

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

Mission Statement

November 1, 2020

*As St. Charles Borromeo Parishioners, "We are called to act with justice,
to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God." - Micah 6:8*



**ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO CHURCH**
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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri : 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM &
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM
9:00 AM, Family Mass
11:00 AM, Choir
1:00 PM, French/Creole
5:30 PM, Youth Mass
Weekdays: 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00 AM In Choir Room
(Until all are heard)

ROSARY

Monday - Saturday at 7:50 AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. John the Evangelist Chapel
in the Ministry Center
By Appointment Only

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Welcome Home to St. Charles Church

Whether you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you home to Saint Charles Borromeo Church! Please consider registering as a member of our Parish family at the Parish Office during business hours. **Registration forms are on our Parish Website. Registration is required for participation in the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage.** Welcome Home!



Bishop Frank Dewane has extended the dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to November 27th for those who are not yet comfortable returning to Church.

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8:30 AM (Monday—Saturday)

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM

9:00 AM (Family Mass)

11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Haitian Mass)

5:30 PM (Youth Mass)

Televised/Live Streamed Mass Schedule

*Our St. Charles **Live Streamed Masses** are as follows and can be found on our website at **www.stcharlespc.org**:*

4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays

9:00 AM Family Mass on Sundays

*The **Diocesan Mass** on Sundays can be viewed at 9:30 AM on the CW Network and on Fox 4 at 10:30 AM.*



Prayer for Voters

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and minds with Your truth. Bless us as we prepare to vote. Give us wisdom that we might apply the teaching of our faith to the decisions we make. Endow us with understanding and balance as we discern what is good for our country and its people. Guide us to seek leaders who follow Your will. And may our vote be offered with confidence that Your providence will bring prosperity, peace, and justice for all Your people. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR November 2nd—November 8th

MONDAY	7:00 AM		
	8:30 AM	D	All Souls
TUESDAY	7:00 AM	D	Consolacion Velasco
	8:30 AM	D	Gus Collado
WEDNESDAY	7:00 AM	D	Americo Fernandes
	8:30 AM	D	Ann Delores Galloway
THURSDAY	7:00 AM		
	8:30 AM	D	Phyllis Russell
FRIDAY	7:00 AM		
	8:30 AM	L	In Thanksgiving
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	L	John & Carol Mulholland 50th Anniversary
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	D	Frank J. Gallo
Celebrant	TBA		
SUNDAY	7:00 AM	D	Bernard Spriger
Celebrant	TBA		
Family Mass	9:00 AM	D	Gus Collado
Celebrant	TBA		
Choir Mass	11:00 AM	L	People of the Parish
Celebrant	TBA		
Haitian Mass	1:00 PM	L	Vladimir & Tiffany Larivaud
Celebrant	Fr. Tony		
Youth Mass	5:30 PM	D	Leo Beaulieu
Celebrant	TBA		

ALTAR BREAD & WINE MEMORIALS

We offer the opportunity for the Altar Bread and Wine to be memorialized for a deceased relative or to honor a loved one. Donations are taken for one week. Please stop by the Parish Office to make arrangements. The suggested donation is \$25 for either the Altar Bread or Wine, or \$50 for both.



FLOWER/SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

If you wish to make a fresh flower or Sanctuary Lamp Memorial donation, please contact the Parish Office. Two bouquets are needed whenever fresh flowers are used to decorate the Altar area. The cost is \$40 for each bouquet (\$80 total). More than one person or family may join together to request flower memorials on a particular weekend. The offering for a Sanctuary Lamp Memorial is \$10.

As a Parish Community, we offer our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, and those buried in our Memorial Garden. We pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones. May God strengthen their hope in life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Update

Weekend of 10/18/20 \$11,234.75
Last Year \$13,421.91
Year to Date \$210,663.89

**BUILDING CAMPAIGN FUND as of
July 31, 2020 \$1,263,151.97**

DOING GOOD AND AVOIDING EVIL

Catholics are called to make practical judgments regarding good and evil choices in the political arena. There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called “intrinsically evil” actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, “abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others” (Living the Gospel of Life, no. 5). **It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of “individual choice.”** A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed.

Holy Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and may you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls, especially those evil spirits within our own Parish community of faith. Amen.

RESPECT LIFE

Is abortion the great evil that should bias our support for public officials, or should social justice rule the day? The words of Bishop Fulton Sheen ring true today as they did in the mid-20th century:

“America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance. It is not. It is suffering from tolerance: tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded.”

America has been instrumental in combatting evil. At the top of the list, we can count slavery and the holocaust. Does that mean slavery does not exist or that there is no bias against Jews? No, but they are seriously diminished. Now is the time for an all-out attack on abortion and, with Christian charity, continue working on those social evils that still plague us.

(Babies aborted this week: Milo, Ivy, Jasper, Ella, and Archer. Please spiritually adopt one of them and keep him or her in your prayers.) For more information, or to join the Respect Life Community, please contact Gary at 625-4754.

