

Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):

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

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six

months before the desired wedding date. According to the auidelines 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

you are interested, please call the office.

#### 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 4:30pm or by appointment at St. Sebastian Church.

#### **Bulletin Information**

Program.

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

**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.

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 Cathy Burden 270-316-444 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 8:0 **Parish breakfast** First Sunday of every month after m **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 270-278-27

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00an Parish potluck brunch First Sunday of every monmass.

**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.

JULY 30, 2023



	<u>Church Office</u> The church secretary, Kimberly, will be out the office from July 25 <sup>th</sup> – August 3 <sup>rd</sup> .		
3960	<b>Faith Formation (FF)</b> There will be a mini retreat for parents of the kids attending FF on Wednesday, August 2. We will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and plan to start the retreat around 6:00 p.m. A brief portion of the evening will be devoted to going over other pertinent information regarding faith formation classes. We hope to see you there!		
	Faith - Hope - Love		
-8290 88	<b><u>RCIA</u></b> If you know someone interested in joining the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr. Jegin or the church office. Thank you.		
	RCIA Volunteers Needed We have a few people signed up for joining the Catholic Church through our RCIA program. Like		
D0am. nass.	last year, we need your great support in leading the classes. This year the classes will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the St. Charles Parish Hall. We will be starting our RCIA Program on the Wednesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> . If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet on the table.		
759	Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Charles Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group will meet on the First Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the		
n. th after	hall. Please check the list on the table to sign up for this exciting event with Sherry Logsdon and Lee Edwards our team leaders. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.		

### Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Today, Jesus is inviting us to place our heart on the treasure called the Kingdom of God. Through the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus makes a comment on each one of us that *"where your treasure is there your heart be also."* So, today, the question to be asked is where is your heart & what is in your heart? As Christians, we know we have pledged and sanctified our heart for Christ, but....

Once, there spread a rumor in Rome that, a woman called Cornelia has invaluable and beautiful pearls in her custody. A merchant who has a good collection of different types of pearls wanted to have those pearls from Cornelia. So, he went to her house. They talked for a long time and towards the end, the merchant expressed his desire to have those pearls in her custody for money. Cornelia smiled at him and took him to the next room and showed him two beautiful kids playing there and told him, they are my invaluable pearls, and she continued I will have to leave these two precious pearls to have the treasure of the Kingdom of God, for the Kingdom of God is more precious than these two pearls.

Yes, the Kingdom of God is the treasure that Jesus is promising us today. It is to enjoy this treasure of the Kingdom of God we have all gathered here. It is to have this treasure: we celebrate all the sacraments in our Catholic Church. It is to experience this treasure of the Kingdom of God we all pray together joining our hands and hearts "Thy kingdom come, they will be done and on earth as it is in heaven." Yes, it has been so many years we have been celebrating sacraments, praying together, and searching for this treasure of the Kingdom of God through the Holy Catholic Church. But why, so far, many of us are not able to find and experience this treasure called the Kingdom of God in our lives? Through the Gospel of Matthew Jesus tells us that "First, seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Yes, most of us are preoccupied with gathering things of this world and securing our life here on earth, consequently, we lose sight of the real treasure called the Kingdom of God and fail to live meaningfully.

By presenting this Gospel today, Jesus reminds us that it is not too late for us to work for this great treasure, and it demands extra sacrifice and commitment from each one of us. According to the Gospel we must go through three stages of life to have this treasure. First, it is <u>Revelation</u>. That means to find out exactly the main priority in our life as Christian-it is the finding of the treasure. Second is the <u>Revolution</u>. It is a breaking away from the present stage of life and taking a risk to have a different way of life by selling whatever one has-it is the complete surrendering of oneself to God. Third it is the <u>Resolution</u>. Making a strong decision to buy the land of treasure. That means, one is ready to make the commitment to fulfill the revelation. Yes, He finds, He loses, He chooses.

