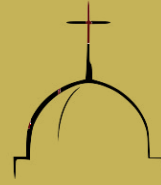




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PARISH & ACADEMY  
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2020



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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

Rosary Group - Weekdays 8:30 AM -

Window Room



## 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

Boomers' Social Night out March 5th. More info on the website and how to register. Our upcoming YAM Retreat will feature Father John and Bob Schrimpf leading us to a deeper understanding of our role in the Church and fielding questions regarding our faith. The date for the retreat will be coming soon. Meetings are every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Borromeo Room. Follow us on Insta @scbyam. For more Information email Brandon & Stephanie Martinez at [ba.martinez6@yahoo.com](mailto:ba.martinez6@yahoo.com).

## Men's and Women's Group

The Women's ministry began last week. However, all are still welcomed to join. It's never too late! We meet at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. During this 8-week session you will be following along the 'Best Lent Ever' series. Please bring your 'Rediscovering the Saints' book we handed out at Christmas. If you don't have a book one will be given to you. Also be sure to sign up for the 'Best Lent Ever' app.

Men started yesterday and like the woman, you are still welcomed to join us at any time. As we go through our 8-week series we will be meeting at 6:15 AM in the Parish Hall. Like the woman, we will be doing the 'Best Lent Ever' series. Be sure to download it onto your mobile device. Daily videos and inspirational messages. We look forward to welcoming you.

## 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.



## Dynamic Catholic - Best Lent Ever

It's not too late to get into the 'swing of Lent' with Dynamic Catholic's 'Best Lent Ever'. Go to [DynamicCatholic.com/40days](http://DynamicCatholic.com/40days) and sign up for the 'Best Lent Ever' series. 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.

## Sign Up For Adoration

Point your smart phone at the QR code to register to be an adorer. We still await our Bishop's approval. In the mean time we are looking into starting off as a prayer room until we are approved for adoration. Thank you for your patience.



## Temptation

Reflections by Bob Schrimpf - Pastoral Associate

Jesus is led into the desert and Satan appears to tempt him in every way possible. How did Christ refute Satan? Although it is true he used scripture to thwart Satan's queries. I think we need to look a bit more closely at this verse to find out how he was able to fend off the evil one.

How does the scripture today start off? "He (Jesus) was led by the Holy Spirit" the Gospel states. Luke's Gospel goes further by saying He was "Filled with the Holy Spirit." Yes, this is indeed a key point. Christ didn't go into the desert with his tank empty. He was filled with the Holy Spirit. We need to be renewed and be ministered to by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit. Only then will we be ready to withstand the enemy and combat his temptations thrown our way.

Lent is a time for renewal. The early catechumens (like our RCIA candidates) entered into lent before being accepted fully into the Church as a time of preparation. Eventually the entire church adopted this season as a time for all of us to focus in our walk with Christ. Lent is stripping away the things that keep us from Christ. Vices and habits that need to be eliminated because they keep us focused on the wrong things.

A few years ago I moved from a 2,800 sqft, 3 car garage home with 5 bedrooms and an extra cabana outback to a quaint 2 bedroom 1600 sqft home. We literally had to squeeze our life belongings into half the space we used to have. We held a garage sale, gave away furniture and clothing to friends, and made sizable donations to St Vincent De Paul. And still we had to rent a dumpster to get rid of the rest of our junk. It was exhausting and even painful to have to strip away so much of our lives for this new adventure.

I sit here today in my new home and love the simplicity of our life. Free from so much clutter and distractions. It was difficult getting rid of everything and prioritizing what we needed over what we wanted. Lent is a little like this. It is time to declutter lives, simplify, focus in and keep only what is important, what is needed. Don't give up chocolate for lent. Give up the bad habits that keep you from following Christ. Then you will be like the early catechumens in our church. Better prepared for this new journey in Christ and equipped to resist the temptations of the devil.

## 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](mailto:tiernanpf@hotmail.com). Hurry - space is limited.

## Rosary Group

Please look for us in either the Window or Borromeo Rooms after daily Mass. We invite fellow parishioners to join us for hospitality, sharing and of course The Rosary! Weekdays after the 8:00 AM Mass (also after the communion service on Monday).

### 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.



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## Tech Corner

## Life in the Spirit Registration

St Charles is currently registering parishioners and their friends for 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.

## What Does the Church Ask of us During Lent

There are three pillars of Lent, which are **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving** (Mt 6:1). Lent began as a time to prepare new members, or Catechumens, in the Church. The Catechumens looked at the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert as something to copy prior to their own baptisms. Vatican II reaffirmed this early tradition and refocused the Church on the Three Pillars.

