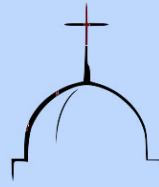




Transfiguration



2nd Sunday of Lent
Cycle A

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

Rosary Group - Weekdays 8:30 AM -

Window Room

The Gathering

Our High School Ministry is heading off on retreat. March 13-15 are the dates of the Spring Retreat. There is always plenty of room for you to join us, so please contact Nicky at nicky@gatheringministry.com if you are interested. Around the corner we have Disneyland and over the summer Steubenville San Diego. Lots going on. Please drop in any Monday night from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Parish Hall to join in on all the fun. Friends are welcomed. Check us out at @gatheringpl on Insta or our website.

Jr Gathering

Jr Gathering (grades 7 & 8) meets at St Agnes in the youth hall from 630-830pm. 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

Young adults! We want you! Did you know over 30 young adults have registered with our ministry! We meet weekly in the Borromeo Room for fun and fellowship. The evenings consist of food, mixers, meeting newcomers, and a short study and sharing. Contemporary topics discussed. You will enjoy the amazing people and friendships that are waiting for you. Drop in any Thursday evening from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Borromeo room. Food and drinks provided. Go to the website for more info. We recently returned from Boomers and some miniature golf for our monthly social night out.

Men's and Women's Group

The Women's ministry meets at 6:15 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's ministry will go through a 8-week series and 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. * MEN: Optional - Bring your basketball shoes for a little half-court action following the Saturday morning study on the academy courts.

Hygienic Steps Instituted

Bishop McElroy has asked the following of all parishes. 1) The distribution of the Precious Blood will be suspended until further notice. 2) Communion on the tongue will also be limited (we ask all to receive in the hands). 3) During the sign of peace please consider using fist bumps, nods, smiles and verbal affirmations in place of handshakes.



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.

Transfiguration

Reflections by Bob Schrimpf

Jesus had many disciples, but He chose 12 to be his apostles. Of those 12 he selected 3 to be in his inner circle. Peter, James, and John were often brought along for important missions. We see those three being asked to join Jesus for this special retreat. Seeing Christ Transfigured and hearing God speak from the clouds had a transforming experience in their lives. It was an experience that would support them during many trying and difficult times even unto their own martyrdoms.

We all need mountain top experiences. In his definitive book "Stages of Faith" Author James Fowler discusses the critical stage for any believer - stage 4. It is called the "Individuative-Reflective Faith" stage. It simply is the critical time when a person (usually in their teens) decides they can no longer be 'told' who Christ is. The faith handed down from mom and dad is no longer acceptable to them. They begin fighting parents on attending Mass and can even state they no longer even believe in God.

What is one to do?

For years I took our teens to Mexico or Indian reservations to build homes and serve the poor. More than that I would try to get them to interact with the locals and learn about the poverty they knew nothing of. I would take them to orphanages filled with unwanted babies many with disabilities. I would take them to the wall where thousands of crosses are mounted to commemorate those who died fleeing oppressive regimes and gangs to seek a better life. We would gather at night to share, pray, and discuss what we were experiencing. The trips were hard and gritty and exhausting. We went to serve and change lives, but the lives that changed were often our very own.

Teens would return with a newfound faith. They would organize and volunteer for other ministries. They would seek ways to become more involved and their faith soared. Just like Jesus with his disciples on the mountain, our teens were having their own Transfiguration moment. They were EXPERIENCING Christ for themselves. No one was telling them about Christ, they were serving and praying, and sharing, and experiencing His love first hand. Christ became real to them and for the first time in their lives they owned it. It changed everything. This is Fowler's stage 4!

What is the alternative for those who never experience this type of faith? Sadly, it is to walk away. In the US today the 'Nones' have swelled to 17% of the population (for reference the Catholic population is only 20%). These are people who claim no religion. We have an epidemic of people who are not experiencing God and because of it they are walking away from the faith. Look for ways to experience Christ (retreats, service projects, prayer groups, youth groups) and He'll take care of transforming hearts just as He did so long ago on the Mountain of Transfiguration with Peter, James, and John.

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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WIFI: UR Loved
PW: windowroom



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.

Women's Altar Guild March Meeting

The Women's Altar Guild will meet Wednesday March 11, at 1 PM in the Parish Center. Fr. Terry Booth, Catholic Chaplain at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, will be our guest speaker. Our parish has close ties to MCRD both as neighbor and through our participation in Operation Kringle at Christmas. We look forward to hearing Fr. Booth share in how he ministers to our Marines in training. You won't want to miss it. We'll continue with planning our spring raffle, and have some light refreshments and fine fellowship. Any questions, call Donna at 619-952-4477.

Special Collection for March 22nd.

Churches of Africa and Latin America as well as Catholic Relief Services: This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. Donations for the Churches provide grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Churches. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Please join us for our community penance service. March 14th at 10:00 AM at the Church is the time and place. Fr John looks forward to sharing this time with you.

Your Donations

Last Sunday -

Basket: \$ 3,626.63

Online: \$5,140.75

Envelopes: \$3,214.00

Total: \$11,981.38

**Ash Wednesday \$2,238.00

**School Collection: \$925.00



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

Mass Intentions

Sat, March 07, 4:30pm - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, March 08, 8:00am - TBA

Sunday, March 08, 10:00am - Luis Borel

Tuesday, March 10, 8:00am - TBA

Wednesday, March 11, 8:00am - TBA

Thursday, March 12, 8:00am - Doris Boone †

Friday, March 13, 8:00am - Charlotte Nielsen †

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. An important change has been made to the evening - families are welcomed. Children will join us for the worship and during the following scripture study will be placed in the Borromeo Room for their own children's study. Pizza and snacks will be served.

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

Building and Grounds Committee

Our committee has been hard at work identifying areas that need attention. Some current projects include: Lighting for the bell tower, electrical panels in the Church, Hall, and Rectory needing to be replaced, new light poles and higher wattage lighting for patio area, and new interior doors in the office/rectory are a few areas currently receiving attention. See something that needs a fix? Get a hold of Rob Curtis at: robertcurtis.stcharles@gmail.com

