

**Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,**

As we live in this world, we have witnessed and are witnessing various types of evil like injustice, inequality, crime, poverty, sufferings etc., in different parts of the world. Being a Catholic, what have you done so far to resist these kinds of evils in this world? I am sure; until all these evils touch our lives personally we all remain silent and passive. Sorry to say, our silence and passive nature is the failure of our Christian life. Every Christian is called to build and protect the kingdom of God by fighting against all kinds of evil that acts against the kingdom values of justice, peace and love, but if we soldiers of the kingdom of God remain silent and passive in the battle against evil in this world, how can we build the kingdom of God here on earth?

After handing over all the weapons possible for the building of the kingdom of God through the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, presence of the Trinitarian God on Holy Trinity Sunday and His unending presence on last weekend through His most precious Body and Blood, today Jesus asks each one of us to begin to build the kingdom of God. As we begin our effort to build the kingdom of God, through two different parables Jesus reminds us that it is a slow process that happens without the knowledge of the worker.

In the Gospel Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God with two different seeds. In the first parable of the seed Jesus talks about the planting of the seed to the full growth of the seed reaching up to the harvest. In the second parable, Jesus talks about the result of the fully grown seed to a plant. Through the first parable, Jesus reminds us that the establishment of the kingdom of God is a slow process and we need patience, perseverance and participation. Today, we live in a world where everyone is looking for an instant result for anything that they do, but today Jesus is asking us to slow down. We sometimes feel that our little bit will make no difference, but remember that "little drops make the mighty ocean." In this regard, St. Theresa of Calcutta says, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

In the second parable of the mustard seed Jesus says, the little seed grows to become a big plant with large branches welcomes all kinds of birds to dwell and enjoy the shade. This little parable is asking us to reflect about growth of our own spiritual life. Dear friends, daily and weekend masses are very important for the growth of our spiritual life, at the same time it is also important how we relate with others with kindness and love. This is the reason Jesus always stresses the point of "Love of God and Love of neighbor." Just as a tall big tree has deeper roots with large branches which welcomes all kinds

of birds and gives shade, only parents with deep rooted faith in Jesus Christ can build a holy family, strong community and become an example to others through their love and care to everyone without any kind of discrimination.

Is there anyone who has grown by himself or herself? All of us live here in this world with the help of someone else. The same way, God needs our help for the growth of the Kingdom of God here on earth. Can you be a help for Jesus to build the kingdom of God is the question of the Gospel today. Dear friends, the seed of the kingdom of God fell on many people, but the fate of all seeds were not the same. Some fell on the path, some fell on the rocky ground, and some fell among the bushes. So to say, due to various reasons, many have left their faith. Today, we all appear to be the good soil and so we are here and called to produce for the kingdom of God. But in reality, the seed of the kingdom of God safe in our lives? Dear friends, if your effort to build the kingdom of God has failed miserably, do not hesitate to approach our Jesus for the insurance of grace through the sacraments. If you have not started yet, with a repented heart begin today, in a small way, by the grace of God it can make changes. **God Bless.**

**Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph launch**

**51<sup>st</sup> Raffle**



The Mount Raffle has been a tradition for over 50 years. It is an important source of funding for the Ursuline Sisters' ministries as well as the retired sisters. Tickets are still just \$5 each. Our top prize is \$10,000! We have bigger cash prizes this year! The drawing will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12. You can buy tickets online at: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/mountraffle>. If you would prefer to order tickets through the mail, write your check to the Ursuline Sisters and send to: Mount Raffle, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

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

**Financial Report - June 6, 2021**

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

Regular Collection	\$ 3,368.00 + 429.91
Emergency Fund	\$ 340.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00

**Financial Report - June 6, 2021**

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

Regular Collection	\$ 1,000.00 - 147.46
Emergency Fund	\$ 100.00
Cemetery	\$ 4,014.88

**Mass Schedule**

**June 13 - 20**

**Sunday - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Guy & Virginia Anderson*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Darrell Crabtree*

**Monday - Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tuesday - Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Wednesday - Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Delila Mae Payne*  
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles  
*Audry Dit Hagan*

**Thursday - Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Ted Dame*

**Friday - Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Dr. Robert Kraus Family*

**Saturday - Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time**

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Joe Bickett*

**Sunday - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Joseph Allen Hayden*  
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*June Evans*

**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

**Please Pray for our Military**

MMN1 Andrew Logsdon, SSgt. James (J.P.) Dye, John Randall Zarembo, 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

**Parish Council Meeting**

Monday, June 14th at 6:30pm there will be a parish council meeting.

**Knights of Columbus**

Monday, June 21st at 7:00pm there will be a Knights of Columbus meeting.

**Ministry Schedule**

**June 19, 2021**

Lector: Paula Tichenor

**June 20, 2021**

Euch. Min.: David M. Scott

Lector: Lindsay Searcy

Euch. Min.: Jackie Lee

Lector: Marylyne Miller

**Youth 2000**

**YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 13-30!**

You are invited to a YOUTH 2000 Retreat on July 17-18, 2021 at Brescia University. You will have the opportunity to gather with other young people of your age for prayer, Adoration, singing, and learning about our Catholic faith. This retreat is being sponsored by the Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee and the Diocesan Offices of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Faith Formation. Youth should register through a parish, school or other group. Diocesan guidelines regarding COVID-19 protocols are in place and can be found, along with more information and registration forms, at [owensborodiocese.org/youth-2000/](https://owensborodiocese.org/youth-2000/).

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**



Samantha Rhodes - June 19

**St. Charles - Happy Anniversary**



Andy & Christina Hudson - June 15

**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**



Todd & Cathy Burden - June 14  
Nathan & Emily Floyd - June 14  
Eddie & Judy Sallee - June 16  
Neil & Laurie Scott - June 18  
Michael & Kathy Hudson - June 19  
Jim & Susan Lebold - June 20

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**



Ella Sexton - June 14  
Donald Durbin - June 17  
Chad McMahon - June 18  
Evelynn Sexton - June 18  
Hadley Rice - June 20  
Catie Schutte - June 20