\$ 1,081.00

#### Financial Report – July 24, 2022

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

Regular Collection	\$ 946.00 – 303.00
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#### Mass Schedule

July 31 – Aug. 7

##### **Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - **Jaimie Hobbs**  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
**Katherine Roberts**

##### **Monday – No Mass**

##### **Tuesday – Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

##### **Wednesday- No Mass**

##### **Thursday – St. John Vianney, Priest (Memorial)**

-8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

##### **Friday- No Mass**

##### **Saturday – No mass**

##### **Sunday – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – **Joe Bickett**  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
**Sabrina Whitehouse Evans**



#### Grace Marriage Update

**Attention married couples** in Union County, Murray, Fancy Farm, and the Bowling Green area... Grace Marriage is coming to your area in the fall! Teams are now being formed in those places, in addition to existing groups in Owensboro, Henderson, and Whitesville. For more information, visit [owensborodiocese.org/grace-marriage](http://owensborodiocese.org/grace-marriage).

"Don't shine so others can see you. Shine so that others through you can see Him."  
- C.S. Lewis

#### Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Paul & Betty Logsdon – July 31

#### Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Paul Logsdon – Aug. 2  
Cindy Durbin – Aug. 5

#### Happy Birthday - St. Charles



McEuen Logsdon – July 30  
Sandy Edwards – Aug. 1  
Anna Kate Miller – Aug. 1

#### Ministry Schedule August 7, 2022

St. Sebastian      Euch. Min: Mike Vollman  
                              Drew McCarty  
                              Laurie Scott

Lectors: Tony Searcy  
Faye May

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Abney  
Hospitality Ministers: Donald Durbin  
Tony Searcy

Money Counters: Mike Dant  
Mike Hayden

St. Charles      Euch. Min: Lee Edwards  
                              Darrell Bishop

Lectors: Philip Logsdon  
Sarah Miller

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Rondy Humphrey  
Money Counters: Rondy Humphrey  
Derek Miller

#### 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 and Charles Mae.