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#### 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.

# **TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**



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



# **AUGUST 17, 2025**



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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# ST. SEBASTIAN

Parish Council: Marc Searcy 270-993-8161 Finance Committee: Tony Searcy 270-993-1775 Rel Education Coord.: Lindsay Searcy & Laura Fritz

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Meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6pm/St. Sebastian Neil Scott 270-499-0955 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.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection to Support Catholic School Kids - St. Sebastian

On August 24th there will be a 2nd collection to benefit students from our parish attending Owensboro Catholic Schools.

#### **Father's Vacation**

Fr. Chrispin will be leaving for Kenya on August 18th and returning Sept 24th. During this time there will be no daily or Vigil Mass. Vigil Mass will return Oct. 4th. Please keep him in your prayers as he travels. Thank you.

#### Thank you.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Gary and Karen Bickett for their hard work and generosity in restoring the grotto and Rosary Praver Garden.



# St. Charles Acts 2:42 Group Sessions

We are excited to announce that the St. Charles Acts 2:42 group sessions will continue with "In The Word with Bishop Medley" beginning the second Sunday of September at 9 AM. Join us for an inspiring study.

### **Focus on Faith Book Group**

Join Sister Ann from Mount St. Joseph as she leads the Focus on Faith Book Group starting August 14 at 10:30 AM in St. Charles Church Hall. This session's book will be "The Three Ordinary Voices of God" by Matthew Kelly. Sister Ann has been guiding Focus on Faith for 12 years, so come and engage in an exhilarating conversation to deepen your understanding of your faith.

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 Christ.

Today's readings speak of an uncomfortable aspect of discipleship: following Jesus and living the Gospel can bring about hardship, division, and opposition. And although the message is not new to us, it bears hearing again because it helps us understand and give meaning to our trials and suffering — and offers us hope that there is redemption in that suffering.

When we live out our faith, we might run against the values of society, and this can lead to problems. This is very clear in the first reading when Jeremiah is lowered into a cistern full of mud – possibly to die of hunger – because the message he brings the people of Israel from God is "weakening the resolve" of the soldiers and the people. He is not telling them what the princes of Israel want them to hear, so the princes try to have him killed. In the end, it is a court official, a man of integrity and honesty, who pleads for Jeremiah's release, and he was drawn out of the cistern before he should die.

Jesus himself was killed in a cruel and humiliating way because his message about the kingdom of God did not conform to the understanding of religious leaders. He embraced this suffering and death to redeem us, and was drawn out of the tomb – raised by God from the dead – so that we may no longer die but have eternal life.

In the Gospel, Jesus explicitly says that he has come to bring about division – not always political, but often much deeper and more difficult: a division among family members. In striving to carry out the teachings of Jesus, we may be called to behave in ways that conflict with the understanding of the people we love or of society. As we know, Jesus was often in conflict with the Pharisees because he placed love and care for people over the sabbath law. He warns us that as we follow him and put his teachings at the center of our lives, we may also come into conflict and face division.

How do we best navigate this joyous path of discipleship when it brings conflict and division? The second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews offers us insight and hope, saying, "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us."

This *great* ... *cloud of witnesses* are the saints, our brothers and sisters in faith who have shown by their example that the gift of faith can withstand the tumult and difficulties of this life. Our particular circumstances may differ, but the universal

experience of suffering means that those who went before us know what we are facing, and in their proven faithfulness and their prayers for us we, too, can complete the race.

We can also add to our personal cloud of witnesses the people we loved who have gone before us. Their encouragement, in addition to the graces we receive in the sacraments, strengthen us for the journey.

Finally, we are exhorted in our troubles to keep *our* eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. Who better than Jesus can we turn to when, in following him, we face difficulties and persecution? Therefore, as we contemplate the challenges of being true Christians, we know we can find strength through Jesus and inspiration and encouragement from those who have lived faithful lives. **Amen.** 



#### **Introduction to Creighton Session**

Meribah Fertility Care Center hosts a 90 minute Introduction to Creighton (NFP) session the second Thursday of every month at the McRaith Catholic Center, 600 Locust St, Owensboro, KY. To register, sign up at https://forms.gle/gfkQQLk9fvgMXPmF6 This 90-minute Introductory Session covers information about how the CrMS can be used to either achieve or avoid pregnancy with a safe and clinically proven alternative to hormonal birth control and IVF. Registration is required, \$35. For more information, please contact Mamie Watkins, FCP, 505 412-2474.

