

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

In every human being, there is an inner urge to reach God, and that is the reason we are all present in this church. To reach God, the Holy Mother Church gives us Mary as our role model, as we celebrate her assumption into heaven; Mary was taken to Heaven with her body and soul. Mary was very much fitting to heavenly set up, as she was very pure and holy in thoughts, words and actions from the very moment of her birth. We can say God the Father was preparing her for His great mission to bring salvation to this world through the birth of His Son. As we accept Mary as our Mother, we are her children; we have a greater opportunity to enter into heaven.

By birth we become the citizens of a country, but through Baptism we become the citizen of the Kingdom of God. By being the citizen of a country, we have the responsibility to follow the rules and regulations of the country. But as citizens of the kingdom of God, do we really pay attention to the rules and regulations of the Kingdom of God? Mary our Mother, paid the utmost care and attention to the rules and regulations of the Kingdom of God, and that is why without any hesitation or fear she could say 'Yes' to the will of God, and as a result she was taken to Heaven by Her Heavenly Father.

Mary was taken to heaven, because she was not touched by any stain of sin, and the grace of God was overflowing from every movement of her body, and that is why we see in the gospel the child in the womb of Elizabeth leaped with Joy, when Elizabeth heard the greetings of Mary. We meet in our daily life, many people and how many of us are able to stand up to the standard of Mary, an instrument of Grace? This is something to be seriously thought about by every one of us.

When we go through the lives of Mary and Elizabeth they were just ordinary people like any one of us, lived among other people in a small village, but they were extraordinary in the eyes of God, for they lived up to the desires of their Heavenly Father and they were faithful as the citizens of the Kingdom of God. They had their own problems and difficulties just like anyone of us, in order to keep up the will of God, but with courage and strength they did it, and said 'Yes' to the will of God. Even though, Mary had personal and social worries by saying 'Yes' to the will of God, her mind was focused on the will of God as the priority, and that is why she was able to sing praise to the Lord. So their life gives us the message that, by the grace of God they become extra ordinary people in the world and in the kingdom of God. Yes, it is their humble and simple way of life, and obedience to the will of God that took them to the realm of the greatest model of the world as

venerable persons. Yes, Mary did excellent mission in the world for the glory of God, by fulfilling His will and her assumption is the reward for that.

So, the assumption of Mary our Mother gives us the message that, be holy as the Heavenly Father is holy. Thank the Lord for all the blessings. Do say 'Yes' to the Lord always. Be humble before the Lord and be filled with the grace, so that our inner urge to enter into the Kingdom of God will be fulfilled. May the Good Lord Bless us and May the intercession of Mary our Mother guide us and support us. **Amen. God Bless You!**

Community Rewards Program

You can now support the Church when you shop at Kroger. Visit <http://www.kroger.com> and search for St. Sebastian Church or YN608 and click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires basic information, a valid email address and a Rewards card. Once your Rewards Card is enrolled, you can swipe your card or use your phone number at the register for the church to receive rewards. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus

Meeting August 16th at 7PM

Diocesan Advent Convocation

Bishop Medley invites you to Save the Date for our fourth annual Evangelization event which will take place during Advent this year. This event is for all priest, deacons, religious, schools and parish staff and will be held on December 2, 2021 at the Owensboro Convention Center. More details coming soon!

Sophia Awards Mass

Sophia Award Mass will take place on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 2:00PM at St. Stephen Cathedral to celebrate and Honor the 2020 recipients. A reception will follow in thw Fr. Vaughan Community Center. If you have questions please contact Janet Clancy in the Chancellor's office. janet.clancy@pastoral.org / 270-852-8354

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

Financial Report - August 8, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 2245 - 638.56
Emergency Fund	\$ 200

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St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly

Regular Collection	\$ 1357 + 298.78
Cemetery	\$ 9,502.58

Mass Schedule August 15 - August 22

Sunday - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Wendell & Martine Calhoun
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
John Miller, Jr.

Monday - Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time No Mass

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

Wednesday- Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time No Mass

Thursday - Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Friday - Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

No Mass

Saturday- St. Pius X, Pope (Memorial)

No Mass

Sunday - Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Isaac Caraway
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
John Miller, Jr.

Communion Service

Communion Service will be held at St. Sebastian every Tuesday and Thursday until Fr. Jegin returns and starts our normal Mass schedule on September 25th. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule

August 22, 2021

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Patricia Hayden
Lector: Cathy Burden & Paula Hayden

St. Charles Euch. Min: Jackie Lee
Lector: Ann Renfrow & John Logsdon

CDC Recommendations for Covid-19 Pandemic

- All Vaccinated and Unvaccinated over the age of two are strongly recommended to wear a facemask properly.
- If you are feeling ill or concerned about exposure to the virus be encouraged to remain home.
- Gathering spaces to be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- Continue with proper hand washing and/or sanitizing.
- No social gatherings or meetings are permitted in the church buildings.

31st Marian Congress Oct. 17

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, 2-4 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Center, 434 Church Ave., Bowling Green, KY, 42101. (270) 842.2525. Theme: Mary and Joseph Refuge Of Our Time. Presented by: Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM. Program: Confession & Reconciliation, Crowning of Mary Statue, Talk by Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM, Procession, Mass.

Preschool Registration

St. Sebastian Preschool Registration has already started. 4 year old classes are filling up quickly. Please call the church office if you are interested in sending your child to preschool this upcoming school year.

St. Sebastian - Anniversary



David & Kelsey Scott - August 15
Donald & Cindy Durbin - August 16
John & Cathleena Schutte - 20

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday



Lynne Scott - August 17

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." St. Catherine of Siena

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, Todd Tichenor, Kimberly Stiles, Louis & Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Mary Jewell, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Bill Abney, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Jacinta Tichenor Peters, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Becky Cheatham, Lisa Vaught, and Lance Green