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WE WALK BY
Faith
NOT BY SIGHT
Corinthians 5:7



The Parishioners of The St. Sebastian & St. Charles Catholic Churches of McLean County
Thanks to all the businesses that help support our bulletin both in the past and the present.

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 3:00 pm 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@outlook.com

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.

TWENTIETH SUNDY IN ORDINARY TIME



AUGUST 20, 2023

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

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Cemetery: Church Office 270-273-3185
Altar Society: Brianne McCarty

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: Christina Hudson 270- 871-6644
Finance Committee: Derek Miller 270-314-2007
Bereavement Committee: Carol Rhodes 270-278-2759

St. Charles prays the rosary every Sunday at 10:00am.
Parish potluck brunch First Sunday of every month after mass.

Communion Service

Durning Fr. Jegin's absence, Jimmy Clayton will lead Communion Services on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 am.

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Sebastian

Our first meeting for the Eucharistic Revival will be Sunday, September 17, at 4:00 pm, in the parish hall. Both groups will meet at this time, and dates for the remainder of the revival will be set with team leaders. Finger foods will be served. Thank you.

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group – St. Charles

Acts 2:42 Eucharistic Group will meet on the First Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the hall. Please check the list on the table to sign up for this exciting event with Sherry Logsdon and Lee Edwards our team leaders. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

Anointing of the Sick

St. Sebastian – Saturday, Aug. 26th at 4:00 pm.
Sunday, Aug. 27th at 8:30 am.
St Charles – Sunday, August 27th at 10:30 am.

Fr. Jegin's Pilgrimage

Fr. Jegin is going on a spiritual journey to Europe from Sept. 1st – Sept. 22nd. He will visit some of the most sacred sites and deepen his connection with God. We are blessed to have such a devoted priest in our parish. However, this also means that there will be no daily or Saturday evening Mass during his absence. Our normal Mass schedule will resume on Saturday Sept 23rd. Let us all keep Fr. Jegin in our prayers and wish him a safe and fruitful trip. Thank you.

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,

Toward the end last weekend's Gospel Jesus said to Peter, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt." Toward the end today's Gospel, Jesus says to the Canaanite woman, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." The Gospel of last weekend revealed to us the lack of faith the disciples of Jesus had, despite their close relationship with Him. The Gospel of today reveals to us the great faith of the woman in Jesus who might have just heard about Jesus. Dear friends, through this comparison of the Gospels I would like you to reflect about our faith in Jesus. We are said to be the followers of Jesus but, how deep is our faith in Jesus? Forget about our faith in Jesus, how much faith we have in our brothers and sisters?

Anyone who reads this Gospel passage with a critical mind might raise a question-Is the scripture supporting racism? Otherwise, why should the scripture mention the community of the woman as Canaanite woman? When we are reading the Gospel, at several places we can see the scripture is mentioning the community of certain people. By this the scripture is not promoting any racism, but rather highlighting the faith of the people in Jesus and most of the time the non-Jewish people had more faith in Jesus than the real Jews. Jesus Himself confirms this truth: Jesus says in John 1: 11, "He came to His own and His own did not receive Him." In the Gospel of Luke 4: 24 Jesus says, "Truly I tell you; no prophet is accepted in his hometown." When Jesus appreciates the faith of the non-Jewish community people, it was a lesson for His own disciples too. Keep in mind the faith of the disciples in the last weekend's Gospel as well as in many other occasions.

In today's Gospel we see that Jesus is trying to avoid this Canaanite woman three times. At first when the woman calls out for help, we see that Jesus without saying anything ignores her. In our personal life, how many times have we complained that the Lord is not answering our prayers? In the second place we see that the disciples are taking initiative to request the Lord to send the woman away. Jesus ignores the woman by saying, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Jesus tells her that, He came for the people of Israel, and you don't belong to Jewish community. In our personal life, like the disciples, how many times and how many people have discouraged us from praying to the Lord and supported us to give priority to many other worldly things? How many times have we blamed God for not answering our prayers according to our time and convenience? In the third time we see that Jesus tries to discourage the woman by saying, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Some people view this comment that

Jesus made as very insulting. However, at the end we see that the faith of the Canaanite woman wins the heart of Jesus and receive the needed blessings.

