#### Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus at mount Tabor, St. Peter said to Jesus; "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will put up three tents one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Mt. 17: 4). It is about the same dwelling place Jesus is inviting us to make through the Gospel of today. Jesus says, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We all claim that we love Jesus, but how is it that we don't care for His word? Jesus makes it very clear that if we love Him, we should keep His word in our lives. Let us seriously reflect about our love for Jesus! Through the Gospel of John Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know My sheep and Mine know me." Jesus being the Good Shepherd knows us very well and that is why we are here, but how much we do know Jesus?

The Gospel of today is the final discourse of Jesus to His disciples before His preparation to His passion and death, a departure filled with terrible anxiety. Here. Jesus is not anxious about His passion and death, but He is very much anxious about His loving disciples. The last discourse of Jesus to His disciples clearly brings out His unconditional love for His disciples. Jesus reminds His disciples that He is not leaving them alone, but since He is not going to be with them physically, they will be supported by the Holy Spirit. Yes, they will be able to get the support of the Holy Spirit, provided they live the word that Jesus had told them.

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit is the helper/advocate promised by Jesus to each one of us in this world. Today, the Holy Spirit is very much active and alive in our midst, but do we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives? Looking around and witnessing the present world situations, undoubtedly, we can say that we do not really give enough room for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. When the Holy Spirit is not given enough room in our lives, and in this world through our lives, the vacant space will be automatically be filled in by the evil spirit therefore, as a result we will have a troubled world and troubled hearts. Understanding the vulnerability of the disciples and each one of us Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." One might ask, how can it be possible, as long as we live in this troubled world? Like any one of us Jesus also lived in a troubled world. He also faced hardships and problems, just like any one of us are going through. But, His heart was not troubled because He believed in His Father's words and promises. So, without any doubt Jesus says, the

peace He gives is everlasting not temporary like the world gives. So, if we are serious about experiencing peace in our lives and in the world, there is no other way than surrendering ourselves into the hands of the Lord. The scripture says, Jesus breathed His last by saying, "into Thy hands I commend my spirit." Let us pray that the Peace of Christ rule this world. God Bless You.

## **Volunteer Opportunities for Upcoming National Conference of Burmese American Catholics**

The Diocese of Owensboro is honored to host the upcoming 11th annual National Conference of Burmese-American Catholics on July 1 to July 4, 2022. Our Burmese friends who are coming will come from all over the United States. The conference expects 1,500 conference participants. A highlight of the event will be Deacon Martin Ma Na Ling's ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro on July 2.

An event like this takes many volunteers. We are asking you to take some time from your July 4th holiday weekend to join us in welcoming the participants and helping us make this a memorable experience for them. A list can also be found with time slots at owensborodiocese.org/ncbac.

For questions, please call Kathy Doup at 270-683-1545, extension 421, or email kathy.doup@pastoral.org.

"Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore, the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits." - St. Philip Neri

"Super Raffle" - Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are holding a "Super Raffle" with a grand prize of \$20,000, second prize of \$5,000 and third prize of \$1,000. The drawing is on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each. Only 3,000 raffle tickets will be sold. All proceeds will support SCN ministries here in the United States and around the world in Belize, Botswana, India, Kenya and Nepal. You can join us for a live webcast of the Super Raffle drawing on Friday, July 15, 2022 beginning at 12:45 p.m. Tickets will go fast, so don't delay! Get your raffle tickets today! To purchase raffle tickets, please call 502-348-1519 or go to our website at https://nazareth.org/raffle/. Know, always, of our gratitude to you for all of your past support!

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to Our Churches. God Bless & Be Safe

Financial Report - May 15, 2022

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$2,883.56 weekly \$ 2,055.00 - 828.56 Regular Collection \$ 435.00 **Emergency Fund** 

Financial Report – May 15, 2022 St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,058.22 weekly Regular Collection \$ 720.00 - 338.22

# **Mass Schedule** May 22- May 29

## Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Norman Rummage -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - Mary Albin

#### Monday – Easter Weekday

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Marcie Vanover

## **Tuesday – Easter Weekday**

-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian Marion Lee & Ellen Louise Roberts

## Wednesday- Easter Weekday

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

## Thursday - St. Philip Neri, Priest (Memorial)

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - Lisa Young -5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles - Mary Albin

## Friday – Easter Weekday

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

## Saturday – Easter Weekday

-5:00pm - Mass at St. Sebastian Bill & Jacinta Garinger

#### Sunday - The Ascension of the Lord

-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian Mary Vollman -10:30am - Mass at St. Charles Katherine Roberts

As Faith Formation classes have come to an end for this academic year, Wednesday Mass will be held at 8:30am at St. Sebastian.

# **Ministry Schedule** May 28, 2022

St. Sebastian Lectors: Paula Tichenor

## May 29, 2022

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Marc Searcy

Lectors: Lindsay Searcy &

Kathy Hudson Money Counters: Lynne Scott &

Mike Vollman Euch. Min: Darrell Bishop St. Charles

> Lectors: Derek Miller & Geneva Bishop

Money Counters: Rondy Humphrey &

Derek Miller



## **Life-Giving Wounds Retreat**

The effects of divorce are deep and long-lasting, no matter what age it happened to you. But the good news is healing can happen. Life- Giving Wounds is a ministry specifically for adults whose parents are divorced or separated. Introducing: the first-ever Life Giving Wounds retreat in the Diocese of Owensboro, (in conjunction with the Diocese of Evansville). A three-day, in-person healing retreat for adult children of divorce or separation. SAVE THE DATE! Aug 19-21. To register, visit https://www.evdio.org/divorce-prevention-and-support.html

## Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Drew & Brianne McCarty - May 23 Paul & Theresa Lancaster - May 24

#### Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Andy Hudson - May 24

## Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Brenda Pinkston – May 22 Lance Green – May 23 Daniel Watkins - May 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, Alice Weise, Callie Hayden, Tom Schutte, Evelyn Drury, Debbie Dunn, Ben Dunn, Tommy England, Louis Dant, Lance Green, Neil Hayden, Serena Cooper, Jeff Husk, Elaine West and Maurice Drury, JR. Marcie Vanover, Cindy Miller