

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

The purpose of our Christian call is to be with Jesus and to be sent out. Last weekend, when someone expressed his desire to follow Jesus, Jesus cautioned him by saying; *"foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."* After reminding about the challenges involved in following Jesus, we also had seen that Jesus invited two people to follow Him, but those two expressed their willingness to follow Jesus with certain conditions to be fulfilled before following Him. To those who put conditions, Jesus reminded them that, following Him is not a part time job, but it is a full-time job. Yes, following Jesus is not a secondary thing in life, but it should be the first priority in the life of every Christian. Having made clear about His mission, today Jesus is sending seventy-two missionaries in pairs to every town and places He intended to visit with a reminder; *"I am sending you like lambs among wolves."*

Dear friends, do you think after hearing all these scary warnings from Jesus, people would be following Jesus and accept up His mission? One thing is clear from Jesus' reminders that, He is very straight forward, and He is not concerned about the number, but about the quality. The problem with Christianity in today's world is that we are more in number and less in quality. This is the reason Jesus says, *"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No'. Anything more is from the evil one."* (Matthew 5:37). For sure, Jesus is not ready for any compromise. What happens when we try to make compromise with the Lord? Every time, we try to make a compromise with the Lord, we reduce the quality of our life, and eventually the quality of this world too. When we say, it is really difficult to follow Jesus and His words in our lives; we are already looking for a compromise. Here, we need to understand the truth that, Gospel is not a book that teaches, how we may live possibly, but it is a book that teaches us, how each one should/must live.

Jesus does not force anyone to become His disciple, but if anyone accepts His invitation to be His disciple, Jesus expects hundred percentages of commitment, a commitment to live for Him alone. This is what Jesus says to us through the Gospel of Matthew 16:24, "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." It is the total commitment Jesus is expecting from seventy-two elders in today's Gospel by mentioning about the conditions they must follow during their missionary journey. For sure, they did obey what Jesus demanded from them, and the Gospel states that; *"The seventy-two returned rejoicing."*

When we go through the Bible, while the synoptic

Gospels (Mathew, Mark & Luke) speak about the mission of the twelve apostles, only Luke mentions about a second mission of seventy-two. The Jews always believed that there were seventy-two nations in the whole world. Thus, by sending seventy-two elders in pairs means, Jesus sends out missionaries to the entire world. At the same time, when we talk about the mission of the twelve, it is always misunderstood that it represents only the mission of the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, and priests, who are the descendants of twelve apostles in today's world. But today, by sending seventy-two elders to the mission by Jesus, we are encouraged to believe that the mission is entrusted not only to the apostles, but also to each one of us who profess their faith in Jesus. So, it is a call for you and me to go and preach the good news of Peace to this world. Please remember that every baptized person is entrusted with three ministries in this world; Priestly (Sanctify), Prophetic (Proclaim the Good News) and Kingly (Rule). Today, the world is crying for the Good News of Peace. But today, the Peace is in different pieces and so is the world and the people. The only way we can unite everyone to experience peace is only by growing from a status of disciple to an apostle of Jesus Christ. **God Bless.**

Come celebrate your marriage with Bishop Medley!

Join us on **Sunday, September 25th** at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro for the annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration. Mass begins at 2:00pm with a cake and punch reception immediately following. Couples celebrating their fifth, tenth, twenty-fifth, fortieth, fiftieth, and fifty+ anniversaries will receive a Certificate of Recognition and take a group photo with Bishop Medley following Mass. All are invited and families are welcome, we only ask that those coming **RSVP to Sara Lewis** at (270)683-1545 or sara.lews@pastoral.org

ALPHA In a Catholic Context

Alpha is a dynamic way to invite parishioners on a journey of renewal! It trains leaders to listen, accompany others and be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is a language of welcome, hospitality and evangelization, that teaches by experiencing it! The Office of Evangelization & Discipleship will purchase promotional materials and copies of the workbook for all who attend. Contact Jeff Andrini for more information at: <https://alphausa.org/catholic-context/>

Financial Report – June 19, 2022

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

Regular Collection	\$ 1,906.00 – 977.56
Emergency Fund	\$ 10.00
Special Collection	\$ 35.00

Financial Report – June 19, 2022

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

Regular Collection	\$ 595.00 – 463.22
Special Collection	\$ 130.00

Mass Schedule **July 3 – July 10**

Sunday – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Joe Hayden*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *John W. Miller Jr.*

Monday – Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Louise Weise*

Tuesday – Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday- Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor – Leachman Families
-5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles-*Souls in Purgatory & The conversion of sinners.*

Thursday – Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian – *Lisa Young*

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

-3:00pm - Confession
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Sunday –Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Dant & McIntyre Families
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Randy Joe Marcum

Do You Know Someone?

If you know someone of your family or friends who wish to join the Catholic Church through RCIA Program. Please contact the church office.

"Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity."
-St. Vincent de Paul

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, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant., Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Maurice Drury JR., Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle and Charles Mae.

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Happy Anniversary - St. Charles



Joseph & Kimberly Staples – July 4
Terry & Mirasol Baggett – July 5

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Judy Fee – July 7

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



David & Lynne Scott – July 5

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Greg Dany – July 2
Tim Dempsey – July 2
Joseph Christian – July 8

Ministry Schedule **July 9, 2022**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Cathy Burden
Lectors: Paula Tichenor

July 10, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Sid Hayden
David N. Scott
Mike Vollman
Lectors: Donna Dant
Kelli Watkins
Gift Bearers: Michael Cooper & Family
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: John Calhoun & Family
Money Counters: Rondy Humphrey
Derek Miller