

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Once, some people came to see St. Theresa of Calcutta in her convent in India. As they were talking with Mother Theresa, one of them asked her to give some advice to lead a better and meaningful life. Mother said "Smile". Smile at your husband, wife, children, friends and even a stranger and let the smile be present in everyone's lips. Then someone from the group asked; Are you married? Mother smilingly said, yes, I am married to Christ, but at times I have failed to give Him my smile, because He is very demanding.

Smiling is one of the beautiful expressions of our love and hospitality. At the same time, we humans have many other ways of expressing our love. Some people spend time with friends, call friends, send text messages, send gifts, etc. The Gospel of today is talking to us about two different types of expressions of love towards Jesus by Martha and Mary. As Christians, we are called to express our love towards Jesus and that is the purpose of our call. If you remember the Gospel of last weekend, Jesus was stressing on the point of "Love in Action" by saying Love of God and neighbor with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, through the parable of the Good Samaritan. In today's Gospel, Martha and Mary adopt two different ways of "Love in Action", when Jesus came to their house. Martha is preparing many things in the kitchen to feed Jesus physically and on the other side; Mary is spending time with Jesus listening to His word and being fed by Jesus spiritually.

If we examine the ministry of our Catholic Church, we can see people engage in both ministries of Activity and Prayer. Some people engage in charitable activities, by taking care of the material needs of needy people. On the other hand, there are people engaging themselves in prayer and solitude. In today's Gospel we see, Jesus appreciates the act of Mary more than Martha for spending time with Him and listening to Him by saying "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." This appreciation of Jesus to Mary is a reminder of our Christian Call- "To be with Him and to be sending out." Yes, the first priority is to be with the Lord and the second is to be out doing things in the name of the Lord. This is the reason someone said, "Action without prayer is arrogance, prayer without action is hypocrisy." So, as Christians to make all our actions selfless, we need the support of prayer in our lives.

If we examine the ministry of Jesus we can see, Jesus went around and did so many good things for the people, at the same time we can see Jesus spending much time in prayer too. The greatest power behind all His mighty deeds is nothing but

prayer. Yes, only by being with Him, can we experience His love and, only when we experience His love, we can share His love with our neighbors through our action. So, today, as we reflect about this Gospel passage, which stresses the point of spending more time with Jesus by eliminating all kinds of distractions of our lives, let us ask ourselves, how much time do I spend daily for my Jesus in prayer, in listening and talking to Him? As I conclude this reflection, I would like to remind you that Jesus needs people with the combined attitude of Martha and Mary in this world; Heart like Mary to listen to Him and hands like Martha to care for our brothers and sisters.

40 Hours Devotion | July 17-19, 2022

St. Mary Magdalene Parish invites you to join them for Adoration on Sunday, July 17 from 11:30-7 PM and Monday, July 18 and Tuesday, July 19 from 7:30-7 PM. Each evening will include Evening Prayer followed by Gospel readings, preaching by Fr. Corey Bruns and Benediction beginning at 7 PM.

Come celebrate your marriage with Bishop Medley!

Join us on **Sunday, September 25th** at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro for the annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration. Mass begins at 2:00pm with a cake and punch reception immediately following. Couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, and 50+ anniversaries will receive a Certificate of Recognition and take a group photo with Bishop Medley following Mass. All are invited and families are welcome, we only ask that those coming **RSVP to Sara Lewis** at (270)683-1545 or sara.lews@pastoral.org

ALPHA In a Catholic Context

Alpha is a dynamic way to invite parishioners on a journey of renewal! It trains leaders to listen, accompany others and be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is a language of welcome, hospitality and evangelization, that teaches by experiencing it! The Office of Evangelization & Discipleship will purchase promotional materials and copies of the workbook for all who attend. Contact Jeff Andrini for more information at: <https://alphausa.org/catholic-context/>

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

Financial Report – July 17, 2022

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

Regular Collection \$ 2,610.00 – 273.56
Emergency Fund \$ 230.00

Financial Report – July 17, 2022

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

Regular Collection \$ 735.00 – 323.22
Emergency Fund \$ 25.00

**Mass Schedule
July 17 – July 24**

Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Louis Weise*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Lauretta Evans Adkins

Monday – Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Leon & Mary Gibbons

Tuesday – Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Joe Bickett*

Wednesday- Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor – Leachman Families
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles-*Souls in Purgatory & The conversion of sinners.*

Thursday – Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Lisa Young*

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday –Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Guy & Virginia Anderson
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*



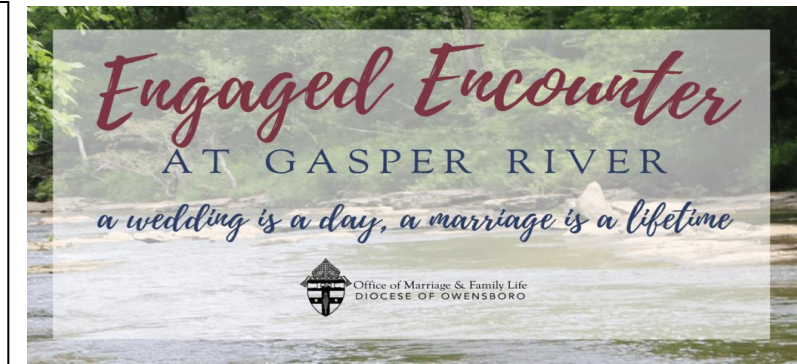
Ministry list can change. Please check the bulletin board often. Thank you.

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, Kimberly Stiles, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant., Lance Green, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle and Charles Mae.



Engaged Encounter In-Person | Oct. 15-16, 2022

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an international marriage preparation program developed over 40 years ago. In the Diocese of Owensboro, Engaged Encounter is an overnight retreat starting Saturday morning and ending Sunday afternoon at Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center near Bowling Green, KY. For more information and to register, visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/engaged-encounter/>

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Marc & Lindsay Searcy – July 16
Jimmy & Gail Clayton – July 17

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Becky Cheatham – July 17
Whit Searcy – July 17

**Ministry Schedule
July 23, 2022**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Kimberly Cooper
Lectors: Michael Cooper

July 24, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Marc Searcy
Neil Scott
Harriette Ellis
Lectors: Cathy Burden
Paula Hayden

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dant
Hospitality Ministers: Josh Searcy
Daniel Watkins

Money Counters: Lynne Scott
Mike Vollman

St. Charles Euch. Min: Lee Edwards
Darrell Bishop
Lectors: Lee Edwards
Marylyne Miller
Gift Bearers: John Calhoun & Family
Money Counters: Rony Humphrey
Derek Miller