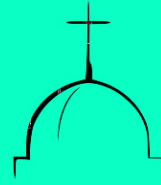




The Gift of Life



Feast of the Presentation **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
PARISH & ACADEMY**

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Weekly Services

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Communion Service Mon 8:00 AM

Tues - Fri Mass 8:00 AM

Adoration & Benediction -

Tuesday 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation-

Saturday 3:15 - 4:00 PM

or by appointment

The Gathering

All 9-12 graders are invited to attend our regular Monday night youth group meetings (Called The Gathering) from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have yet been able to come to a meeting we encourage you to attend! They are packed with fun and excitement and we promise you'll make great friendships. No registration required and friends are welcomed. Contact Nicky Knuff for more information at Nicky@GatheringMinistry.com. March 13-15 Spring Retreat.

Jr High Gathering

Jr Gathering (grades 7 & 8) meets at St Agnes in the youth hall from 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcomed! Upcoming meetings are January 13th and 27th - come join the fun! Find out more information online at GatheringMinistry.com and click on Jr High tab. Or email Kara at kara@GatheringMinistry.com

YAM (Young Adult Ministry) NEWS

Upcoming Events: LA Congress Feb 21-23. \$150.00. VRBO Lodging blocks from the Anaheim Conventions Center and registration. YAM Retreat: March 13-15 \$100.00 Featuring Father John and Bob Schrimpf discussing Jesus and the Young Adult. Next Social Nigh Feb 6th at The Wine Pub. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thurs 6-7:30pm in the Borromeo Room Lots of info and registration on the Saint Charles website. Please Follow us on Insta @scbyam. For more Information email Brandon & Stephanie Martinez at ba.martinez6@yahoo.com.

Register to be an Adorer:

www.adorationpro.org/saintcharlespl

Dynamic Catholic - Best Lent Ever

Lent is right around the corner and we have a great suggestion for you. Go to DynamicCatholic.com/40days and sign up for "Best Lent Ever". You will receive daily reflections that come to you right on your phone. You will be amazed and inspired at this wonderful journey through Lent.

Men's and Women's Group

Our Advent season has ended. We have another week of meetings with our men and women before we take a short break. We will start back up after Ash Wednesday. Our next session will coincide with Lent and we will be using Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever" program. Please see the above announcement regarding "Best Lent Ever" to register online. If you have yet to sign up for either group please do so online. We look forward to walking with you in the future.

DON'T GIVE UP Chocolate FOR LENT

This year, do something different. Join St Charles for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with...

- Inspirational Videos
- Practical Tips
- Encouraging Stories

Sign up at:
DynamicCatholic.com/40days

The Gift of Life

Reflections by Bob Schrimpf

"God's gift to you is your life. What you do with it is your gift to God". That was the words on a sign that hung in the bedroom of a teen who attended our youth group. I remember staring at it on Feb 23, 1987, at around 2 am. It was at that time I found myself in the midst of a great tragedy. His name was Michael, he had been a teen leader in my youth ministry as well as an avid surfer and star baseball player. His brother had called me to come over right away. An hour earlier Michael had lost his life in a motorcycle accident a mile from his home.

A few days later I was to speak at his funeral. I was pretty much a kid myself having just graduated from college. The church was inundated with hundreds of students from the local high school and spilled out into the courtyard. Their grief was inconsolable and I felt immense pressure to say something that would help make sense of such a young life being taken from us too early.

I began telling the story of all the right things Michael had done in his brief 18 years. Over the past two years, he joined our newly formed youth ministry, became a retreat team leader, and was playing guitar at the meetings. I then told of a story from a few months back when standing by his side at a summer camp, he committed his heart to Jesus. We prayed and I still see the tears streaming down his cheeks as he was experiencing forgiveness and healing from a loving Savior.

Jesus is being presented in the temple in today's reading. We read of Simeon rejoicing. A man, tradition tells us, who knew Mary as a young girl. Turtle doves are offered as a required sacrifice. The sacrifice of the poor as a lamb would normally be required. And there is a baby's life being presented to the Lord. A life that will ultimately be sacrificed for mankind.

