

**Dear friends in Christ the King,**

Some years ago, an American soldier was traveling in Sweden by a bus. The soldier told the man sitting next to him – “America is the most democratic country in the world. An ordinary citizen can go to the White House to see the President and discuss things with him.” The man said, “That is nothing. In Sweden, the King and the people travel in the same bus.” When the man got off the bus, the passengers told the American Soldier the one who was sitting next to him was the King of Sweden.

The feast of today is not talking about a king, who lived away from the ordinary life situations of the people, but a King who lived with His people, walked with His people, ate with His people, who enjoyed the company of the people and finally died and rose for His people, and it is Jesus Christ the King. The readings of today enlighten us about the functions of Jesus Christ the King. Thus, the feast of Christ the King is an announcement prior to His solemn coming. It is an invitation to prepare spiritually and to welcome Jesus into our hearts, and also inviting us to be king like Jesus here in this world.

The beauty and the uniqueness of our King is that, “Though He was in the form of God, He did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.” Thus He identifies Himself with each and every one of us, especially the least in the world. That is why Jesus says in the Gospel that “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me”. The most important characteristics of Jesus is that, He never compared Himself with the rich and the elite people of the society, rather He identified Himself with the least ones in the society. But through resurrection He became the king of everyone who accepted Him; both rich and the poor.

The kingship of Jesus is not at all similar to the kingship and its way of ruling that we have here in the world. From birth to death, Jesus the King did not have anything spectacular like any other king of this world. Even though Jesus lived on this earth, He did not have any authority or possessions in this world, because Jesus says, “my kingdom does not belong to this world.” He did not have anything of His own. He had to borrow the womb of Mary to come to this world; He did not have a good mansion to be born in, except the manger of somebody else. He did not have many servants to look after His needs, for Jesus says, “I came, not to be served, but to serve.” He did not marry, yet He has more children than the world combined. He never wrote a book, but the whole world will not contain the books written of Him. When He started His public ministry, He did not have a permanent house to go back to and rest. Often He borrowed the boat of St. Peter to preach the word of God to the people. He did not have a permanent place or building to preach about the Kingdom of God.

Towards the end of His life, He did not have a better place to hold the Last Supper other than the balcony of a stranger. After His death, He did not have a tomb of His own to be buried. In spite of all these draw backs He is called King, and has the greatest number of followers. Practically Jesus became a King on the shoulders of somebody else. Today, if we look around, we see that the kingship of Jesus is diminishing because many of us are not willing to offer our shoulders to Jesus to carry Him and His message around, most surprisingly we Christians too.

Last weekend, Jesus reminded us to use our talents wisely. Today Jesus shows us the way to use our talents wisely to become a king like Him and for Him by giving food to the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting the prisoner etc. Yes, just as Jesus does, He invites every one of us to identify ourselves with the least in the world. The challenge of this feast of Christ the King is to reach out to the basic needs of the least ones of this world. Jesus reminds us again- “whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” **God Bless**

**Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy**

Effective (July 1, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy 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.
- Conduct temperature checks for each participant.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- Follow State of Kentucky **Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants and Bars** for any form of food service.

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

**Financial Report - November 15, 2020**

**St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,938.09 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 2,795.00 - 143.09
Emergency Fund	\$ 240.00
Human Development	\$ 20.00

**Financial Report - November 15, 2020**

**St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,147.46 weekly**

Regular Collection	\$ 752.52 - 394.94
All Souls Day	\$ 50.00

**Mass Schedule**  
**November 22 - 29**

**Sunday - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Martin Hamilton*
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Randy Joe Marcum*

**Monday - Last Week in Ordinary Time**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Ruth Reed*

**Tuesday - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Lee Ann Starkey*

**Wednesday - Last Week in Ordinary Time**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Ross Richey Family*
- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles  
*Stella Fogle*

**Thursday - Thanksgiving Day**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Joshua Calhoun*

**Saturday - Last Week in Ordinary Time**

- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Lisa Young*

**Sunday - First Sunday of Advent**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Merrit & Janice Hobbs*
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Randy Joe Marcum*

**The Church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day**

**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, 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, Lisa Vaught, Louis Dant, Jacinta Tichenor & Sonny Renfrow

**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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

**Have you not responded yet?**

As the Diocese has significantly increased its response to those economically impacted by the corona virus, we are all being asked to be as generous as possible through DRF. If you have not responded yet, please respond to this great charity as early as possible.

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

- Mary Ann Ellis - November 22
- Ralph Ward - November 26
- Grayson Watkins - November 28
- Brandy Rice - November 29

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

- William Chappell - November 24

***“You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all.” -St. Therese of Lisieux***

**CVS COVID-19 Testing**

CVS is offering COVID-19 testing. To schedule a test visit: <https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing>

**Virtual Family Retreat**

The Diocese of Owensboro is pleased to offer a free, virtual family retreat called “**Building a Family of Faith.**” These three-hour retreat experiences are geared towards the whole family and will consist of brief talks equipping parents, family prayer experiences and engagement, and guidance in creating a family plan for establishing your home as a community of faith. You will not just hear about, but actually engage as a family in practices of faith during the retreat experience. Pre-registration required Sunday, November 22, 2020 | 1:00PM-4:00PM Register at <https://bit.ly/3JRVxy> Upon registering your family, you will be sent a link through Zoom Video Conferencing to your email to gather with us.

**“Praying with Mary Through Advent” online Dec. 5**

Join us as we contemplate Mary’s pregnancy with Jesus and our own spiritual journeys – honoring both through the stages of struggle and celebration. This online retreat will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., offered by the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. The class will be led by Rebekah Wagner of Owensboro, a chaplain and spiritual director who has a passion for companionship others who seek to live an integrated life. The fee for this online Zoom class is \$25. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or register online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-sponsored-programs/>

**“Jesus, source of my life, sanctify me. O my strength, fortify me. My commander, fight for me.” St. Faustina**