

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Last weekend we were all encouraged to pray along with the disciples of Jesus for the grace of "Faith" in our lives to be like Jesus in this world. This weekend, we are all encouraged to profess our faith in Jesus with a grateful heart.

As we reflect about the readings of today, I would like to put some questions into your hearts and minds to reflect seriously. Who is your God? Do you worship Him alone? Do you give thanks to God for His mercy in your life? Naaman worshiped other gods and never thought anything about it, until he was healed by the God of Israel. If we seriously and sincerely examine our life, we will find that we are also on the same page as Naaman. Today, we worship many other gods without naming them. If we worship the God of Israel, then we must follow that God and His will in our lives. Even though, we are said to be worshipping the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in reality our lives speak volumes about worshipping other gods like money, power and many other worldly pleasures so to say, giving priority to other things than God.

In fact, we are all designed to do the will of God, because "we are created in the image and likeness of God." Acting against the will of God is actually the same as disfiguring the image of God that is dwelling in us and thereby experiencing all kinds of troubles in our lives, whereas, acting in conformity with the will of God brings us only peace, joy and happiness. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus responds to the cry of ten lepers positively. In Jesus' time people believed that sickness was a curse from God for the sin one has committed. Leprosy was contagious and the lepers were kept away from their community. They had a very pathetic life situation without any contact with their dear and near ones. Jews and Samaritans are born enemies. They had much conflict and religious differences, so they never mingled. From the Gospel, we understand that out of ten lepers nine of them were Jews and only one was a Samaritan. But in their dire need for healthy living, they forgot all their differences and egos and called out "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" From this, one thing we should accept that, on certain occasions sickness can be a blessing to forget differences and get united with the enemies. Decide now, do you wish to reconcile with your brother or sister in good health or through sickness? Lack of love disfigures the image of Christ in us, but sickness or leprosy disfigures the image of human beings.

Jesus asks the lepers "Go show yourselves to the priest." By this request, Jesus accepts and respects the authority of the priests, even though, Jesus is the High Priest; because it was the priests who

examined and declared whether any skin disease was leprosy or not in Jesus' time. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all ten lepers; however only one is coming back to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. Jesus is taken up by the attitude of gratitude shown by the Samaritan and so Jesus appreciates his faith over His own Jewish people's ungratefulness. Jesus says to him, "stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Dear friends, our salvation is found in realizing the gifts that we have received in every day of our lives and giving thanks to God alone. So, let us not waste our God given precious time in counting our problems and be sad, but let us count the blessings in our lives and be happy forever. **God Bless.**

Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference

Save the date for ODYC to be held at the Knically Center in Bowling Green on November 18-19, 2022. ODYC is an overnight conference for middle and high school students, grades 7-12. More information is available at owensborodiocese.org/owensboro-diocese-youth-conference

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If you have not done so already, please respond to the Disciples Response Fund. There are more envelopes available on the table if needed. You may drop them off at the office or place them in the collection basket. Thank you.

Safe Environment

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1- 877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852- 8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to our churches.

Financial Report – October 2, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 4253.00 + 1,186.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 455.00
Special Collection	\$ 25.00

Financial Report – October 2, 2022

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,249.00 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 1205.00 - 44.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 65.00
Special Collection	\$ 70.00

Mass Schedule

Oct. 9 – Oct. 16

Sunday - Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Grandparents*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Monday – Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:00am – Communion Service at St. Sebastian

Tuesday – Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Alvin Bickett*

Wednesday- Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor-Leachman Families
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles – *Mary Albin*

Thursday – Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

-3:00pm – Confession
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor-Leachman Families

Sunday - Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Louis Weise*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Katherine Roberts

"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be - and becoming that person." - *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

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 Zhang, Tom Schutte, Becky Cheatham, 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, Charles Mae, Tony Searcy, Jerry Abney, Bea Dame and Heath Dame.



We offer our heartfelt condolences to Lindsay Searcy and family on the passing of her grandfather, Donald Leon Gibbons.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

"Life passes so quickly, that we ought to think more of how to die than how to live"

-St. Teresa of Avila

Happy Anniversary – St. Sebastian



Daniel & Kellie Watkins – Oct. 8
Chad & Tracy McMahan – Oct. 10

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Emmy Ebelhar – Oct. 10
Tripp Hudson – Oct. 10
Patricia Hardison – Oct. 13
Michael Cooper – Oct. 14
Henry Hayden – Oct. 14

Ministry Schedule

October 15, 2022

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

October 16, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Mike Vollman
Drew McCarty
Laurie Scott
Lectors: David N. Scott
Earlene Abney
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Cheatham
Hospitality Ministers: Mike Vollman
Gates Tichenor

Money Counters: Patricia Hayden
Susie Alexander

St. Charles Euch. Min: Lee Edwards
Darrell Bishop
Lectors: Zach Albin
Anna Miller
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. George Rhodes
Money Counters: Rondy Humphrey
Derek Miller