

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 4:30pm 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@bellsouth.net

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.

FOURTH 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

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St. Sebastian will pray the rosary every Sunday at 8:00 **Parish breakfast** First Sunday of every month after ma **Donut breakfast** all other Sundays after mass.

ST. CHARLES

Parish Council: David Albin 270-499-3950 Finance Committee: Derek Miller 270-314-2007 Bereavement Committee: Carol Rhodes 270-278-275

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am **Parish potluck brunch** First Sunday of every month 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.







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Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

In the Gospel of last weekend, we saw that, Jesus challenged the customs and traditions of the Jews and Samaritans by talking with a Samaritan woman in public. In today's Gospel we see Jesus is challenging the spiritual pride/spiritual blindness of the Pharisees by curing the blindness of a man who was born blind on a sabbath day. Thus, Jesus proclaims to each of us that-He is the light of the world and reminds us that spiritual blindness.

Today, we are all living in a strange world, where we complain about the darkest side of the world-about war, poverty, corruption, racism, terrorism and many other problems and sufferings without lighting the light that we have in our hands. In other words, we are all busy in cursing the darkness without lighting the candle! No doubt, we live in a totally strange world where we have a microscope to see tiny things and a telescope to see distant things but cannot see what is closer to us. We know more about celebrities than our next-door neighbors or family and friends. Yes, so many things distract us from what really matters. Saint Theresa of Calcutta said: "I think the world today is upside down...we have no time for our children, we have no time for each other; there is no time to enjoy each other. In the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world."

Dear friends, this Sunday, let us ask Jesus to heal our blindness, particularly our failure to see those close to us. Let us pray to the Lord to help us to see our children, our family members, and our fellow parishioners. To experience the healing from our blindness, the first reading clearly reminds us to not judge anyone from his/her appearance because the Lord looks into the heart. We are all able to see, but how many of us can see the heart of the other person? It is here, we are different from Jesus. Yes, to see the heart of the other person we need the light of Christ in our lives. As Catholics, by receiving the lighted candle at the baptism, we are all called to be the light of Christ. However, the question for today is; do we care that the light of Christ is to burn brightly in our lives? Those who stood as parents and Godparents at the time of Baptism, please check for yourselves-how responsible are you to the commitment you made on behalf of that little child? Dear friends, it is our negligence to respond to the light of Christ, which makes this world more darkened, and problem filled. So as Catholics, our responsibility is huge to brighten this world through our Faith, Hope and Charity.

If you listened carefully to today's Gospel, you would notice the gradual insight the blind man developed about Jesus. The same kind of progression, we could find in last weekend's Gospel too in the case of the Samaritan woman (*Sir-Prophet-Jesus Christ/Messiah*). At first, the blind man sees Jesus as "<u>the Man called Jesus</u>." When the Pharisees questioned him about Jesus, the blind man said, "<u>He is a Prophet.</u>" Lastly, when Jesus asked the blind man if he believed in <u>Jesus as son of Man</u>, he said, "I do believe" and he worshipped Him. The practical lesson for us here is that, believing and worshiping go together. Today, we have so many people willing to say "I Believe" but they seldom have time to worship.

Although we may not be blind like the Pharisees, because if we were we would not be here but, sometimes we are like the parents of the blind man who hesitated to give witness to Christ for the healing He has done to their son for fear of the Jews. During this Mass, let us pray that we continue to come to know Christ as our Light and, our Savior and proclaim His greatness without any fear. **God Bless You!**

New Church Directory- St. Sebastian

Our new Church Directories have arrived. They are placed on the table outside of the church. One directory per family please. Thank you.

Contribution Envelopes- St. Sebastian

If you have not done so, please pick up your offering envelopes on the table outside of the church. Thank you.

Child Abuse Awareness

The month of April is Child Abuse Awareness month, this time we specifically set aside to pray for victims and survivors of both child abuse and sexual abuse especially for those that occurred in The Church. Join us on April 12th at 6pm at St. Stephens Cathedral for evening prayer and healing with Bishop William Medley.

Lenten Penance Service

During this Lent there is no special day for Penance Service. So during this month of March, Confession will be offered at both churches every Sunday.

St. Charles – after the mass St. Sebastian – 6:00pm – 7:00pm - Adoration & Confession

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Thank you for your contributions.

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Financial Report – March 12, 2023		
St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly		
Regular Collection	\$ 2,415.00 - 652.00	
Emergency Fund	\$ 360.00	
Special Collections	\$ 125.00	
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00	
Financial Report – March 12, 2023		
St. Charles - Amount Neede	d: \$1,249.00 weekly	
Regular Collection	\$1,256.00 + 7.00	
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00	
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Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00	

<u>Mass Schedule</u> March 19 – March 26

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian *Thomas & Bernice Hobbs* -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles *Randy Joe Marcum* -6:00pm – Adoration & Confession at St. Sebastian

Monday – St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Lisa Young*

Tuesday – Fourth Week of Lent -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Ian Lebron

Wednesday – Fourth Week of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Tichenor-Leachman Families

-12:30pm – 5:30pm – Eucharistic Adoration at St. Charles -5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Thursday – Fourth Week of Lent -8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – Joe Bickett

Friday- Fourth Week of Lent

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian Brandon Algood -9:30am – 3:00pm – Eucharistic Adoration at St. Sebastian

Saturday – The Annunciation of the Lord(Solemnity) -3:00pm – Confession at St. Sebastian -4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian - Parishioners

Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Alvin Bickett -10:30am – Mass at St. Charles Jimmy & Mary Welker -6:00pm – Adoration & Confession at St. Sebastian

Prayer List

We will be purging the prayer list soon. If you would like your loved one's name to stay on the list, please contact the office asap. Thank you.

Prayer List for Members of our Community

Melanie Mayes, Lisa Jackson, Ethan Settle, Pat Calhoun, Sonny Renfrow, Kimberly Stiles, Alice Weise, Callie Zhang, Becky Cheatham, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Lance Green, Serena Cooper, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Tony Searcy, Jerry Abney, Bea Dame, Heath Dame, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Thomas Scott, Bob Guenthner, Margie Cobb, Justus & Donnya Hayden, Helen Kraus and Jimmy Clayton

Update on the Roof- St. Sebastian

The Adjustor has inspected the wind damage on both the church and Preschool. He is recommending to Catholic Mutual that 100% of the church roof be replaced and the front half of the Preschool roof be replaced. The claims process will take about 3-4 weeks.

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.

"He who falls, falls by his own will, he who stands, stands by God's will."

- St. Augustine

Happy Birthday – St. Charles

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Philip Logsdon – March 23

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian

Betty Abrams – March 19 Matthew Hayden – March 20

Ministry Schedule March 25, 2023

<u>St. Sebastian</u> Euch. Min: Cathy Burden Lectors: Paula Tichenor

Ministry Schedule March 26, 2023

Euch. Min: Harriette Ellis St. Sebastian Mike Vollman Sid Haydn Lectors: Gail Clayton Drew McCarty Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Sid Hayden Hospitality Ministers: Josh Searcy **Daniel Watkins** Money Counters: Josh Searcy Neil Scott Donuts: Donald & Cindy Durbin St. Charles Euch: Min: Jackie Lee Sherry Logsdon Lectors: Lee Edwards Marylyne Miller Gift Bearers: Sherry Logsdon & Marylyne Miller Money Counters: Lee Edwards David Albin