

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

As Catholics, officially we have started our forty days of spiritual journey called Lent, by tracing the Cross on our forehead with Ashes on this past Wednesday, with a prayer to the Lord; "Be Merciful O Lord, for we have sinned." By requesting the mercy of God, most of us have made up our mind to walk a little differently than what we were walking, thinking, talking, and living through the practice of Fasting, Prayer & Alms giving. On this first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reminds us that, the decided new way of life is not going to be an easy one, for "...your great enemy the devil is wandering around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour." So, appropriately it is said 'watch on your thoughts when you are alone and watch on your words when you are in groups.'

To remind us about the importance of being watchful, the Gospel presents to us the three temptations Jesus had to face in His life. This gospel passage confirms that Jesus was a human being who underwent temptations just like any one of us. So, He was one among us. Secondly, we should accept the truth that these three temptations of Jesus are still active in our midst and most of us struggle with it. Jesus was tempted with bodily desires. He was tempted with power, and He was tempted with the desire to amaze others. Today, by successfully facing all the temptations in His life, Jesus is placing a challenge before us too, to face all the temptations in our lives successfully. Jesus was able to defeat all the temptations, because He understood His mission and His goal to be achieved here in this world. We often fall into temptations, because we lose sight of our mission and goal as a Christian that we undertook at the time of Baptism.

The first temptation to Jesus was to transform stone into bread and eat. The first sin in the Bible came to be in regard to the food in the Garden of Eden. In the Eden Garden, Adam and Eve ate the apple, and surrendered themselves to the death of sin. But here, Jesus did not surrender Himself for bread, for He said, "Man does not live by bread alone". Later, we see Jesus offered Himself for each one of us and He became the bread for all of us that brought an everlasting life for us, The Holy Eucharist. Yes, feel the pain of starving through fasting, and share that meal to the hungry.

The second temptation to Jesus was more of political and power oriented, provided Jesus should worship Satan. To this temptation Jesus responded by saying "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone shall you serve". When we go through the Gospel we can see, the disciples had more inclination for more power and authority, and they even fought each other for that. But, for Jesus the greatest power was

His Love for God and People. This is why in the Passion narrative; Jesus reminds Pontius Pilate that His power comes from God. Yes, the same power is given to each one of us through the sacrament of Baptism, the power to serve God & others. Be Kind and generous to others through Alms giving.

The third temptation to Jesus was more of religious. Here, Jesus is asked to throw Himself down from the parapet of Jerusalem temple. Jesus confronted this temptation by saying, "You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test". This invites us to have more confidence in our prayer and in our God that our God will grant us everything that we need in our lives. This is what Mathew 21:22 says, "if you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer". So, let our prayers be sincere to deepen our love for God and thus be away from all kinds of temptations in our lives. Mathew 17:21 says, "These kind of devils will go only by prayer and fasting".

So, during this Holy Eucharistic celebration let us seek the grace of God to become more powerful against all kinds of temptations of this world through fasting, prayer and almsgiving. **God Bless.**

Special Collection for Ukraine

There will be a special collection next weekend for humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine. Please be generous in your prayers and if capable, financially.

Donut Breakfast

We will start having donuts again on March 13th. The list has been posted on the bulletin board. Thank you!

Mount Saint Joseph Sale of Antique and Vintage Items March 26

Join the Ursuline Sisters for a sale of items from the former Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Retreat Center from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, in the Mount Auditorium. The Academy building is being deconstructed later this year, so everything must go! Nothing that is an important part of the Ursuline Sisters' history is being sold. Museum items are being saved. But there will be plenty of valuable antique and vintage items for sale. Credit cards, checks and cash will be accepted. The doors will open at 7 a.m. on March 26. We hope to see you there! For questions, contact Martha Alle, at martha.alle@maplemount.org, or 270-229-4170.

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to Our Churches during this unfortunate time. God Bless & Be Safe.

Financial Report – February 20, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly

Regular Collection \$ 2,570.00 – 313.56
Emergency Fund \$ 145.00

Financial Report – February 20, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly

Regular Collection \$ 880.00 – 178.22

**Mass Schedule
March 6 – March 13**

Sunday – First Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Tichenor – Leachman Families

Monday – First Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Alvin Bickett

Tuesday – First Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young

Wednesday- First Week of Lent

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Evie Searcy
-6:30pm – *Faith Formation*

Thursday – First Week of Lent

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Friday – First Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Saturday – First Week of Lent

-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor – Leachman Families

Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Souls in Purgatory
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

**Ministry Schedule
March 12, 2022**

St. Sebastian Lector: Michael Cooper

March 13, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Marc Searcy
Lectors: Josh Searcy & Laurine Sexton
Money Counters: Cathy Burden & Jimmy Clayton

St. Charles Euch. Min: Darrell Bishop
Lectors: Lee Edwards & Marylyne Miller
Money Counters: Mark Logsdon & Jacob Miller

CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic

- You can choose to wear a face mask.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus, be encouraged to remain home.
- Eucharistic Ministers should be masked and sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.
- Please continue to be diligent.

Daylight Savings Time

On March 13th we will spring forward 1 hour. Starting on Saturday, March 19th, confession will be held at 4pm and mass will follow at 5pm at St. Sebastian Church.

"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

-St. Catherine of Siena

Altar Servers Training

St. Charles – March 6th after mass.
St. Sebastian – March 13th at 4:30 pm.
Parents, please encourage your children to participate.

Happy Anniversary- St. Sebastian



Sam & Bethany Hayden – March 6

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Zach Albin – March 10
Sherry Logsdon – March 11

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Dylan McMahan – March 7
Linda Dempsey – March 9
Alice Durbin – March 11
David Scott – March 11

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, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Elaine West and Maurice Drury, JR.