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Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is administered upon request. Parents and Godparents must attend class on Baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact the pastor or the office to set up an appointment for this class at least a month in advance. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic for their child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age, and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

Is anyone sick/admitted in the hospital?

If anyone is sick or admitted in the hospital, please let Pastor know or call the office.

Sacrament of Penance

Sacrament of Penance is administered every Saturday at 4:30pm or by appointment at St. Sebastian Church.

Rite of Christian initiation of adults and children (RCIA):

Adults interested in becoming Catholic participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith. This is for persons who are seeking baptism in the Catholic Church or full communion with the Catholic tradition through the Profession of Faith, reception of Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are interested, please call the office.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months before the desired wedding date. According to the guidelines of our diocese, you should not make absolute plans for a specific wedding date until after meeting with the pastor. The couple will be required to attend a marriage preparation course which will include at least one formal program such as an Engaged Encounter weekend of the Sponsor Couple Program.

Bulletin Information

Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Sebastian's office by Wednesday. 270-273-3185 or stsebch@bellsouth.net

St. Sebastian & St. Charles Churches invite you to contact the church office at 270-273-3185 if you or someone you know are unable to come to church due to any type of disability. Do not let this keep you from coming to Mass. We will make every effort to come get you and take you home.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER





St. Sebastian Church 180 Hwy 136 West Calhoun, KY 42327





St. Charles Church 506 Hill Street Livermore, KY 42352

We the people of the Catholic churches of McLean County come together as a loving parish family-reaching out as one, with open hearts, minds and souls to share our love for God and our neighbor centered around the Holy Eucharist.

STAFF & CONTACTS

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St. Sebastian will pray the rosary every Sunday at 8:00am. **Parish breakfast** First Sunday of every month after mass. **Donut breakfast** all other Sundays after mass.

ST. CHARLES

Parish Council: David Albin 270-499-3950
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St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am. **Parish potluck brunch** First Sunday of every month after mass.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Molly Hayden, Henry Fritz and Alastair Cooper on receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

May the love of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Communion be with you always. Amen.

Fish Fry Meeting

There will be a follow-up fish fry meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

On Saturday, May 13, 2023, the KC's will be selling smoked Boston Butts in effort to raise funds to sponsor the youth in our church for summer camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

The cost will be \$40.00, and they will be ready for pick up at 2:00pm.

Gasper River is a summer camp and retreat center, operating in the diocese of Owensboro, that seeks to engage young people in their faith by providing challenging activities, building faith communities, and teaching the tools of evangelization, so they can share their faith when they return home.

Gasper River

All camps are still open for the summer 2023 but spaces are filling up fast! Go to www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to get signed up.

We also have opportunities for full-time summer staff positions, Staff in training positions and volunteer counselor positions still available for this summer.

ALL ARE WELCOME • IF YOU ARE A VISITOR TO OUR CHURCH, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISHES, CALL 273-3185 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS TO REGISTER.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

There is a story about two men who were invited to recite the Psalm 23 at a banquet. One was a famous, eloquent, and skillful orator. He recited the psalm. His recitation was so powerful that when he finished, all the people stood up and applauded and cheered loudly. Then the other man, who was much older, repeated the same psalm. But when he had finished, there was complete silence in the room. There was no applause, no sound whatsoever. Instead, the people were deep in thought, devotion, and prayer. In amazement, a woman leaned over to the first orator and asked him why there was such a difference. The orator replied, "The difference is: I know Psalm 23, but my friend knows the Shepherd."

In today's Gospel Jesus uses the example of a shepherd to describe His role and explain who he is and what he is doing. This kind of story telling is very familiar to the people of Jerusalem and Judea because the Jews in Jesus' time were first shepherds and then farmers. Moreover, in the Old Testament the sheep were often used to illustrate people and shepherds to illustrate leaders, such as God and kings.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses two sets of images. In the first, the scene is a common sheepfold in a village, where different shepherds would bring their sheep each night, and hire a gate keeper to guard the entrance. In the morning, as the sun came up, the shepherds would return to the sheepfold, and be let in by the gatekeeper. They, then, would call their sheep out of the fold and lead them to pasture. True shepherds would not have any problem to enter the sheepfold because they enter in by the same door as the sheep. Whereas thieves and robbers would gain access in "some other way". Using this illustration, Jesus identifies himself as the true shepherd who comes into the world in the right and proper manner. calls his own sheep by name and leads them out of the darkness into the light. Being a good shepherd, he goes ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

When the Pharisees, did not understand this example of a shepherd, Jesus gave them another illustration. He said, "I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." By making this comment, Jesus does not say that Godly men like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and other prophets who had come before him were thieves and robbers, but rather, his comment was pointed towards the Pharisees of his time, who preyed on the Israelites and used them for their own selfish ends. Thus,

Jesus stressed that He is the true way, the right way, and the only way to the sheepfold, the Kingdom of God. Thus, Jesus identifies himself as the gate or the door which protects the sheep and enables them to seek food and thus to have life. Thus, Jesus identifies himself in two images, that of the shepherd and the gate.

