

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

Last weekend we noticed that Jesus had the great courage to send His disciples to preach the good news of repentance despite their failures. This weekend we notice that the disciples are coming back to Jesus to report about their mission work. From the Gospel, we all get the impression that the disciples had a very successful ministry that, "people were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat." Can anyone think about the reason for their successful ministry? The answer is that, the disciples obeyed the instructions of Jesus given for their ministry in the last weekend. Remember the great miracle happened at Cana, where Mary says to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." The servants obeyed Jesus and thereby we witnessed a great miracle. Think about the miracle that happened in the lives of Peter and His companions when they went fishing and came back catching nothing, but when they obeyed Jesus' instruction in fishing they experienced a great catch. The book of Deuteronomy 4:40 says, "Keep His statutes and commandments, which I am giving you today, so that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may live long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time." Dear friends, if you wish to prosper in your life or business or any other undertakings the only way is to obey the directions of Jesus in our lives.

As I had said in the last weekend's reflection, the purpose of our Christian call is to be with the Lord and to send out, today, as the disciples came back to Jesus to report about their ministry, Jesus says; "Come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest a while." What does this invitation of Jesus mean? It is an invitation to be with the Lord again to seek the will of God for the ministry to be continued. The true evangelization is to be with the Lord and with His people and it is the same Jesus who says: Love of God and neighbor. Only as long as we are able to maintain a good relationship with God and His people we can become his true disciples and be called as a good shepherd.

Yes, Jesus and His disciples maintained the qualities of a good shepherd and that is why people were coming after them. The Gospel says, "His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." Yes dear friends, today if you and I confess the truth that the world is going crazy, the answer is - the world is lacking a good shepherd. To become a good shepherd, we don't need to be president or prime minister of the nation, but we should have the qualities like Jesus the good shepherd. We should have the qualities such as: courage, attention, care, and love. Courage to defend the dangerous situation and protect

the sheep. Attention that every sheep is well. Care that every sheep is sufficiently fed without any problem and guide them to the final destination. In today's world every one of us are called to become a good shepherd in our own little space. How can we become a good shepherd? There is no compromise, but be a channel of God's love in this world, because Love is the source of courage, attention, and care. It is the Love that unites guides and brings us together as children of the Good Shepherd – JESUS CHRIST. So let us accept Jesus as the leader of our life and lead a happy life in this world and the world to come. **Amen.**

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God." *St. Faustina*

Grandparents Day

Pope Francis has recently declared this July 25th to be the first annual world day of grandparents and the elderly, and has asked every Diocese to promote its celebration in each Parish community. Dear grandchildren please be sure to recognize and appreciate the love and care of your grandparents.

Natural Family Awareness Week: July 25-31, 2021

Why should couples use Natural Family Planning? Because it's good for your marriage, it doesn't hurt your body, and it's what the Catholic Church recommends. It's also very effective and statistically leads to greater joy and a more satisfying relationship. For more information, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/natural-family-planning.

Marriage Enrichment

Grace marriage is a quarterly, small group model of marriage enrichment where couples spend 6 hours every 90 days investing in their marriage. The diocese is expanding from three locations to five location in 2021, including Owensboro, Whitesville, and Henderson. Registrations opens in July. Groups start in August. For more details, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage. For other marriage enrichment opportunities, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment

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

Financial Report - July 11, 2021

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 2,397.00 - 486.58
Emergency Fund \$ 420.00

Financial Report - July 11, 2021

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly
Regular Collection \$ 1,244.00 + 185.78
Emergency Fund \$ 40.00
Cemetery \$ 9,502.58

**Mass Schedule
July 18 - 25**

Sunday - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Guy & Virginia Anderson
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Andy Martinez

Monday - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Bill & Jacinta Garinger

Tuesday - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joe Bickett

Wednesday - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Shultz

Thursday - Saint Mary Magdalene (Feast)
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Delila Mae Payne

Friday - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Beth & Cory Fulks

Saturday - Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Tichenor-Leachman Families

Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Merrit & Janice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
John Miller Jr.

**Ministry Schedule
July 24, 2021**

St. Sebastian Lector: Jim Lebold

July 25, 2021

St. Sebastian Euch. Min.: Marc Searcy
Lector: Gail Clayton & Drew
McCarty

St. Charles Euch. Min.: Marsha Logsdon
Lector: Zach Albin & Anna
Miller

**Money Counters
July 25, 2021**

St. Sebastian: Lisa Vaught & Lynne Scott

August 1, 2021

St. Sebastian: Laurie Scott & Patricia Hayden

Hearty Welcome & Thank You

St. Sebastian and St Charles Church Families would like to welcome Tracie Feldpausch as our new Music Minister for our churches. We wish you all the best.

Dear Daven Edmonds we all miss you more than you can think of. Thank you for your great talent you shared with us. We wish you all the best for your new undertakings.

May GOD Bless you both.

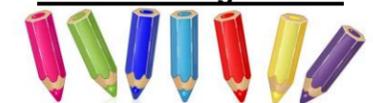
Attention Please

From now on everyone renting St. Sebastian Parish Hall is not permitted to put anything on the wall, such as: tape, command strips, decorations, etc. Thank you.

You are Invited

St. Augustine & St. Peter parishes are celebrating the 31st ordination anniversary of Fr. John on August 22nd with Mass at 4:00pm with a potluck dinner thereafter. The celebration will be held at St. Augustine Church, Reed. If you are planning to attend, call St. Peter church office or Fr. John.

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 - Happy Birthday



Sam Burden - July 22
Knox McCarty - July 22
Gordon Payne - July 22

St. Charles - Happy Birthday



Cameron Edwards - July 23
Joseph Staples - July 23

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