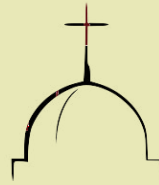




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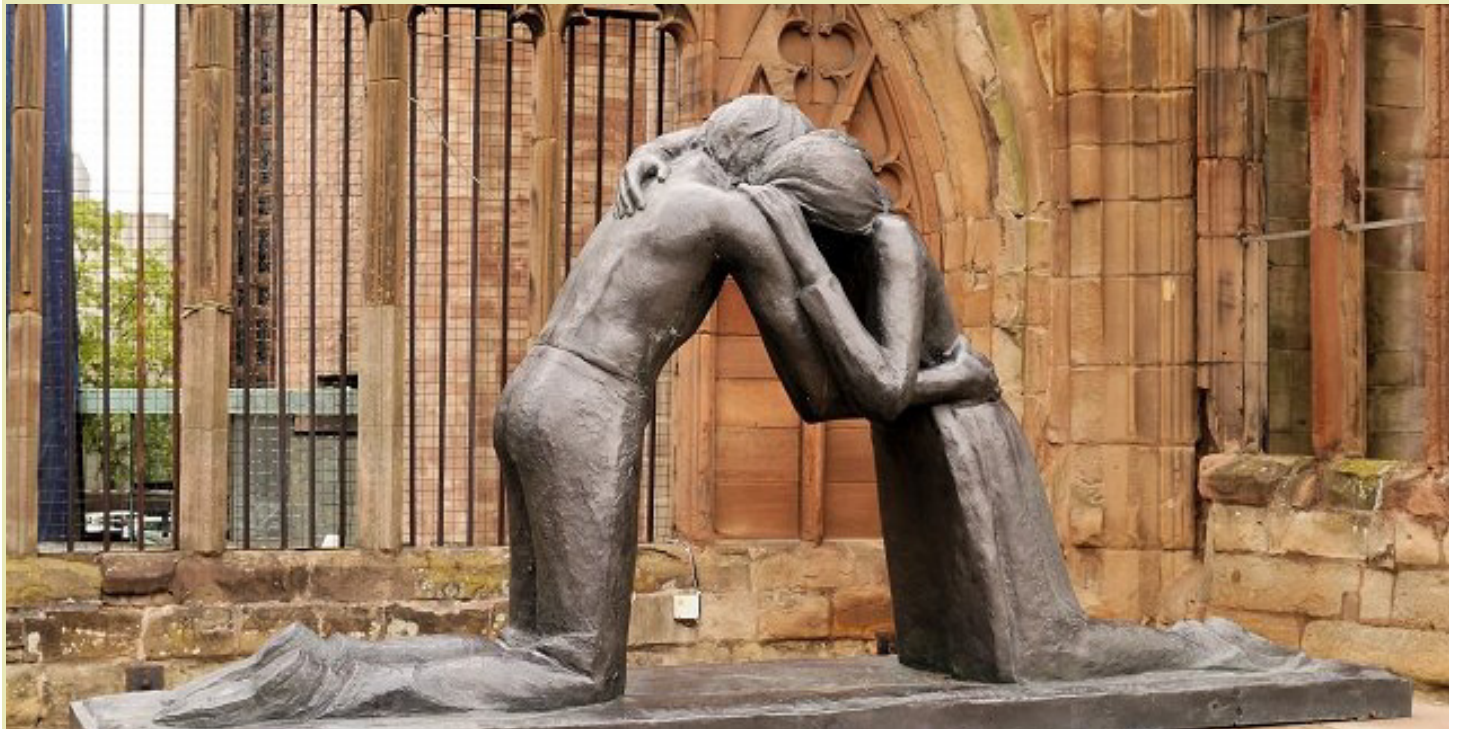


6th Sunday
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Weekly Services

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. \$125.00. VRBO Lodging blocks from the Anaheim Conventions Center and registration. YAM Retreat: Date TBD - \$100.00 Featuring Father John and Bob Schrimpf discussing Jesus and the Young Adult. Next Social Nigh March 5th - more info soon. 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

Men's and Women's Group

Men and Women. We are on a two week break. We restart the our grouping on Ash Wednesday (Feb 26) for women and the following Saturday (Feb 29) for the men. Please see below for information on Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever" study. We will be using this for both groups. The workbook we will use will be 'Discovering the Saints' book handed out at Christmas. Don't worry if you gave yours away, we have more.

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.

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

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Challenge

Reflections by Bob Schrimpf - Pastoral Associate

Jesus is shaking things up in today's Gospel. These are very dramatic readings. Jesus tells his audience that they have to be holier than the scribes and Pharisees. They must leave their gift at the altar and go reconcile if they are mad at someone. Anger receives the same penalty as murder and if you look lustfully at a woman you have already committed adultery. Pluck your eye out or cut off a hand if they lead you to sin. Whew, all these sayings are pretty harsh. They couldn't possibly be true, could they?. He's just using metaphors, right?

