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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

DECEMBER 3, 2023



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.

STAFF & CONTACTS

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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

St. Charles - December 7th at 5:30pm –Vigil Mass
St. Sebastian - December 8th at 6:00pm

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

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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us **“Be watchful! Be alert!”**. As we journey towards Bethlehem, to celebrate the birth of Jesus our savior, we need to remember that God’s ways and times are not always the same as ours. As we are journeying to Bethlehem, I would ask you to reflect on three things: 1) How do you get ready for Christmas? 2) What are you getting ready to celebrate? 3) How do you want to live after you celebrate Christmas? We can find some answers by looking at three kinds of people who are waiting for Christmas. These are just examples, but they can help us see if we have something in common with them in how we approach Advent.

The first person is a youngster. The youngster doesn’t do much to get ready for Christmas. He just counts down the days until he can rip open his presents. He doesn’t care about anything else. Christmas is a flash, a burst of excitement that fades away quickly. After he unwraps his gifts, he loses interest in them and in Christmas. Christmas doesn’t make any difference in his life.

The second person is a college student. He’s working like mad to complete all the projects, papers and tests that are due before he can celebrate Christmas. Christmas, for this student, is a time of rest. Advent and Christmas are two opposites for this student: work, and rest. Christmas brings about a complete change in the student, but only for a few weeks, perhaps. After that, it’s back to the books and the same old routine.

The third person that we can look at is a mom-to-be who is expecting her baby soon. She doesn’t just spend all her time thinking about the day she will meet her little one, like a kid who can’t wait to unwrap his gifts on Christmas day. She does everything she can to keep her baby healthy and safe inside her, but she also has other things to do. She carries her baby with her as she takes care of other people’s needs. She’s been counting down the days, but no one can tell her for sure when her baby will arrive. And when the big day finally comes, it’s not like a kid’s birthday party or a student’s vacation. For the mom-to-be, the long-awaited day is full of hard work and pain. But even with the pain, it’s also a happy day somehow.

The readings for today are all about getting ready with hope for Jesus to come into our lives. Isaiah the prophet tells us that God is like our Father who loves us, but we have done wrong things against Him. Isaiah asks God to save us from our sins. St. Paul says to his people to stay loyal to the Lord until the end. Jesus says in the Gospel that we must be

be spiritually awake. We must pay attention and be prepared for the Lord’s coming, because we don’t know when it will happen. So, the readings for today tell us that the Lord will come, but we must be alert and watchful.

As we wait for the Lord to come, with joy and gratitude, we can see that all the messages from the Bible point to one person, Mary, the mother of Jesus who is our best teacher and role model for this Advent season to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful way. She was the closest to Jesus and the most faithful to His plan. She shows us how to welcome Him with love and trust. In this Advent season, we reflect on the joyful mysteries of Mary’s life: the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Immaculate Conception. These events show God’s grace and mercy in preparing Mary for her role as the mother of the Savior. As we continue to celebrate this Mass, let us ask the Lord to prepare us too like His Mother, so that we may have a blessed Christmas. **God Bless.**

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.**



GASPER RIVER CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP & RETREAT CENTER
CHRISTMAS CAMP
GRADES 8-12 REGISTER ONLINE TODAY
DEC. 29-JAN. 1

Financial Report – November 26, 2023
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.

Regular Collection	\$ 3,477.00 + 442.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 130.00
Masses	\$ 5.00

Financial Report – November 26, 2023
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.

Regular Collection	\$1,651.00 + 423.00
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**Mass Schedule
December 3 – December 10**

Sunday – First Sunday of Advent
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Thomas & Janice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Andy Martinez*

Monday – First Week of Advent
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Eddie Sallee*

Tuesday – First Week of Advent
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *JoAnn Hayden*

Wednesday- First Week of Advent
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Deceased members of the Bickett family
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Minnie Logsdon*

Thursday – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the church (Memorial)
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Betty Bickett*
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Rose Shultz*

Friday- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation
-6:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Earlene Abney*

Saturday – First Week of Advent
-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian – *All Parishioners*


Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Charles Clayton*
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles – *Randy Joe Marcum*


“And let them remember that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that God and man may talk together; for “we speak to Him when we pray; we hear Him when we read the divine saying.” -St. Ambrose


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 4th – Mount St. Joseph – 6pm.
December 5th – St. Martin, Rome – 6pm.
December 6th – St. Mary of Magdelene – 5pm.
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.

Happy Birthday - St. Charles

Hallie Hudson – Dec. 2
Michael Lee – Dec. 4
Matthew Miller – Dec. 4

Happy Anniversary – St Sebastian

Mark & Paula Hayden – Dec. 3
Sid & Jordan Hayden – Dec. 3

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian

Chuck Cheatham – Dec. 2
Elizabeth Searcy – Dec. 4
Molly Hayden – Dec. 5
Patricia Hayden – Dec. 6
Earlene Abney – Dec. 8

**Ministry Schedule
Saturday, December 9, 2023**
St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Kimberly Cooper
Lectors: Michael Cooper

Sunday, December 10, 2023
St. Sebastian Euch. Min: David N. Scott
Mike Vollman
Drew McCarty
Lectors: Marc Searcy
Maci Caraway
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Cheatham
Hospitality Ministers: Larry Hardison
Bob Geunthner
Money Counters: Cathy Burden
Becky Kline
Donuts: Debra Hamilton

St. Charles Euch: Min: Leon Durbin
Derek Miller
Lectors: George Rhodes
Christina Hudson
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hudson
Money Counters: Lee Edwards
Candance Miller