# Springs of Love Mass & Picnic for Catholic foster and adoptive families

Hosted at Christ the King Parish, 1600 Kingsway Dr., Madisonville, Ky. Mass is on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m., celebrated by Fr. Chris Kight, with a picnic to follow. For more information: danny.may@pastoral.org

Thank you for your generous contributions.

# Financial Report – August 10, 2025 St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,468.00 weekly. Regular Collection \$1,431.00 Cemetery Fund \$25.00 Diocesan Collections \$25.00

Financial Report - August 10, 2025			
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,200.00 weekly.			
Regular Collection	\$4,0	050.00	_
Emergency Fund	\$	50.00	
Mass Intentions	\$	15.00	
Diocesan Collections	\$	30.00	

# Mass Schedule August 17 – August 24

## **Sunday – Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - LV & Lois Dant

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Steven R. Evans

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - No Mass

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday - No Mass

Friday - No Mass

Saturday - No Mass

## Sunday - Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Thomas & Janice Hobbs

-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - James A. Welker

# <u>Ursuline Sisters launch 55th Raffle and you could</u> <u>win \$10,000! Drawing Sept. 14</u>

The Mount Raffle has been a tradition for 55 years and is an important source of funding for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount, Ky. The price of the raffle tickets has stayed the same – they are only \$5 each. The top prize is \$10,000! Participants also get a chance to win \$5,000, \$2,000, and a handmade quilt valued at \$1,000. To buy raffle tickets online: visit https://ursulinesmsj.org/mountraffle.

# Pray for vocations to the Priesthood.

# Mowing Schedule - St. Sebastian

September – Lance Green October – Greg Dant

#### Please Pray for our Military

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. 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 Joseph Kyle Ward(US Air Force).

#### **Prayer List for Members of our Community**

Bernadine Edwards, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Bob Guenthner, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Ethan Settle, Blakley Owens, Tasha Miller, Theresa Rust, Mark Logsdon, Mike Logsdon, Mark Vollman, Rondy Humphrey, Wesley Robinson, Jimmy Tichenor, Jason Evans, Darrel McCaslin, Brenda Cooper, Darrell Henderson, Sharon Anderson, Gordon Payne and Janine Goatee.

#### Oct. 11 - Fourth Day Annual Cursillo Retreat

Hello all Cursillistas! Please save the date for Oct. 11, 2025 for the 4th Day annual retreat. It will be held at Christ the King in Madisonville from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., beginning with Mass. Lunch will be potluck. The Fall Encounter will be Sept. 19 with more info to follow. Contact: Michelle Sandheinrich michelle.sandheinrich@gmail.com.

#### Washing of the Purificators

September – Judy Sallee October – Earlene Abney

## **Happy Birthday - St. Charles**



Jerry & Zach Coakley – August 17

"Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child."

- St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

# Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Lynne Scott – August 17 John Vicars – August 21 Laurie Scott – August 22

# <u> Happy Anniversary – St. Sebastian</u>



Jerry & Earlene Abney – August 22

# Ministry Schedule Sunday, August 24, 2025

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden

Drew McCarty Laurie Scott

Lectors: April Vicars

Macie Caraway

Gift Bearers: Debra Hamilton & Family

Altar Servers: Joseph Fritz Henry Fritz

Money Counters: Patricia Hayden

Susie Alexander
Donuts: Derek & Susie Alexander

St. Charles Euch: Min: Jackie Lee

Lee Edwards

Lectors: Cooper Bishop Marylyne Miller

Gift Bearers: Lee Edwards & Teresa Marcum

Money Counters: Pat Martinez
Philip Logsdon