

Each year the Bishop prepares a reflection to share on Disciples Response Fund Sunday. Every parish in the Diocese will share this reflection this weekend.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Today's Gospel reflects the sinister partnership between religious and political groups that conspired to try to discredit the teachings of Jesus Christ. They developed a controversial question about money and taxes for the sole purpose of trying to embarrass Jesus and his motives. We can relate to this story because the subject of money and taxes is still controversial, even today! But Christ masterfully and dismissively responds with a simple phrase that tells us to prioritize our relationship with God first.

The passage that strikes me most is where the Gospel states that Jesus, "**knew their malice.**" The great irony in the New Testament's references to the Pharisees is that they were considered authorities in Church tradition, yet they were so threatened by this man of compassion, unconditional love, and generosity. They came to hate him! The Gospel lesson challenges us as the Catholic Church to be people who not only **KNOW** our faith, but who **practice** our faith in the way we treat others. We need to constantly evaluate the lessons of Jesus that challenge our own attitudes and behaviors.

In the first two readings, Isaiah reminds us that God is the priority, and then Paul describes to the Thessalonians what attributes open us up to the Holy Spirit. I have witnessed many examples of this faith being lived out over the last eight months. I am proud of the way parish leadership, both ordained and lay, continue to respond to the needs of our community. I see an abundance of grace being poured out and described in the second reading that "**our work of faith is a labor of love, and our endurance is in the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.**" Paul's message to the Thessalonians was one of thanksgiving for their faith, and for the way the church conducted themselves, even during adversity. I am also thankful how **WE** are responding as a Catholic community to this pandemic. We are anticipating the needs from this pandemic to grow, and we all need to work on efforts that increase our response to the most vulnerable among us. We are instructed today that we must continue to work unceasingly in our labor and to endure in hope. We are chosen just for these times. Yes, Jesus chooses each one of us for this time! We will not let pandemics OR political processes distract us from doing God's will or responding in a Christ-like manner. These holy attributes allow the power of the Holy Spirit to work through us and change the world around us.

I want to conclude by thanking all of you who so

generously supported the Disciples Respond Fund appeal this year. Many of our families face an uncertain financial future, which means we will have an increased responsibility to communicate and respond as a parish and diocesan church community. Please read the materials mailed to each household to see all the important ways each gift impacts a life. Thousands of you contribute each year, and you allow us to serve some of the most vulnerable families in our Diocese. Blessings on all who can respond with a financial gift and who support us in prayer. I pray for each one of you in my daily intentions. Blessings,

Bishop William F. Medley

Guidelines for Resuming Parish Gatherings Outside the Liturgy

Effective (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 - October 11, 2020

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

Regular Collection	\$ 3,737.00 + 198.91
Emergency Fund	\$ 365.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 15.00

Financial Report - October 11, 2020

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

Regular Collection	\$ 2,089.00 + 941.54
Emergency Fund	\$ 50.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 4,669.88

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 **October 18 - 25**

Sunday - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Martin Hamilton
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Jim Rhodes

Tuesday - Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Joseph Raymond Thomas

Wednesday - Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Charles
Stella Fogle

Saturday - Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

- 5:30pm - Mass at St. Sebastian
Lisa Young

Sunday - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am - Mass at St. Sebastian
Dr. Robert Kraus Family
- 10:30am - Mass at St. Charles
Ron Shelton

Thank You

Thank you to everyone that showed up and participated in our Rosary Rally.

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, Lisa Vaught, and Louis Dant.

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

Safe Environment Announcement

The Safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities; local law enforcement (270) 685-8444 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1 (877) KYSAFE1; 1 (877) 597-2331). To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this **confidential phone line: (270) 852-8380**. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available at this parish in the bookshelf in the front hallway, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

St. Sebastian - Happy Birthday

Jimmy Clayton - October 18
Susan Alexander - October 21
Cindy Searcy - October 22
Joe Hayden - October 23
Sophia Anderson - October 24
Tori Hayden - October 24
Bethany Hayden - October 25

St. Charles - Happy Birthday

Margie Logsdon - October 22

St. Charles - Happy Anniversary



René & Jackie Picard October 18

*"Jesus, source of my life, sanctify me, O my strength, fortify me. My commander, fight for me."
- St. Faustina Kowalska*

Hope in A Time of Pandemic: The Book of Revelation

Starts at 7:30am after the 7:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. The Book of Revelation is the most misunderstood book in the Bible. Fr. Tony Shonis in five sessions beginning on September 19 will guide us in reading the Book of Revelation, both as a warning, and a source of hope for Christians undergoing a crisis. This book carries a tremendous message for our time - you won't want to miss it! For those unable to attend in person, the sessions will be videotaped and made available on the Holy Name Parish website. For more details please call Holy Name Church in Henderson at (270) 826-2096

Saturday: October 31

The Woman Clothed with the Sun: Revelation 12 - 19

Saturday: November 14

The New Creation: Revelation 21 - 22

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.