

The Parishioners of The St. Sebastian & St. Charles Catholic Churches of McLean County Thanks to all the businesses that help support our bulletin both in the past and the present.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is administered upon request. Parents and Godparents must attend class on Baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact the pastor or the office to set up an appointment for this class at least a month in advance. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic for their child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age, and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

Is anyone sick/admitted in the hospital?

If anyone is sick or admitted in the hospital, please let Pastor know or call the office.

Sacrament of Penance

Sacrament of Penance is administered every Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment at St. Sebastian Church.

<u>Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):</u> Adults interested in becoming Catholic participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith. This is for persons who are seeking baptism in the Catholic Church or full communion with the Catholic tradition through the Profession of Faith, reception of Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are interested, please call the office.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months before the desired wedding date. According to the guidelines of our diocese, you should not make absolute plans for a specific wedding date until after meeting with the pastor. The couple will be required to attend a marriage preparation course which will include at least one formal program such as an Engaged Encounter weekend of the Sponsor Couple Program.

Bulletin Information

Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Sebastian's office by Wednesday. 270-273-3185 or stsebch@outlook.com

St. Sebastian & St. Charles Churches invite you to contact the church office at 270-273-3185 if you or someone you know are unable to come to church due to any type of disability. Do not let this keep you from coming to Mass. We will make every effort to come get you and take you home.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Sebastian Church 180 Hwy 136 West Calhoun, KY 42327

We the people of the Catholic churches of McLean County come together as a loving parish family-reaching out as one, with open hearts, minds and souls to share our love for God and our neighbor centered around the Holy Eucharist.

STAFF & CONTACTS

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ST. SEBASTIAN

Parish Council: Marc Searcy 270-993-8161 Finance Committee: Tony Searcy 270-993-1775 Rel Education Coord.: Lindsay Searcy & Laura Fritz Youth Group: Kevin & Laura Fritz St. Vincent de Paul: 270-499-2309 Knights of Columbus Council 15484: Neil Scott 270-993-7370 Spec. Events Committee: Becky Cheatham 270-314-8290 Cathy Burden 270-316-4488 Parish Hall Rental: Church Office 270-273-3185 Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185 Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

St. Sebastian will pray the rosary every Sunday at 8:00am. **Parish breakfast** First Sunday of every month after mass. **Donut breakfast** all other Sundays after mass.

ST. CHARLES

Parish Council: Christina Hudson 270- 871-6644 Finance Committee: Derek Miller 270-314-2007 Bereavement Committee: Carol Rhodes 270-278-2759

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am. **Parish potluck brunch** First Sunday of every month after mass.

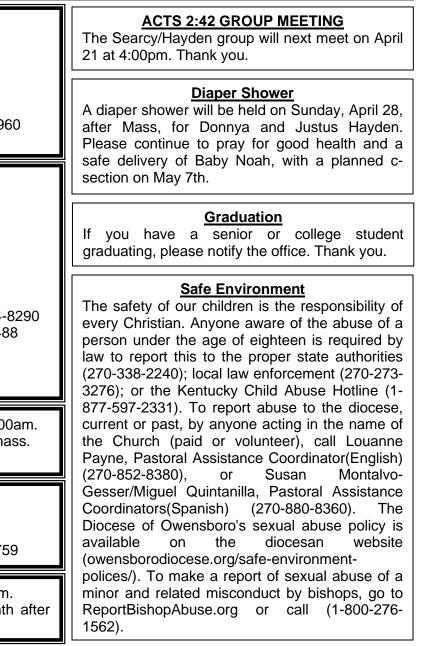
ALL ARE WELCOME - IF YOU ARE A VISITOR TO OUR CHURCH, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISHES, CALL 273-3185 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS TO REGISTER.

APRIL 21, 2024





St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

The concept of the Good Shepherd is a powerful symbol in many cultures, representing guidance, sacrifice, and protection. It's a metaphor that has been used for many years to describe leaders who put the welfare of others before their own. In this role, the Good Shepherd is seen as a beacon of hope and a source of comfort, leading by example and inspiring others to follow a path of compassion, care, and love. Today, we celebrate Christ, the Good Shepherd, who accepted suffering and death to save His flock other than Himself and becomes our role model of love and care.

In the Old Testament, the image of the Shepherd is often applied to God as well as to the leaders of the people. The book of Exodus several times calls Yahweh a shepherd. Likewise, the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel compare Yahweh's care and protection of His people to that of a shepherd. Ezekiel represents God as a loving Shepherd who searches diligently for his lost sheep. Psalm 23 pictures God as The Good Shepherd: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want: He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul." The prophets often use harsh words to scold the irresponsible and insincere shepherds or leaders of the people of their day. For example, the Lord God, through Jeremiah, says: "Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered" (Jer 23:1).