**Fasting.** It is more than a penitential rite (denying the self). Rather, focus on the act of denying yourself the most carnal of all needs, the need to eat. Having mastery over it allows you to control all other areas of your life through self-discipline. Suggestions: Honor Ash Wednesday, and Friday fasts. 2 small meals one regular and no snacking is the Vatican's advice. Also, give up something for Lent. Become the master of your desires. Cardinal Sin: The opposite would be Gluttony. You give in to your desires.

**Prayer** – It's our connection with God. We must find ways to pray more. Christ's 40 days in the desert should be an omen to all of us the need to pray if we are going to be his witnesses. Otherwise, we are in danger of becoming like the world, assimilated to the sin around us and led by the whims of the world. Suggestions: Pray a Rosary, attend daily Mass, join the men's/women's group, go on a retreat, listen to only Christian music. or Catholic talk radio, read the scriptures, set your fit bit and take a walk with Jesus each day. Cardinal Sin: The opposite would be Pride. You don't need God.

**Giving (Alms):** Giving is to know the heart of God. He GAVE us life. He GAVE us this amazing world. He GAVE his only Son. And He GAVE us heaven. Jesus GAVE us his life and asked us to do the same for others. Mother Theresa once said about Americans and their possessions, "You don't own things, your things own you". Be a joyful giver knowing you are storing up treasure in heaven. (note: The Rich man and Lazarus). Suggestions: Donate time at a ministry, hospital, or other such places. Put money in the Sunday collection basket. Organize a fundraiser for a worthy cause. Donate possessions to the poor. Feed the homeless (St Vincent De Paul). Cardinal Sin: The opposite of Giving is Greed. We desire to have it all and the irony is that it is all God's not ours and we can't take a single thing with us when we die.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

Envelopes are in the pews! Please be sure and pledge your support to our diocese for the many wonderful services they provide. St Charles has always been a generous parish in your giving and support to the needy. Thank you in advance for helping us reach our parish commitment.

### Your Donations

Last Sunday -  
Basket: \$ 3,231.33  
Online: \$3,087.85  
Envelopes: \$2,647.00  
**Total: \$8,966.18**



## Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 29, 4:30pm - Niel Nielsen †  
Sunday, March 01, 8:00am - Missa Pro Populo  
Sunday, March 01, 10:00am - Mary Xavier †  
Tuesday, March 03, 8:00am - Chris Diedorado  
Wednesday, March 04, 8:00am - Terry Kennedy  
Thursday, March 05, 8:00am - TBA  
Friday, March 06, 8:00am - TBA



## Dream Window

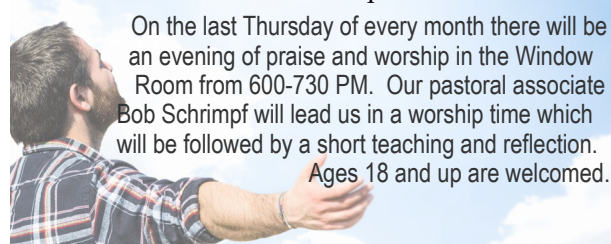
Our Dynamic Catholic I-Team has created a space at the entrance of the Church where you can post your Dreams. Choose from any of the categories Tony went over with us in our books (if you missed it, please pick up a book from an usher or at the back of the church). Feel free to post your dream to the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

## Finance Council Announcement

**Second Collection:** Starting the first Sunday of each month we will be taking up a second collection once again for our academy to support the children of our community.

**Commitment Cards:** Remember, if you committed to a new giving amount to during our recent pledge campaign you must remember then to change your giving. Many people have auto drafts or give online. Both options require you to manually adjust to your new commitment level. Thank you to all who generously increased their giving and to those new parishioners who registered and have begun donating to our parish.

## Fellowship



On the last Thursday of every month there will be an evening of praise and worship in the Window Room from 600-730 PM. Our pastoral associate Bob Schrimpf will lead us in a worship time which will be followed by a short teaching and reflection. Ages 18 and up are welcomed.

**"Let everything that has breath worship the Lord" Ps 150**

## Development Update

Our LED Video panels for the Church are being delayed. They were delivered, but an inventory error on the part of the supplier left us short of the total panels needed. A new set of panels has been reordered but will not arrive until March. Work is being done on the walls to ready them for when the panels do arrive.

**Sound System:** We hope you have been enjoying our new state of the art sound system. We are working out the bugs.

**Fountain Update:** Our insurance company has flagged the fountain. Because of this and other issues we are now looking to remove it and replace it with updated landscaping.

**New Lighting:** We have installed new exterior lights on the hall and we are looking to improve the lighting in our patio area outside the church.

**Academy:** TK received new shelving, reinstalled cabinets and cosmetic fixes.

**Adoration Chapel:** Termite work is completed, back doors are now permanently secured, and a solid door replaced the glass door to assist in noise reduction.

**New Banister:** Our railings leading up to the Choir Loft have been reinforced to close gaps. We also sanded and repainted both the old and new railings.