

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Luke 3:1-6**

“... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

There are two birthdays that most people, particularly Christians, probably never forget. Jesus and their own. They get presents on both birthdays. But John the Baptist did not go through the harsh land on the east side of the Jordan River, “crying out in the desert” calling people to put up lights on their house, decorate a tree with way too many ornaments and buy presents for people who may not even appreciate or use them. In fact, in the time of Jesus and John there would have been one or two lights from oil lamps inside a typical house at night, and no lights outside. On the rare occasion when presents were given or exchanged, they would have been made or cooked by the giver. John did not even tell people to buy a gift for Jesus. John was challenging the people of his day, and us, to get ready for the message of Jesus and to prepare to imitate him. John was saying that Jesus would be our light and would bring us the *gift of eternal life*. All Jesus wants from us in return is to accept His gifts and appreciate them.

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULE December 16**  
**St. Sebastian**

**Euch Ministers:** Lynda Edwards, Catie Schutte & David Scott  
**Lector:** Lindsay Searcy & Laurine Sexton  
**Servers:** Rachel Schutte & Will Searcy  
**Hospitality Ministers:** Neil Scott, Larry Hardison, Tony Searcy & Gates Tichenor  
**Gift Bearers:** Lance & Stacy Green  
**Holy Family Statue:** Marc & Lindsay Searcy Family  
**Donuts:** Joe & Tori Hayden  
**December Purificator:** Lynne Scott

**St. Charles**

**Eucharist Ministers:** John Logsdon & Marsha Logsdon  
**Lectors:** George Rhodes & David Albin  
**Altar Servers:** Emma Hudson & Jacob Miller  
**Hospitality Ministers:** Lee Edwards & Rondy Humphrey  
**Gift Bearers:** Rondy & Patty Humphrey  
**Holy Family Statue:** Sonny & Ann Renfrow

**Holy Family Statue**  
Josh & Andrea Searcy Family  
Rene & Jacqui Picard

**Mass Schedule—Feast Days and Intentions for**  
**Week of December 9**

**Sunday** 8:30am SS Arch Bishop John Njenga  
10:30am SC All Souls in Purgatory  
**Thursday** 8:30am SS Evie Hoover  
6:00pm SC Parish Families  
**Friday** 8:30am SS Justin Durbin  
**Saturday** 5:30pm SS All Souls in Purgatory  
**Sunday** 8:30am SS Arch Bishop John Njenga  
10:30am SC Special Intentions

**Prayer List for members of our community:** Tommy England, Michael Ward, Shirley Whitaker, Dennis Millay, Gail Clayton, Judy Fee, Todd Tichenor, Patricia Hayden, Jim Lebold, Jimmy Clayton, Candace Miller, Mary Jewell, Charlie May, David Abrams, Jackie Lee, Debbie Neal, Joren Edwards, Cassidy Ashton, James & Paula Tichenor, Phillip Calvert, Tony Calvert, Callie Hayden, Robin Martin, Mike Dant, Ann Renfrow, Alice Durbin, Jim Logsdon, Betty Bickett, Ruth Troutman  
**Prayer List of members associated with parishioners & the Diocese:** Jamie Schutte, Stacy Whitaker, Noah Dant, Mitzi Reid, Hallie Brown, Susie St. Clair, Charles Stroll, Bob & Dena Montgomery, James "Mudcat" Burden, Suzie Hertzog, Charla Sauer, Lisa Case, Jaclyn, Clay & Blakely Gray Owens, Rachel Weaver, Charles Stroll, Jonathan Burden, Willetta Harper, Jim Renfrow, Mary Ann Renfrow, Libby McLaughlin, Paulette Marcinick, Mark Marcinick, Brenda Cooper, Kay Lindsey, Lynette Riley, Cindy Crabtree, Edna Bates, Genny Galloway, Mike Hardin, Todd Gatton, James Riley, Jason Evans, Leola Brundidge, Maye Hayden, Father Jegin HGN, Father Gerald Baker, Ethan Settle, Holly Pantle, Darleen King, Carol Boarman, Baby Edie Lindsey, Pat Calhoun, Tony Saita, John Philp, Bo Reed, Gerald Shemwell, Elaine West, Philip Calvert, Colin Holahan, Tony Berry, Lisa Henning, Chip Hoagland, Lillian Baggett, Ben Dunn, Angie Johnson, Jimmy Evans, Dwayne England, Marci Vanover, Mike Coakley. **Please call the office to have a name added to the prayer list. This list will be purged at the end of each month. Thank you.**