In our first reading, Peter testified through his miracle and testimony that Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for His flock. It is His wish to heal us, watch over us and guide us through the paths of life. Whenever we call upon Christ, our good shepherd in faith, He hears and answers us according to the purpose of His will. The Apostles were very much aware of the divine and protective presence of Christ, the good shepherd. So, whenever they were in need, they turned to Him for help. Peters testifies to this: *"It was by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth we stand before you and heal you. He is the only one who can save us."*

Our second reading presents us with one essential attribute of Christ, the Good Shepherd. That is, love. John reminds us of this: "Behold the great love that the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God." The only love comparable to the good shepherd's love is a mother's love for her baby (Is 49:15). Christ demonstrated this love for us by offering His life as a sacrifice and ransom for our salvation. "There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15: 13). So, we must emulate Christ as our model of love and care.

In today's Gospel from John, Jesus tells us: *"I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own know me. They listen to my voice..."* There are two crucial lessons we learn from this statement. First, the role and characteristics of a good shepherd. The second is the duty and response of the flock. The good shepherd knows and takes care of his flock. He is patient, he loves and never harms his flock. He is ready to make sacrifices for their good. On the other hand, a good flock listens to its shepherd. It obeys his instructions and follows him with trust and confidence. In other words, there must be a good relationship and understanding between a good shepherd and his flock.

The celebration of Christ the Good Shepherd today reminds us that we are shepherds, as well as flocks. This is because each one of us is occupying one leadership position or the other. So, who is a good shepherd, and where can we find one? Please remember, each one of us is called to be a good shepherd on our own. To become a good shepherd like Jesus first and foremost we are called upon to accept Jesus as a good shepherd. Yes, to become a good shepherd we need to become a good flock of Jesus. For Jesus reminds us again, ... I know my own, and my own know me. They listen to my voice..." Let us ask ourselves, do I know my shepherd well and listen to Him? **God Bless.**

Tables of Hope Fundraiser

On April 27, 2024, at 6 PM Blessed Mother Catholic will host the Tables of Hope fundraiser benefiting St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter. This fundraiser involves having Table Sponsors decorate a table with a tablecloth, dinnerware and silverware, napkins, flowers, decorations, etc

Attention Please

Keeping contact information up to date is essential for staying connected with church members. It ensures that everyone can be reached promptly for important announcements, events, or even in case of emergencies. So, a gentle reminder to update your contact details in the office, please. Thank you.

Thank you for your contributions.

<u>Financial Report – April 14, 2024</u> St. Sebastian- <u>Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.</u>			
Regular Collection Emergency Fund	\$ 3,105.00 \$ 130.00		
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00		

<u> Financial Report – April 14, 2024</u>			
St. Charles - A	mount Needed:	\$1,228.00 weekly.	
Regular Collection	ר \$	1,872.00	

<u>Mass Schedule</u> April 21 – April 28

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian *Michael & Kimberly Cooper* -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles *James & Mary Gladys Welker* Monday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *JoAnn Hayden*

Tuesday – Easter Weekday -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Louise Waters

Wednesday – Easter Weekday -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Betty Bickett -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles All to return to the one true church.

Thursday – St. Mark, Evangelist (Feast) -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Betty Bickett

Friday – *No Mass*

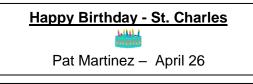
Saturday – Easter Weekday

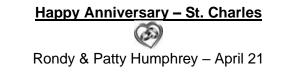
-3:00pm - Confession -4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – *All Parishioners*

Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Jerry & Earlene Abney -10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – John Miller, Jr.





Please Pray for our Military

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

Sean, Serena & Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Ben Dunn, Warren Pinkston, Theresa Rust, Cassie Alexander, Jeanie Wedding, Hannah Bercegeay, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, and Mark Vollman.

Our Lady of Lourdes Trivia Night

Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a Trivia Night at the Parish Hall on April 27, 2024 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Cost is \$25 per person which includes BBQ pork or chicken, burgoo, baked beans, and cole slaw with homemade dessert, tea and lemonade. Cash bar for beer, wine, and sodas. Items for Auction, and 50/50 Pot. Must be 21 years of age to enter. Tickets available at the Parish Office from 8:00 to 5:00.

"All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ." -Ephesians 4:31-32

Happy Anniversary – St. Sebastian

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Michael & Kimberly Cooper – April 21 Tommy & Pam McCarty – April 23

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian

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David Scott – April 23 Ava McCarty – April 27

Ministry Schedule Saturday, April 27, 2024

St. Sebastian

Euch. Min: Katie Murphy Lector: Paula Tichenor

Ministry Schedule Sunday, April 28, 2024

<u>St. Sebastian</u> Euch. Min: Neil Scott Debra Hamilton Sid Hayden Lectors: Donna Dant Kellie Watkins Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Sam Hayden Altar Servers: Will Searcy Annie Searcy Money Counters: Patricia Hayden Susie Alexander Donuts: Mark & Paula Hayden

St. Charles

Euch: Min: Scott Staples Marsha Logsdon Lectors: Anna Miller George Rhodes Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Terry Baggett Money Counters: Lee Edwards Candace Miller