As a Christian the very purpose of our call is to find Jesus in everyone, loose everything in this life for the sake of Jesus and choose to live for Jesus in this world. Yes, Zacchaeus did it, St. Paul had done it, Mary Magdalene did it, and all the saints in the Catholic Church have done it, and many are still doing this while living on this earth. If all these people can do this, why can't you and me? Let us ask ourselves-why not I? It is here we walk towards the Kingdom of God. **God Bless.** 

### The Preacher and the Pope

August 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner and a Movie. Shows at 2 different times at Sts. Joseph and Paul Catholic Church RSVP today! 270-683-5641 or <u>laurasipc@gmail.com</u>. For more information check out the flyer on our bulletin board.

"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

### Quilt Bingo at the Mount

It's time to sign up for one of the Ursuline Sisters' most popular events! On Sunday, Sept. 10, we will play Quilt Bingo where players have the chance to win their choice of a variety of beautiful guilts. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and bingo is from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tickets for Quilt Bingo are \$25 per person, which includes lunch. Bingo cards can be purchased for \$1 a game for a small quilt prize or \$2 per game for a large quilt prize. Seating is limited, so we request that you sign up in carol.bradenadvance by emailing clarke@maplemount.org online or at https://ursulinesmsj.org/guilt-bingo/. Players must be at least 18 years old. Following bingo, the Mount raffle drawing will take place at 4 p.m. Raffle tickets will be available during Quilt Bingo. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 for your chance to win \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,000 or a handmade guilt. All proceeds support the mission and ministries of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, Ky.

Thank you for your contributions.

<u>Financial Report – July 23, 2023</u> St. Sebastian- <u>Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.</u>				
Regular Collection	\$ 3,445.00 + 410.00			
Emergency Fund	\$ 205.00			
Special Collections	\$ 25.00			

<u> Financial Report – July 23, 2023</u>			
St. Charles - Amount Nee	eded: \$1,228.00 weekly.		
Regular Collection	\$ 646.00 - 582.00		

# Mass Schedule July 30 – August 6

Sunday – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Jimmy & Gail Clayton -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles Katherine Roberts

Monday – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial) -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian - *JoAnn Hayden* 

Tuesday – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the church (Memorial) -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Betty Bickett* 

Wednesday – Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Alvin Bickett -5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles Bill & Minnie Logsdon

Thursday – Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian - JoAnn Hayden

### Friday- No Mass

Saturday – Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time -3:00pm – Confession

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

### Sunday – The Transfiguration of the Lord

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Betty Bickett

-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles

Jimmy & Mary Welker



### <u>Church Keys</u>

Those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of holding a key to the church, please make sure that all doors are closed and properly secured. Thank you.

### 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

Serena Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Thomas Scott, Bob Guenthner, Justus & Donnya Hayden, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Brandon Good, Ethan Settle, Faye May, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, and Tasha Miller

### **Attention Please**

Our Church family sincerely appreciates all your great initiative to support our church through your Time, Talent, and Treasure, especially through some voluntary works around the Church, projects for the Church and additions to our Church facilities. At the same time, it is highly recommended that all your great initiatives and ideas for the betterment of the Church <u>should</u> receive prior approval from the pastor or the parish council to avoid unnecessary confusion among the church family members. Please take note of this.

### Happy Birthday - St. Charles

Sandy Edwards – August 1 Anna Kate Miler – August 1

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Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian

Paul & Betty Logsdon – July 31

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian

Paul Logsdon – August 2

# Ministry Schedule August 5, 2023

St. Sebastian

Euch. Min: Kimberly Cooper Lectors: Michael Cooper

# Ministry Schedule August 6, 2023

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Neil Scott Harriette Ellis Sid Hayden Lectors: Marc Searcy Maci Caraway Gift Bearers: Joe & Billy Coffman Hospitality Ministers: Larry Hardison Bob Guenthner Money Counters: Josh Searcy Neil Scott **Donuts: Church Breakfast** St. Charles Euch: Min: Lee Edwards **Darrell Bishop** Lectors: Philip Logsdon Sarah Miller Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. David Albin Money Counters: Lee Edwards Rondy Humphrey