I remember back in the 80's teaching a group of high schoolers about this very verse. As we got to the "look lustfully at a woman, you've committed adultery" verse a high school boy shouted out in exasperation declaring "I'm out!". His tongue-in-cheek comment drew a good laugh from the group. It's hard to disagree with his comment. Who could stand up to such scrutiny? How many of us would have an eye left or a hand to use if we truly cut them off whenever we sinned? Would there even be a single person left at Mass today if we all left our gift at the altar to reconcile with someone we are currently angry with or hurt by?

Before I fully answer that question, I want to point out that this Gospel started with Jesus saying that not one iota of the law will be changed. And teachers are strictly warned not to 'water down' the message. So this weighs heavy on my soul. Jesus wants us to know the ideal and we should not settle for anything less.

Sitting there feeling pretty smug was Jesus' audience. Good men and women who were convinced that they were righteous in God's eyes. Holy and devout, they were not like the pagan nations that surrounded them. But when Jesus explained the meaning behind the law it challenged each one to their very core. It should have. And it should be shaking us to our core.

You see it isn't the *letter* of the law (you may have never murdered anyone), but the *spirit* behind the law (hating someone is evil and it destroys lives). So as a teacher of The Word I say to you today - take Jesus' teachings to heart. Do not water them down but allow them to challenge you. Instead of declaring "I'm out" let's enthusiastically proclaim "I'm In"! Come Holy Spirit and change our hearts.

Academy News

SCBA will host one more Open House this year, on February 27 at 8:00 a.m. Please invite your friends and family who may be interested in joining our school community next year!



For Love to be real, it must cost—it must hurt—it must empty us of self. -Mother Teresa

Online Giving:

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 Inacio will be organizing the weekly 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.

Faith Formation (Grades K-6)

There will be *no* Faith Formation classes on February 16th. Our next class meeting will be *Sunday, February 23rd @ 9:00am*. We look forward to being with you soon.

For students and families preparing for First Reconciliation: First Reconciliation service is on Saturday, March 7th @ 10:00am. Please keep practicing your prayers with special attention to the Act of Contrition, and keep on using those CDs!

Please email Liberty Hebron at liberty.hebron@gmail.com or Sherie Richards at sherie@saintcharlespl.com for more information. Be blessed!

Knights News

The Knights are holding their annual St. Patrick's Day Party March 7, 2020. Adult tickets \$20.00 Children \$10.00. The event starts after the Saturday 4:30 Mass. Menu Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots and Dessert. Entertainment also. contact Bill Moore at (619) 222-7650 for tickets.



Giving Campaign

Father John would like to personally thank all those who participated in our giving campaign "Blessed by the Best". There is still time to turn in your pledge card and participate in the growth of our parish. Early results are showing a very high rate of participation and many newly registered families. Thank you for being so generous.

Save the Date!

Mass In the Park Update:

Please mark your Calendars for
May 31, 2020.

Your Donations

Sunday

Basket: \$ 3,351.39
Online: \$2,854.25
Envelopes: \$2,188.00
Total: \$8,393.64



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb 15, 4:30pm - Joe & Donna Welch †
Sunday, Feb 16, 8:00am - Rudy Kaspar †
Sunday, Feb 16, 10:00am - Mike Farguson †
Tuesday, Feb 18, 8:00am - Sr Margaret Dowd & Fam †
Wednesday, Feb 19, 8:00am - Sr Sue Gourley †
Thursday, Feb 20, 8:00am - Sr Jean Burbo & Fam †
Friday, Feb 21, 8:00am - Randy Moore †

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 to the Window. We want to encourage everyone to join in.



Project Updates

Church Sound and Video - More and more speakers are popping around the sanctuary, side rooms, and even outside. We are 2 weeks into a 5 week upgrade of our A/V needs.

Borromeo Room - We are installing new interior lighting. The old florescent lighting is being replaced with LEDs to better illuminate the area.

Parish Hall - Bathrooms & Electric panels are being worked on as well as lighting going above every outside door in the Hall.

New Railings - Work is being done on the iron railings leading up to the choir loft. They are spaced too far apart and all gaps are being fixed.



Town Hall Meeting News

Thank you for all who were able to attend our Town Hall meeting last Sunday. Over 125 parishioners attended and many great ideas were communicated. We were energized by your enthusiasm. Some commented on the need for new outreach ministries. Some suggestions were for ministries that already exist. We will upload all of our ministries and the lead contacts on our website to assist you. Please, consider becoming involved. You will be Blessed.

Development Update

A development committee is currently being formed. At the same time we have begun interviewing architectural firms. These firms will assist us in presenting to our entire community conceptual ideas that were born from academy focus groups, parish Town Hall and suggestions from parishioners. Priorities will be, in order, 1) Academy, 2) Parish Hall, and 3) more meeting space / conference rooms

FamilyCamp

July 09-12

See our website for St Charles Church and Academy Family Camp! Space is limited to the first 37 families to register. Enjoy beautiful Whispering Winds Catholic Camp. Zip lines, Escape Rooms, Mass, Great Food, and more...We will be joining St Columba and St Michaels for this amazing weekend. Go online to for more details and to register. Contact Patrick Tiernan for more info: tiernanpf@hotmail.com. Hurry - space is limited.

Ash Wednesday Services:

8:00 AM - Academy Liturgy. 6:00 PM Community Liturgy
Reconciliation Service - March 14, 10:00 AM