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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.

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 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

St. Charles Church
506 Hill Street
Livermore, KY 42352

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.

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Advent Penance Service
There will be an Advent Penance Service on December 13th at 6:00pm at St. Sebastian for both churches. Please try your best to attend.

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Sebastian
Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group led by Marc & Lindsay Searcy will meet this Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm. Thank you.

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

Decorating for Christmas
We will be decorating our church on Sunday, December 17th after the mass. We invite all of you who can to join us in this joyful activity. We appreciate your time.

Faith Formation Christmas Party
Our faith formation Christmas party is coming up on Sunday, December 17th! Join us for some fun games and delicious pizza. Please notify Lindsay or Laura if you plan attend. All kids are requested to attend.

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.

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Charles
Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the hall. The first meeting was very uplifting. We look forward to seeing you. Sherry Logsdon 270-316-9718 and Lee Edwards 270-202-2873.

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

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Sebastian
If you are interested in joining a small group, we have two options for you. One group is led by Debra Hamilton, Neil and Laurie Scott, and they meet at their home every third Sunday of the month. The other group is led by Marc and Lindsay Searcy, and Mark and Paula Hayden, and they meet at the parish hall once a month on Sundays. To learn more about the groups, please contact the leaders directly.

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.

ear friends in Jesus Christ,

As we enter the second week of Advent, we are filled with joy and anticipation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into our midst. He is the most important person we can ever welcome into our hearts and homes. He is the reason for our celebration and our hope. How do we prepare for His arrival? Do we just wait and see what happens, or do we make some effort to get ready? Imagine if a very important person, such as president or a king, was going to visit us. Do we want to make sure everything is in order and clean? Do we want to have some gifts and decorations to show our respect and love? Do we listen to the instructions of the representatives who would come ahead of time to check on the arrangements and security? If we know how to welcome a human VIP, remember that Jesus is much more important than any human VIP. He deserves our best attention and devotion. He sends us His messengers, the prophets, and the angels, to tell us what He expects from us and how to prepare our hearts for His coming. He wants us to repent our sins, to pray more, to love more, to share more, to serve more. He wants us to be ready to receive Him with joy and gratitude. He wants us to be His faithful friends and followers.

As we await the arrival of our honored guest, Jesus Christ, today we have a special visitor from Jesus' office who is here to inspect the preparations. His name is St. John the Baptist. Unfortunately, St. John the Baptist is not satisfied with the preparations we have made, so he gives us some advice; the Gospel says, "John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin." The advice of St. John the Baptist makes us realize that he is happy with all our external preparations. Surely some of us have already set up Christmas trees, Christmas gifts, Christmas dinner recipes, Christmas gathering etc., but are we ready with our internal preparations?

Yes, external decorations are needed, but if the same preparations are not done internally does it make any sense? The only preparation St. John the Baptist is demanding from each one of us is REPENTANCE. This Repentance is the act of seeking forgiveness from three people—forgiveness from God, forgiveness from our brothers and sisters and forgiveness from oneself. Now why do we need forgiveness or repentance? Through the Gospel, St. John the Baptist gives us the answer for it— "One who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals". This sentence reveals the glory of Jesus and the meekness of St. John the Baptist. As we get ready for Christmas, we have the same mission as St. John the Baptist—to be humble and announce Christ's

arrival. Remember, only humble hearts can show true repentance, and only repentant hearts can welcome Christ, and only those who encounter Christ will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, as St. John the Baptist says, "I have baptized you with water; He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

This week, we have a wonderful opportunity to Repent and Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. This means that we are invited to align our lives with God's will, to seek His forgiveness and grace, and to share His love with others. We are called to be His faithful witnesses in the world, to spread His message of hope and salvation. May the Eucharistic Lord bless us with the needed grace to repent of our own sins to welcome Jesus into our hearts. **God Bless you.**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Mass at St. Sebastian - December 24th at 5:30pm
December 25th at 8:30am

Mass at St. Charles - December 25th at 12:00am midnight

☩ Come, ☩ Come Emmanuel

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce the election of our new Parish Council Members: Laura Fritz, Brianne McCarty and Derek Alexander. The other Parish Council members are Marc Searcy (chairperson), Gates Tichenor, Debra Hamilton, Jesse Hayden, and Kellie Watkins. We appreciate your dedication and service to our parish community.

Renew the world through the Holy Eucharist

One of the most powerful ways to renew our world in Jesus is to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. If you can find sometime for the Eucharistic Lord, please consider joining for our daily adoration at 7.30am, with Rosary, and Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Mass at 8.30am from Monday through Thursday. **God Bless.**

Thank you for your contributions.

Financial Report – December 3, 2023

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.

Regular Collection	\$ 2,915.00 - 120.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 515.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Special Collections	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 225.00
Religious Ed (Alum. Cans)	\$ 46.00

Financial Report – December 3, 2023

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.

Regular Collection	\$1,358.83 + 130.83
Emergency Fund	\$ 65.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 155.00
Candle box	\$ 117.21

Mass Schedule December 10 – December 17

Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Charles Clayton
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – Randy Joe Marcum

Monday – Second Week of Advent

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian -Stephanie W. Hall

Tuesday – Second Week of Advent

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – JoAnn Hayden

Wednesday- St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Deceased members of the Bickett family
-5:30pm – **No Mass**
- 6:00pm – Confession at St. Sebastian for both churches

Thursday – St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the church (Memorial)

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Tommy England

Friday – No Mass

Saturday – Second Week of Advent

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

Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Betty Bickett
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – JoAnn Cook

Job Opening

We are looking for a Preschool Assistant Teacher to join our team in August 2023 or earlier. If you have the qualifications and passion for this role, please email your resume to stsebch@outlook.com. We appreciate your interest and referrals. Thank you.

Please Pray for our Military

SSgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zarembo, 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

Tommy England, Sean, Serena & Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenther, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Brandon Good, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Ben Dunn, Louise Waters, Zack Daugherty, and Steve Bickett.

Advent Penance Services

December 10th – St. Peter, Stanley – 3pm.
December 11th – Immaculate – 6pm.
December 12th – St. Elizabeth – 6pm.
December 13th – St. Sebastian – 6pm.
December 17th – St. Stephen – 2pm.
December 19th – Precious Blood – 6pm.

The Word Among Us

The Word Among Us , " Living as a Holy Family", 2023 Advent reflection books are available on the table at the back of church / foyer. Thank you.

"Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him." -St. John of the Cross

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



George Rhodes – Dec.13
Christina Hudson – Dec.14

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Nathan Floyd – Dec. 9
Thomas Scott – Dec.10
Jerry Abney – Dec.14

Ministry Schedule Saturday, December 16, 2023

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Katie Murphy
Lectors: Paula Tichenor

Sunday, December 17, 2023

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Laurie Scott
Patricia Hayden
Marc Searcy
Lectors: Donna Dant
Kellie Watkins
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Todd Burden
Hospitality Ministers: Donald Durbin
Tony Searcy
Money Counters: Mike Dant
Mike Hayden
Donuts: Matt & Patricia Hayden

St. Charles Euch: Min: Marsha Logsdon
Lee Edwards
Lectors: Lee Edwards
Marylyne Miller
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Bishop
Money Counters: Sherry Logsdon
Darrell Bishop