

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.

<u>Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):</u> 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 LENT



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

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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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 Cathy Burden 270-316-444 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 8:0 Parish breakfast First Sunday of every month after m 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 270-278-278

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00an Parish potluck brunch First Sunday of every mont 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.

FEBRUARY 18, 2024





St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352

	Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Sebastian The Searcy-Hayden Eucharistic Revival Group will hold their next meeting on February 18 th at 4:00pm. Thank you.			
960	<u>2024 Lenten Fish Fry</u> Join us for our Fish Fries on March 1, 8, 15, 22. Enjoy a delicious meal of fish, French fries, hushpuppies, beans, coleslaw, and dessert for			
	just \$12. You can eat in or take out. Serving starts at 5:00pm. We always have awesome volunteers, and we look forward to your help this season. Sign-up sheets are available on the table. For more information, please reach out to Kimberly Cooper. Thank you.			
-8290 88 D0am.	Lenten Eucharistic Adoration During the Lenten season, we invite you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 9:30am to 3pm at St. Sebastian and at St. Charles on every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. The sign-up sheet is located on the table. Thank you.			
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⁷ 59	<u>Condolences & Prayers</u> St. Sebastian would like to express our heartfelt condolences and offer our prayers to the family and friends of Louise Waters, especially her brother, Donald Durbin. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen			
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Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

One day, Frederic William, the King of Germany, went to a school and was talking to the kids there. He was curious about what they knew and asked them many questions. They answered everything correctly. Then he pulled out an apple from his pocket and asked them-what do you think-from where does this apple come from? He expected them to name a country, but they said, the apple is part of the vegetable kingdom. He took out a coin from his pocket, showed it to them and asked-which country does this coin belong to? They said, the coin is part of the metal kingdom. Finally, he asked, where do I belong to? The kids said, you belong to the kingdom of God, because you are made in his image and likeness. Yes, my friends, we all belong to the kingdom of God, but the question is do we all act like we belong to the kingdom of God? Sometimes we don't and that's why the Holy Mother Church gives us a great chance to change our lives by renewing our promise to the Lord, especially through Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving in this time of Lent, and thus on this first Sunday of Lent, the Church calls us to renew our covenant and relationship with God.

In the first reading, we hear about God's amazing promise to Noah and all of us. God said, *"He would never destroy life on earth with a big flood again."* He showed Noah a rainbow as a sign of this promise. The exciting thing about this covenant is that we all have share in it and as a sign of God's continued presence and covenant with us, we can still see rainbows today. So, during this time let us be faithful to Him through Jesus, who made a new promise with us. Let's not just say we love God but show it with our hearts. That's what this season is all about.

In the second reading, Peter talks about how God made a new deal with us through Jesus. Jesus gave up a lot to bring us back to God. That means, Jesus not only just made the old deal between God and us better, but also made it bigger. He did that by starting the water of baptism that cleaned us and made us closer to God again. This is how God changed the deal on His side. So, anyone who was baptized in Jesus' name is part of this new deal. Every year, the Church gives us an opportunity to think about this deal and say yes to it again during Lent. This is what Paul said on Ash Wednesday: "Don't waste the gift of God that you got. Now is the good time; the day of being saved."

When we come to the Gospel reading, it narrates the temptations of Jesus and the sacrifice He made in order to prepare Himself for His mission and journey. To be a worthy lamb for the renewal of God's covenant with His people, Jesus was tested too.

Peter states this clearly: "As Gold is tested by fire, so shall your faith be." (1 Pt 1, 7). Therefore, today's Gospel reminds us that as Christ was tested, so shall we, too, be tested. Every day of our lives, the devil tempts us and will continue, especially, during this sacred season. This should not make us afraid, because the Holy Spirit who helped Jesus during His temptation is always available to help us. To receive the help of the Holy Spirit it is important that we get prepared spiritually through fasting, prayer, and abstinence like Jesus. We must also ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with humility, courage, and patience during this season, because this can be the hardest spiritual journey if we are serious about it.