I still see that sign in Michael's room. We've all been given a great gift. That gift is life. Let us be sure and give that gift back to the Lord by serving him. For no man is guaranteed tomorrow, we only have today. And remember how St Paul encourages us to live: **"So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith."** GAL 6:10

Donut Ministry

We are looking for a parishioner or two to help us with the Donut Ministry! Donut Ministry Coordinator duties include:

- Creation and maintenance of donut service sign up sheet (both online and in-person...working knowledge of Sign Up Genius is helpful)
- Recruit parishioners to help serve
- Assist/orient new servers as needed
- Serve donuts as needed
- Restock supplies as needed

-Communicate weekly with donut servers to ensure donut service runs smoothly Talk to or email

Esther Koetter if you are interested:

esthermspicer@gmail.com



*Life is God's gift to us.
What we do with it is our gift to God.*

A.R. Bernard

Online Giving:

Tech Corner

Leave your checkbook at home and never miss a Sunday again. Please go to our website at SaintCharlesPL.com and click on the "Online Giving" tab. After a few bits of information you will be securely registered. Advantages to online giving: It is customizable, choose where your donations will be directed, give to multiple ministries (youth, school, building fund, and more... Online giving is the best way to help our parish plan for the future.



Hearing Assistance:

Please download the "AudioFetch" app to your smart phone. Then connect to our WIFI also labeled 'AudioFetch'. Now, sit back and clearly listen through your headphones from your phone.



SaintCharlesPL.com

WIFI: UR Loved
PW: windowroom



Life in the Spirit Registration Now Open

Adoration:
If you'd like to be an adoror, use the QR code to the left. Point your smart phone at the box!



St Charles will be offering a Life in the Spirit Seminar April 21st - June 9th. Parishioner Carol Ignacio will be directing the 2hr evenings that will focus on personal spiritual gifts. Guest speakers, small groups, and personal reflection time will fill the evening. Men's and women's ministries will not be meeting during this time and are encouraged to attend this mini-retreat. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please go online and find us under the "Parish Life" tab to register and get more information.

Blessed by the Best Giving Program - Follow Up

We had over 100 responses to our request to evaluate and commit to tithing to our parish! Did you know that the word 'tithes' literally means 1/10th or 10% and comes from the old Testament teaching of giving 10% of your wealth to the Lord? Today, we would say the heart behind tithing is simply giving back to God for all the good He has done for us. It is a very personal decision but one that should be prayerfully thought out and executed.

Think of it as a crowd funding source to help the poor and those less fortunate than you. Or how about the fact that you are sharing in the blessings of bringing the gospel to those most in need? By generously supporting St Charles you are ensuring the Gospel is preached and the poor are ministered to. Also, our children are being taught the faith and the spiritual needs of a community are being met. You are investing in the future of society by providing and supporting sound Catholic teaching and Christian morality in a world that desperately needs it. If you haven't yet committed to giving weekly, we humbly ask you to join us in our mission today by filling out a commitment card. May God bless you for your generosity.

Town Hall RSVP

Please go online today to RSVP for the special Town Hall meeting February 9th after the 10:00 AM Mass. We need a head count as we will be providing light refreshments. Your participation is crucial to the vision of the future of St Charles. Our Dream Event opened our eyes to all the possibilities for our personal lives. Now we would like to look at our parish and where we could go if we allowed ourselves to dream as a community. Please talk to any of the staff if you have questions regarding this important event. Bill Baird from Dynamic Catholic will be our MC for the afternoon.

Save the Date!

Mass In the Park Update:
Please mark your Calendars for
May 31, 2020.

Your Donations

Sunday
Basket: \$ 2,847.93
Online: \$2,509.50
Envelopes: \$1,998.00
Total: \$7,355.43



Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 1, 4:30pm - Rev Valentine Omolakin
Sunday, Feb 2, 8:00am - Niel Nielson †
Sunday, Feb 2, 10:00am - Mary Xavier †
Tuesday, Feb 4, 8:00am - Doris Boone †
Wed, Feb 5, 8:00am - Missa pro Populo †
Thurs, Feb 6, 8:00am - Peggy Mullins †
Fri, Feb 7, 8:00am - Domingos Azevedo

Women's Altar Guild

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 12, at 1 PM in the Parish Center. We'll be discussing our spring fundraiser, Lenten preparations, and a potential field trip to see "Nun Sense". Light refreshments are provided.

If you are not a member, please consider joining our ministry. We meet the second Wednesday of the month. You will be warmly welcomed and are sure to make enduring friendships. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kaspar at 619-952-4477, or e-mail donna.kaspar@gmail.com



Dream Window



Our Dynamic Catholic I-Team has created a space at the entrance of the Church where you can post your Dreams. Choose from any of the categories Tony went over with us in our books (if you missed it, please pick up a book from an usher or at the back of the church). Feel free to post your dream onto the Window. Let's continue to DREAM.

Flowers

Flowers are donated in memory of Josephine and Al Pincek.

Looking Forward

February 9th, 2020
Parish Hall
11:15 Refreshments
11:30 Event

SCAN ME



TOWN HALL MEETING

Please come share your dreams and hopes for our entire parish community.

