

*"God hates the Sin, not the Sinner."*

**Dear friends in Jesus Christ,**

Have you ever lost your hope for heaven because of your particular way of life? If so, it is time to change that thought from your mind. The life of St. Peter gives us the hope that God has not lost His hope in us that we will come back to Him. As we turn the pages of the Bible we can see, St. Peter as the leading disciple failed Jesus miserably many times. Yet, he was still appointed to be the head of the Church. Yes, the Book of Isaiah 40:29 reminds us that *"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."* The greatest quality we can find in St. Peter is that he was humble enough to accept his failures before God each time he failed. The greatest failure many of us face in our spiritual journey is our failure to be humble enough, to acknowledge our failures before the Lord and others. So, it is not only God, who has to work in us, rather we also who have to work with God, to experience Him in our lives. This is what we always say, the God who created you without your permission, cannot save you without your permission.

Last weekend, we had seen that St. Peter solemnly repeats the revelation from the Heavenly Father as, *"You are the Christ, Son of the living God"* to the question of Jesus *"Who do you say that I am?"* Even though St. Peter made the solemn profession of faith and pretended to be the greatest among all the disciples, Jesus warned him by saying, *"For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly father."* In other words, Jesus expects His disciples and each one of us, to increase our faith only in our personal encounter with Him. Yes, if we try to copy or imitate someone or something that will not have a lasting result, in other words be who you are and create your own identity as a disciple of Jesus. Remember, we begin to lose the beauty of this world, when we try to imitate somebody in our lives and try to live exactly as them.

St. Peter who copied this revelation of the Heavenly Father, without having any deeper relationship with Jesus last weekend... miserably fails Jesus today. In today's Gospel, Jesus actually pulls down the fake image that St. Peter created by saying, *"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."* I have a question for you today. Are you an obstacle to Jesus in this world like Peter through your lives? Every time we fail to accept the will of God, every time you and I murmur about little inconveniences and difficulties in our lives, every time we raise questions to God and doubt his existence, be sure we are standing as an obstacle to Jesus here in this world. Dear friends, following Jesus in this world is not an easy walk. It is a difficult walk we have to make like Jesus did, through rejection, humiliation, suffering etc.

*"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* So, the Gospel of today teaches us that, if we decide to follow Jesus seriously in our lives, we need to change our thinking like humans and we should begin to think like God. People, who think like humans, try to save their lives here in this world. However people, who think like God, try to save their lives from this world to get to heaven. This is what Jesus says, *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."* Yes dear friends, there is no resurrection without Good Friday. So, let us first embrace the Good Friday life of Jesus, to experience the glory of His resurrection in our lives. Peter failed and failed, but he was ready to rise from his fall without missing his destination. So let us not fall back, rather fall front and get closer to our destination with humility of heart. God hates the sin, not the sinner. **God Bless.**

**Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy**

Effective immediately (July 1, 2020), parish gatherings outside the liturgy as well as non-parish sponsored events held by groups renting or using parish facilities or property.

- Limit the persons in attendance to no more than 50% of the maximum permitted occupancy capacity of the space.
- Maintain physical distance of six feet minimum from those not living within the same household.
- Wear face covering over mouth and nose. Based on CDC recommendations, everyone over the age of two must wear a mask for the duration of any event held on parish property if closer than six feet to anyone not living within the same household.
- Conduct temperature checks for each participant.
- Ensure proper, frequent cleaning and sanitation of the gathering space, including restrooms.
- Follow State of Kentucky **Healthy at Work Requirements for Restaurants and Bars** for any form of food service.

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

**Financial Report - August 23, 2020**

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

Regular Collection	\$ 3,017.00 + 78.91
Emergency Fund	\$ 515.00
Brescia	\$ 25.00

**Financial Report - August 23, 2020**

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

Regular Collection	\$ 1,523.00 + 375.54
Emergency Fund	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 4,994.88

**Money Counting**

Due to safety reasons we are suspending the duty of counting money. At this point in time Sarah Brown will be counting the collection. Thanks.

**Mass Schedule**  
**August 30 - September 6**

**Sunday - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Alvin Bickett*
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Jim Rhodes*

**Tuesday - Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Leo Guenther*

**Thursday - Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)**

- 6:00pm - Mass at St. Charles  
*Souls in Purgatory*

**Saturday - Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time**

- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Robert Vollman*

**Sunday - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian  
*Lisa Young*
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles  
*Joe Bickett*

***"What we love we shall grow to resemble."***  
***-Saint Bernard of Clairvaux***

**Prayer List for members of our community:**

Melanie Mayes, Jason Evans, Stella Ibrahims, Elaine West, Lisa Jackson, Howard Hillard, Brett McPherson, Stephanie Payne, Kathy Hudson, Evelyn Drury, Teresa Jones, Ethan Settle, Tom Schutte, Kim Staples, Katherine Roberts, Patricia Hardison, Tommy England, Dennis Millay, Todd Tichenor, Patricia Hayden, Jim Lebold, Jimmy Clayton, Candace Miller, Mary Jewell, Charlie May, David Abrams, Jackie Lee, Debbie Neal, James & Paula Tichenor, Tony Calvert, Mike Dant, Alice Durbin, Jim Logsdon Betty Bickett, John Muster, Pat Calhoun, Kyle Hicks, Kathy Owen, James Lewis Dant, Gloria Farmer, Allie & Josh Kirk, Lisa Vaught, and Louis Dant. *Please call the office to have a name added to the prayer list. This list will be purged at the end of each month. Thanks*

**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 & Corpsman Aly Franklin

**Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass Canceled**

Due to COVID-19 precautions, the annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration Mass is being canceled. (The Mass was originally scheduled Sunday, September 27th at Christ King.)

**Priesthood Sunday, September 27**

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the U.S. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

**St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday**

- Scott Caraway - August 31
- Tony Searcy - August 31
- Kylie Ebelhar - September 1
- Faye May - September 2
- Pat Payne - September 4
- Chloe Dempsey - September 6

**St. Charles - Happy Birthday**

- Rita Gill - August 30
- Neal Hayden - September 2

**St. Sebastian - Happy Anniversary**



- Derek & Susan Alexander - August 31
- Michael & Margaret Dant - September 4
- John & Brenda Pinkston - September 5

**St. Charles - Happy Anniversary**



- Michael & Jackie Lee - September 3

**New Optional Memorial**

Pope Francis inscribed a new optional Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska on October 5th each year. Information for liturgical texts can be found here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/saint-faustina-kowalska.cfm>. The Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America are emended as follows:

October 2020  
5, Monday, Weekday, green/white/white  
*[Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest]*  
Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 (461)

Whenever you are unable to fill your ministry, please find someone to replace you and/or contact the office so your name will not be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.