Dear friends, if we have true faith in Jesus, be sure we will be insulted because of our faith in Jesus. Jesus Himself was questioned and insulted for being faithful to His father in Heaven. In our personal life, how many times have you been insulted by others when you encouraged them to go to Church, sending kids to Faith Formation etc. Remember the warning of Jesus, "On My account, you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles." (Matthew 10:18) However, during this kind of situation what we need is the true faith like the Canaanite woman. Remember the story of the rude Judge and the poor widow through which Jesus reminds us that we should pray always and never give up.

Before we think anything negative about Jesus for His attitude towards the Canaanite woman, we should understand that the very moment the woman came before Jesus, He knew the depth of her faith in Him. However, Jesus had two intentions, one is to test her faith and second is to teach His disciples about the quality of faith one should have. Yes, it is not enough that we walk around in the label of Jesus as Christians or as Catholics, but rather we should be consistent in our faith in Jesus. At the same time the Gospel reminds us that and everyone who has faith can experience Jesus without any kind of discrimination too. God bless.

Thank you for your contributions.

Financial Report – August 13, 2023

St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,035.00 weekly.

Regular Collection	\$ 3,865.00 + 830.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 520.00
Special Collections	\$ 31.00

Financial Report – August 13, 2023

St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,228.00 weekly.

Regular Collection	\$ 1,322.00 - 223.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 25.00

**Mass Schedule
August 20 – August 27**

- Sunday – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *Issac Caraway*
-10:30am - Mass at St. Charles - *Katherine Roberts*
- Monday – St. Pius X, Pope (Memorial)**
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian - *JoAnn Hayden*
- Tuesday – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)**
-8:30pm – Mass at St. Sebastian
Jerry & Earlene Abney
- Wednesday – Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time**
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Betty Bickett*
-5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Bill & Minnie Logsdon
- Thursday – St. Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)**
-8:30am – Mass at St. Sebastian
Deceased members of the Bickett Family
- Friday- No Mass**
- Saturday – Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time**
-3:00pm – Confession
-4:00pm – Mass at St. Sebastian -*All Parishioners*
- Sunday – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
-8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian – *Scott Caraway*
-10:30am – Mass at St. Charles -*Souls in Purgatory*

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- St. Pope Pius

Please Pray for our Military

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, Marion Cooper, Cindy Miller, Bernadine Edwards, Gloria Tingle, Charles May, Jerry Abney, Tori Hayden, John Pinkston, Bob Guenther, Helen Kraus, Jimmy Clayton, Brandon Good, Ethan Settle, Louis Dant, Sharon Anderson, and Tasha Miller

Ursuline Sisters launch 53rd Raffle

The Mount Raffle has been a tradition for 53 years and is an important source of funding for the Ursuline Sisters' ministries as well as the retired sisters. This year's tickets are still just \$5 each. The top prize is \$10,000! Participants could also win \$5,000, \$2,000, and a handmade queen-size quilt valued at \$1,000. The drawing will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, at 4 p.m. in Maple Hall at Mount Saint Joseph, at the conclusion of Quilt Bingo. We encourage supporters to buy tickets online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/mountraffle>.

Happy Birthday - St. Charles



Michelle Calhoun – August 23
Geneva Bishop – August 25



Happy Anniversary - St. Sebastian



Jerry & Earlene Abney – August 22

Happy Birthday - St. Sebastian



Issac Caraway – August 22
Laurie Scott – August 22

**Ministry Schedule
August 26, 2023**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Kimberly Cooper
Lectors: Michael Cooper

**Ministry Schedule
August 27, 2023**

St. Sebastian Euch. Min: Marc Searcy
Neil Scott
Harriette Ellis
Lectors: Cathy Burden
Paula Hayden
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Fritz
Hospitality Ministers: Mike Vollman
Gates Tichenor
Money Counters: Cathy Burden
Becky Kline
Donuts: Ralph & Judy Ward

St. Charles Euch: Min: Scott Staples
Teresa Marcum
Lectors: Zach Albin
Anna Miller
Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Fee
Money Counters: John Logsdon
Derek Miller