Financial Report December 2, 2018	
<b>St. Sebastian- Amount Needed: \$3,050.14 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$2,674.00 -\$376.14
Children's Collection	\$ 3.00
<b>Capital Campaign Goal \$214,163.00</b>	
Coll. to Date:	\$238,019.48
Financial Report November 25, 2018	
<b>St. Charles - Amount Needed: \$1,171.12 weekly</b>	
Regular Collection	\$1,345.00 +\$173.88
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 20.00
Children's Collection	\$ 6.75

**St. Sebastian Counting of Collection December 16**  
Mike Dant & Laurie Scott

**Sunday, December 9 St. Sebastian**  
7pm Praying with the whole church

**Rel Ed News**

**Wednesday, December 12** 6pm mass followed by Christmas Party!

**No class until January 9, 2018!**

**It's a BIG Diaper Shower! Today,** Sunday, Dec 9 after 8:30am Mass. For Ellison, daughter of Matt & Ashley Ebelhar; Tripp, son of Ross & Rachel Hudson; Knox, son of Drew & Brianna McCarty & Baby Boy of Joe & Tori Hayden. All are welcome!

**Knights of Columbus** meeting will be held Tuesday, December 11th at 7pm.

**Parking lot & emergency fund pledges:**  
Pledged: \$5,165.00  
Paid: \$4,545.00

**Every Sunday** at St. Charles they will be praying the rosary before mass at 10am. All are welcome!

**Happy Birthday**

Dec 9 Nathan Floyd  
Dec 13 George Rhodes  
Dec 14 Jerry Abney  
Christina Hudson

**PVT Maddox Alexander**  
Fox Co 16th ORD BN  
210 Edgewood Rd  
BLDG 18025  
H. Lee, VA 23801

**Please pray for our Military**

MMN1 Andrew Logsdon,  
Sgt. 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, Charlotte Marshall, Specialist 4 Chaz McKay  
Sgt. Adam Dickey



**Friendly Reminder - The Ministry Services are ministries of God.** 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 help in solving all of the confusion in this matter.

**Important Dates - Penance Services**

**Wednesday, Dec 19 6pm St. Sebastian/St. Charles at St. Sebastian**  
Monday, December 10 6pm Mount St. Joseph  
Wednesday, December 12 6pm St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley  
Thursday, December 13 6:30pm St. Alonsus, Saint Joseph  
Sunday, December 16 6pm St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho  
Tuesday, December 18 6pm Immaculate  
Thursday, December 20 6pm Precious Blood  
Sunday, December 23 2pm St. Stephen Cathedral

**FROM THE CRIB TO THE CROSS BY:** Fr. Anthony Shonis

A series of three presentations on the Advent Scriptures  
Monday Dec. 10 The Annunciation to Joseph  
Monday Dec. 17 The Annunciation to Mary  
Time: 6:00-7:30 Place: St. Sebastian Parish Hall  
**Everyone Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!!**

**St. Sebastian Donut Breakfast** this Sunday after 8:30am mass. All are Welcome!!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Men's Discernment Retreat** The Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office invites you to participate in *The Men's Discernment Retreat*, a retreat for men ages 18-30 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life, receive guidance for the discernment process, learn the tools of discernment, and sharpen your discerning skills. There will be time for prayer, reflection, and rest. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held on December 14-16 at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There is no cost to participate in this retreat but registration is necessary. Registration deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>. You may register online at [www.owensborovocations.com](http://www.owensborovocations.com) <https://owensborovocations.com/vocationsevents/mens-discernment-retreat/> For more information and to register, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org).

**Just a gentle reminder:** When we come to Church to pray before Mass, it is easier to do if there is an atmosphere of quiet. If you feel the need to talk to your neighbor, please go outside and do so. Be sure to turn your cell phones off before coming into Church. Please respect others while in Church. **After the recessional hymn** please avoid standing & talking in the church in respect of the blessed sacrament. **Please pick your bulletin up after mass** to avoid being tempted to read and distracting others during prayer.