

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

Last weekend through the Gospel, Jesus was inviting us to look for the treasure called the Kingdom of God, rather than many other things of this world. In connection with the treasure hunting, we were also reminded of the promise of Jesus through the Gospel of Mathew that, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." And today's Gospel is a clear example of the fulfillment of Jesus' promise. Yes, mere five loaves and two fishes are going through a great transformation in the hands of Jesus Christ; so, the Gospel of today is a wakeup call for anyone who says that they do not have much to offer or give. The Gospel of Luke 6:38 promises, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." So, born into a poor family is not your choice, but dying poor is your choice.

In the last weekend Gospel, we saw people who have found the treasure, have sold everything and went after the treasure. In today's Gospel, we see though Jesus was trying to get away from the crowd after the death of John the Baptist, they just will not leave Jesus because they found the treasure in Him. The Gospel says that "they followed Him on foot from their towns." Imagine their inner thirst for the treasure! Yes, they left everything and followed Him, they did not have any savings and they did not have any calculation about the next moment of their lives, but they just followed Him. What a great faith they had! Even though, talking about God is spiritual, our God is not only concerned about the spiritual needs of His children, but their physical needs too. In the Gospel, we see that the people who came for the spiritual needs are satisfied with their physical needs too. This is what Jesus says to us again and again "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." In today's world, every one of us is called to take the role of Jesus in today's Gospel, which is the perfect evangelization; meet the spiritual and physical needs of our brother and sisters.

Today, from different parts of the world, we hear a lot about people who are starving and dying. By reading all this horrifying news we express our sympathy and make many comments on social media, but do you think comments will help the needy and the poor? Today, Jesus is telling us to find solution for the problem and he says, "Give them some food yourselves." To the command of Jesus, the disciples say- "we do not have much; we have only five loaves and two fish." Yes, often is it not the same excuse we also make, I do not have much, I am poor etc., whenever we are asked to give some charity or asked

to give a little more money to the church or any other noble cause? Dear friends, Jesus is not asking how much you have, but He is telling "Bring them here to me what you have." Yes, the disciples gave what they had to Jesus and there comes the powerful miracle.

Dear friends, instead of grumbling about what we do not have, Jesus invites us to offer to Him what we have and what we are. In the Gospel we see only when it is given to Jesus, He blessed and satisfied the whole crowd. In the same way, when we give what we have to the Lord, for His glory with a grateful heart, He will bless us abundantly and will satisfy us too. Yes, the moment of satisfaction is the moment of the realization of the Kingdom of God, the greatest treasure. **God Bless.**

**Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass Canceled**

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass is being canceled. (The Mass was originally scheduled Sunday, September 27th at Christ King.)

**Washing of Purificators, Albs, and Altar Cloths**

August - Kim Cooper  
September- Judy Sallee  
October - Earlene Abney  
November - Cindy Durbin  
December - Brianne McCarty

**Family Retreats at Gasper River**

Bring your family out just for the day or stay a night or two! There are many options available. You can book a lodge, bring your own meals or have Gasper provide meals, hike and explore, do activities, or just enjoy God's creation together. Call or email to get your seat reserve at **270-781--2466 OR [gasperriver@hotmail.com](mailto:gasperriver@hotmail.com)**

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

**Financial Report - July 26, 2020**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,341.79 weekly**

Regular Collection \$ 1,979.00 - 369.72  
Emergency Fund \$ 160.00

**Financial Report - July 26, 2020**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,090.03 weekly**

Regular Collection \$ 993.00 - 97.03  
Cemetery Fund \$ 5,319.88

**Money Counting**

Due to safety reasons we are suspending the duty of counting money. At this point in time Sarah Brown will be counting the collection. Thanks.

**Mass Schedule**

**August 2 - 9**

**Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

*Leo Guenther*

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

*Conversion of Sinners*

**Tuesday - Saint John Vianney, Priest (Memorial)**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

*Shirley Cheatham*

**Thursday - The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)**

-6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles

*Ray Adams*

**Saturday - Saint Dominic, Priest (Memorial)**

-5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian

*Joe Bickett*

**Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

*Lisa Young*

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

*Jim Rhodes*

***"People are made for happiness. Rightly, then, you thirst for happiness. Christ has the answer to this desire of yours. But he asks you to trust him."***

***-Blessed John Paul II***

**Prayer List for members of our community:**

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Stella Ibrahims, Elaine West, Lisa Jackson, Howard Hillard, Brett McPherson, Stephanie Payne, Kathy Hudson, Evelyn Drury, Teresa Jones, Brittney Neal, Ethan Settle, Tom Schutte, Kim Staples, Katherine Roberts, Patricia Hardison, Tommy England, Dennis Millay, Todd Tichenor, Patricia Hayden, Jim Lebold, Jimmy Clayton, Candace Miller, Mary Jewell, Charlie May, David Abrams, Jackie Lee, Debbie Neal, James & Paula Tichenor, Tony Calvert, Mike Dant, Alice Durbin, Jim Logsdon Betty Bickett, John Muster, Pat Calhoun, Kyle Hicks, Kathy Owen, James Lewis Dant, Gloria Farmer and Allie & Josh Kirk. *Please call the office to have a name added to the prayer list. This list will be puraed at the end of each month. Thanks*

**Please pray for our Military**

MMN1 Andrew Logsdon, 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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

**Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings**

**Outside the Liturgy**

Effective immediately (July 1, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy (parish picnics, faith formation gatherings, RCIA meetings, etc.) as well as non-parish sponsored events held by groups renting or using parish facilities or property.

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 50% of the maximum permitted occupancy capacity of the space.
- Maintain physical distance of six feet minimum from those not living within the same household.
- Wear face covering over mouth and nose. Based on CDC recommendations, everyone over the age of two must wear a mask for the duration of any event held on parish property if closer than six feet to anyone not living within the same household. Those unable to wear a face mask at the event, whether it be due to age, health condition, or preference, are asked to stay healthy at home.
- Conduct temperature and health checks for each participant.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- Encourage those at high risk to stay Healthy at Home.

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

Brayden Bishop - August 8  
Mary Lynne Logsdon - August 8

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

Paul J. Logsdon - August 2  
Cindy Durbin - August 5  
Carley Ferguson - August 5  
Sherry Abney - August 8

**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**



Matt & Patricia Hayden - August 6

**Sophia Award Mass Update**

The annual Sophia Award Mass will be canceled this year because of the concerns raised by the pandemic. We will honor the named individuals and convene the Mass again next year, honoring this year's nominees. Prayers for everyone trying to minister during these difficult times.

**New Optional Memorial**

Pope Francis inscribed a new optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska on October 5th each year. Information for liturgical texts can be found here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-faustina-kowalska.cfm>.

Whenever you are unable to fill your ministry, please find someone to replace you and/or contact the office so your name will not be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.