Finally, as we enter this season of Lent, we are called to examine our lives and see how well we have kept our covenant with God. We are invited to repent of anything that hinders us from being faithful to God, as the scripture says: "Now is the time...Repent and believe the Good News." Let us use this time of grace to seek God's mercy for all the times we have broken our covenant with Him. And as we look forward to renewing our covenant with him, let us praise him for His steadfast love and faithfulness, saying: "Your ways, Lord, are love and truth for those who keep your covenant." God Bless.

Attention!

Please be aware all garbage must be bagged before placing in the totes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attention!

There will be a daily Mass offered every Friday during the season of Lent.

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 13-30!

You are invited to a Youth 2000 Retreat on March 15-17, 2024 at Brescia University.

Youth should register through a parish, school or other group. For more information and registration forms, go to <u>https://owensborodiocese.org/youth-2000/</u>. The deadline for registration is March 4th. Space permitting, registrations will be accepted at the door. Contact Robin Tomes at <u>robin.tomes@pastoral.org</u> with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Financial Report – February 11, 2024</u>					
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.					
Regular Collection	\$∠	4,000.00 + 965.00			
Emergency Fund	\$	225.00			
Mass Intentions	\$	35.00			
Special Collections	\$	30.00			

Financial Report – February 11, 2024				
St. Charles - Amount Need	led: \$1,228.00 weekly.			
Regular Collection	\$ 1,497.00 + 269.00			

Mass Schedule February 18 – February 25

Sunday – First Sunday of Lent -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian *Thomas & Bernice Hobbs* -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles *Sabrina Whitehouse Evans*

Monday – First Week of Lent -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – JoAnn Hayden

Tuesday – First Week of Lent -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Tony Poole*

Wednesday – First Week of Lent -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – Eva Pryor -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles All to return to the One True Church

Thursday – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (Feast) -8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian Deceased members of the Bickett Family

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Friday – First Week of Lent -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Judy Rhodes

Saturday - First Week of Lent

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

Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Joseph Clement Mayfield -10:30am – Mass at St. Charles - Randy Joe Marcum

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center

Registration is open for summer camp. Registrations are coming in at a record pace for our 17th summer! Go to our website to get signed up today!

Please Pray for our Military

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

Tommy England, Sean, Serena & Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Ben Dunn, Steve Bickett, Warren Pinkston, Theresa Rust, Cassie Alexander, and Jeanie Wedding.

Free Tax Prep for Seniors

Every Thursday from 12pm to 5pm until April 11th, there will be free tax prep service for seniors.

Welcome to St. Sebastian, Andrew R. Scott

Congratulations to Andrew for becoming a member of the St. Sebastian Church Family. Andrew was baptized on February 10th. Thanks to David and Kelsey for you great initiative. God Bless

Parish Hall Rental

The hall rental fee for St. Sebastian parishioners is \$53, tax included. Non-parishioners pay \$159 (tax included), rental fee and \$150 deposit (\$309). The deposit is refundable if the hall is left clean and undamaged. Parishioners who rent the hall for non-parishioners will be charged the non-parishioner fee. The hall must be vacated and cleaned by 3pm on Saturdays. Renters must also provide proof of insurance or purchase it from the diocese for \$95. Thank you.

Happy Birthday - St. Charles

Connor Logsdon – Feb. 21

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian

Houston Hudson – Feb. 21 Mike Hayden – Feb. 22

Ministry Schedule Saturday, February 24, 2024

<u>St. Sebastian</u> Euch. Min: Volunteer Lector: Michael Cooper

Sunday, February 25, 2024

<u>St. Sebastian</u> Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden Drew McCarty Laurie Scott
Lectors: Cathy Burden
Paula Hayden
Gift Bearers: Mike V. & Mike H.
Altar Servers: Jude Cooper
Liam Cooper
Money Counters: Gates Tichenor
Kellie Watkins
Donuts: Gary & Karen Bickett
St. Charles Euch: Min: MaryLynne Logsdon Leon Durbin
Lectors: Lee Edwards
Sarah Miller
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Staples Money Counters: Teresa Marcum Rondy Humphrey