

**Dear friends in Jesus Christ,**

Jesus came to us last weekend through the Gospel calling for repentance. Today, we are in the 4th Sunday of Lent, and Jesus is waiting for us to come back to His love through our repentance of heart. The book of Revelation 2:4 says, *“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place unless you repent.”* The Gospel of today explains to us about two sons who never understood their father’s love for them. One son walks away and the other remains with the father with a fake love. Today, if we make a serious examination of ourselves, we will find these two sons in our midst too.

According to the Jewish tradition, only after the death of the father, the family property will be divided under the leadership of the oldest son in the family. But here, by asking for his share by the younger son, he ends his relationship with his father, and declares the death of his father, even while he is alive. This is a serious sin the younger son has done in his life. Let us examine whether we have ended our relationship with anyone of our dear and near ones due to any reason? It is from the broken relationship with the father that the misfortune of the younger son begins. Remember the commandment of God; *“Honor your father and mother.”*

Yes, a fall from the Love of God is called Sin or the absence of Love is called sin. A sin can mess up the entire life of a person just like that of the younger son in the gospel. As per the gospel, by committing sin we are losing five precious things in our lives. First, it is the garment of Holiness/ prestige, second, Wealth, Third, Health (famine), Fourth, Peace of Mind (No Proper food & Living), and fifth, the Hope (work of tending swine). It is at this stage people end their lives. Though, the prodigal son is pictured as a bad example, he also turns around and becomes a good example for many of us too. We read from the gospel that, *“Coming to his senses he thought- How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father....”* Now what happened to his senses? Was he a senseless son? Yes, he was. It was when he lost his senses; he broke up with his father and went astray. So, the Gospel message is-it is when we lose our sense we fall into sin. Jesus is well aware of it and that is why He says from the Cross, *“Forgive them Father, for they do not know what they are doing.”* So, do not ever think that we are super sensible people. Now what is sense then? Yes, it is the thoughts of the Kingdom of God or Love of God. The prodigal son gets back to his

senses – thinking about the love he experienced in his home.

Now, how can we get back to our senses that we lost in sin? No other short cut - get back to the first love where we lost the love of God- that is what the prodigal son does, he is getting back to his loving father. His sincere return gives him back all that he lost in his sinful life. First, he is given a new dress for his lost dress and prestige, second, he is given rings and sandals for the lost wealth, third, in his honor father is killing a fattened calf for his lost health, fourth, a big party is arranged to give him peace of mind and fifth, through the celebration he is given back the hope of acceptance and love.

Yes, my dear friends, this is what we gain through the sacrament of confession. Remember always, that no one is lost in his or her life or in this world in so far, to the extent that we cannot get back. We have the possibility to get back all what we lost in our life, but it is only by getting back to His promised first Love. Let us ask the Eucharistic Lord, to help us to gain our true sense to experience God’s unconditional love again. **God Bless.**

**Easter Egg Hunt – St. Sebastian**

Following mass on Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

**Condolences & Prayers**

St. Charles Church Family would like to express our heartfelt condolences and offer our prayers to the family of Mr. & Mrs. David Albin on the passing of his mother, Mary Albin. May her soul rest in peace.

**“Come & See”**

The Vocations Office for the Diocese of Owensboro is facilitating two Come and See events in April for men to see what the seminary is all about:  
- One for men 16-20 to visit Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary & Marian University in Indianapolis and  
- Another for men ages 21-30 to visit Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Saint Meinrad.  
If you have any questions or concerns about these events, please reach out to Fr. Daniel Dillard, Director of Vocations, or Dcn. Mike Marsili, Assistant Director, at 270-683-1545 or email [vocations@pastoral.org](mailto:vocations@pastoral.org).

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

**Financial Report –March 20, 2022**

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

Regular Collection	\$ 3,545.00 + 661.44
Emergency Fund	\$ 235.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 90.00

**Financial Report – March 20, 2022**

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

Regular Collection	\$ 1,880.00 + 821.78
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**March 27 – April 3**

**Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Tichenor – Leachman Families*

**Monday – Fourth Week of Lent**

-8:00am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Norman Rumage*

**Tuesday – Fourth Week of Lent**

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

**Wednesday- Fourth Week of Lent**

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Caroline Hudson*  
-6:30pm – *Faith Formation*

**Thursday – Fourth Week of Lent**

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

-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*

**Friday – Fourth Week of Lent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Souls in Purgatory*

**Saturday – Fourth Week of Lent**

-4:00pm - Confession  
-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Bill & Jacinta Garinger*

**Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Alvin Bickett*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Katherine Roberts*

**Ministry Schedule**  
**April 2, 2022**

St. Sebastian Lector: Michael Cooper

**April 3, 2022**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Neil Scott

Lectors: Cathy Burden & Paula Hayden

Money Counters: Gates Tichenor & Debra Hamilton

St. Charles Euch. Min: George Rhodes

Lectors: David Albin & Patricia Martinez

Money Counters: Derek Miller & David Albin

**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.

**Donation Envelopes - St Sebastian**

Please do not forget to pick up your donation envelopes!

**Mowing Sign-Up - St. Sebastian**

Can you help the Church mow its yard? If so, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet on the table. Thank you in advance for your great help.

**Condolences & Prayers**

St. Sebastian Church Family would like to express our heartfelt condolences and offer our prayers to the family of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Abney on the passing of Bill Abney, the brother of Jerry. May his soul rest in peace.

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro is in need of both skilled and unskilled labor volunteers and volunteers for Disaster Case Management to work in conjunction with Catholic Charities to support Tornado Survivors and rebuild homes of tornado survivors of the tornados that occurred on December 10-11, 2021 and January 1, 2022. Contact Alex @ 270-852-8343 for more information.

**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**



Chuck & Becky Cheatham – March 29

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**



Leah Searcy – March 26  
Brianna McCarty – March 27  
Greg Abney – March 31

**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, Donald Durbin, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Elaine West and Maurice Drury, JR.