Finally, Jesus said, "A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy. I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly". This statement of Jesus could be very well understood if we could make a comparative study on the life and activities of Jesus and the religious teachers of Jesus's time. The scribes and pharisees preached the word of God, and seldom practiced and so people were not able to know the true shepherd. Whereas Jesus preached and practiced, and people found abundance of love, peace, and joy in His presence and so wherever Jesus went, people followed Him.

Today, as we celebrate this Sunday as good shepherd Sunday, the question is who do I follow in my life? The true shepherd and or the false shepherd? Remember, every Christian is called to be a good shepherd and if so, am I a good shepherd to leading others to Christ in my life? **God Bless**.

"The lives of the saints are nothing, but the Gospel

put into practice."

Rachel's Vineyard

-St. Francis de Sales

If you are suffering from grief or trauma from an abortion, come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women & men who are suffering from the lingering effects of abortion. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment of our Children to Jesus. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. Upcoming Retreats: June 2-4, 2023, Nashville, TN and November 3-5, 2023, Owensboro, KYFor more information or to register contact: Rita: (270) 474-4707 retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com http://hopeafterabortionky.com

Thank you for your contributions.

<u>Financial Report – April 23, 2023</u> St. Sebastian- <u>Amount Needed: \$3,067.00 weekly.</u>

Regular Collection \$ 1,665.00 - 1,402.00
Emergency Fund \$ 240.00
Mass Intentions \$ 5.00
Silent Auction \$ 95.00

Financial Report – April 23, 2023
St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,249.00 weekly.
Regular Collection \$826.00 - 423.00

Mass Schedule April 30 - May 7

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian

Thomas & Janice Hobbs
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles

Sabrina Whitehouse Evans

Monday – Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday – St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor (Memorial)

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian - Jamie Hobbs

Wednesday – Sts. Philip and James, Apostles (Feast)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Ian Lebron

--5:30pm – Mass at St. Charles Souls in Purgatory

Thursday - Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Tony Dean

Friday- No Mass

Saturday – Easter Weekday

-3:00pm - Confession

-4:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian - Parishioners

Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Jimmy Clayton* -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Mary Albin

Happy Anniversary – St. Charles



Darrell & Geneva Bishop - April 30

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Tony Logsdon – April 29

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

Serena Cooper, Cindy Miller, Betty Bickett, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Thomas Scott, Bob Guenthner, Justus & Donnya Hayden, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Quida Troutman, Brandon Good, Ethan Settle, Sean Cooper, and Marion Cooper

Sacred Heart Revival

Do you want more peace in your family, blessings on your undertakings, and a more perfect faith life? Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. Open the door for Him! Join our nationwide campaign to invite the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home, classroom, or business. Visit www.SacredHeartRevival.com for more information on the graces of the Sacred Heart and sign up today.

Job Listings

Our Lady of Lourdes Daycare located in Owensboro, KY is looking for a Daycare Director and several daycare workers. Hourly pay of daycare workers is \$13 per hour. We offer benefits, retirement, paid holidays, nights and weekends off.

If you are interested, please contact Lois Decker at lois@lourdescatholicchurch.com

Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Quinton & Laurine Sexton – May 5

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Marie Caraway – May 3 Juliet Cooper – May 5

Ministry Schedule May 6, 2023

St. Sebastian

Euch. Min: Cathy Burden Lectors: Paula Tichenor

Ministry Schedule May 7, 2023

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Marc Searcy

Neil Scott Harriette Ellis

Lectors: Lindsay Searcy

Kathy Hudson

Gift Bearers: Mr.& Mrs. Todd Burden

Hospitality Ministers: Scott Caraway

Marc Searcy

Money Counters: Cathy Burden Jimmy Clayton

Donuts: First Sunday Breakfast

St. Charles Euch: Min: Jackie Lee

Sherry Logsdon

Lectors: George Rhodes Christina Hudson

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. John Renfrow

Money Counters: Derek Miller

Lee Edwards