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The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

"If indeed 'the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,' the Church 'cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.'"¹ So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.²

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"³ The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22). Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.⁴

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human

being “*must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness* ... This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person” (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, “It is necessary to ‘consider every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity’ (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27). Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society.”⁵

Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.⁶ The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.⁷

The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily.”⁸

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well being of all. We have a duty to care for God’s creation, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si’* as “our common home.”⁹ We all are called to be careful stewards of God’s creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us]”.¹⁰ Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to ... the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible *for all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one’s neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one’s own advantage.”¹¹

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes:

1) *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 183. 2) *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015. 3) *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221. 4) *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* no. 160. 5) *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. 6) *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185. 7) *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6. 8) *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164. 9) *Laudato Si’*, no. 77. 10) *Laudato Si’*, nos. 219 and 217. 11) *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON // NOV 3, 2020



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In keeping with its mission, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information compiled here has been gathered from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites, and other resources, as of September 1, 2020, to help voters form their consciences before voting in November. The issues that appear here do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The FCCB neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

President

DONALD TRUMP



Former Vice-President

JOE BIDEN



ABORTION

In 2016, [Trump said](#) that the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* "will happen automatically...because I am putting pro-life justices on the [U.S. Supreme] Court."

In 2017, [Trump signed into law](#) a resolution to allow states to restrict Title X funding for Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

According to his website, "As president, [Biden will work](#) to codify *Roe v. Wade*, and his Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop the rash of state laws that so blatantly violate the constitutional right to an abortion..."

"As president, [Biden will...reverse](#) the Trump Administration's rule preventing Planned Parenthood and certain other family planning programs from obtaining Title X funds."

DEATH PENALTY

In 2020, [the Trump Administration presided](#) over five executions (three in July and two in August), the first to be carried out by the federal government in 17 years. Two additional executions are scheduled in September 2020.

According to his website, "[Biden will work](#) to pass legislation to eliminate the death penalty at the federal level, and incentivize states to follow the federal government's example. These individuals should instead serve life sentences without probation or parole."

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

In February 2020, [Trump said](#), "Yet, for too long, countless American children have been trapped in failing government schools. To rescue these students, 18 states have created school choice in the form of Opportunity Scholarships... no parent should be forced to send their child to a failing government school."

In January 2020, [Biden tweeted](#), "When we divert public funds to private schools, we undermine the entire public education system. We've got to prioritize investing in our public schools, so every kid in America gets a fair shot. That's why I oppose vouchers."

ENVIRONMENT

[Trump has begun](#) the process of withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Agreement on climate change, an international agreement to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions.

According to his website, [a Biden administration will re-enter](#) the Paris Agreement on day one.

ETHICS IN RESEARCH

In 2019, [the Trump Administration announced](#) its decision to discontinue research conducted within the National Institutes of Health "involving the use of human fetal tissue from elective abortion".

While serving in the U.S. Senate: In 2007, [Biden voted](#) in favor of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 (S.5), which provides for human embryonic stem cell research. In 1998, [Biden voted](#) against the Human Cloning Prohibition Act (S.1601).

GENDER ISSUES

In 2019, [the White House confirmed](#) Trump's opposition to the [Equality Act](#), which would add the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws, and would exempt itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993: "The Trump Administration absolutely opposes discrimination of any kind and supports the equal treatment of all. However, this bill in its current form is filled with poison pills that threaten to undermine parental and conscience rights."

According to his website, [Biden believes](#) the [Equality Act](#) is the "best vehicle for ensuring equal rights under the law for LGBTQ+ Americans, and will guarantee that LGBTQ+ individuals are protected under existing civil rights laws." Biden lists enacting the Equality Act as a top legislative priority.

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HEALTH CARE ACCESS

According to his website, [Trump](#) "repealed the Obamacare individual mandate, expanded plan choices and increased competition to bring down costs for consumers." In June 2020, [the Trump administration argued](#) in a legal brief that the entire Affordable Care Act (ACA) should be invalidated. Signed into law in 2010, ACA expanded access to health care coverage for the uninsured.

According to a White House fact sheet, [Trump](#) "is using all available means to ensure safe vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics are developed, manufactured, and distributed in unprecedented time and scale in response to COVID-19."

According to his website, [Biden will protect](#) the Affordable Care Act and build on it by "giving Americans a new choice, a public health insurance option like Medicare; increasing the value of tax credits to lower premiums and extend coverage to more working Americans; [and] expanding coverage to low-income Americans."

According to his website, [Biden's COVID-19 plan](#) "ensures the wide availability of free testing; the elimination of all cost barriers to preventive care and treatment for COVID-19; the development of a vaccine; and the full deployment and operation of necessary supplies, personnel, and facilities."

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES

According to his website, "Upon entering office, [President Trump called on](#) Congress to fully fund a wall along the Southern border, to close legal loopholes that enable illegal immigration, to end chain migration, and to eliminate the visa lottery program."

In July 2020, [the Trump Administration announced](#) it would reject applications for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program stating, "...the fact remains that Congress should act on this matter."

[The Trump Administration proposes](#) resettling 18,000 refugees under a new refugee ceiling. The number admitted in 2016 was nearly 85,000.

According to Biden's website, "As president, [Joe will prioritize](#) a comprehensive immigration reform to finally give 11 million undocumented immigrants a roadmap to citizenship."

In June 2020, [Biden stated](#), "As President, I will immediately work to make [DACA] permanent by sending a bill to Congress on day one of my Administration."

[Biden will set](#) the annual global refugee admissions cap to 125,000.

POVERTY

In 2019, [the Trump Administration opposed](#) a House-passed bill that would raise the federal minimum wage to \$15, stating, "efforts to reduce taxes, eliminate regulations, and implement fairer trade deals are driving economic growth and increasing workers' take-home pay far more effectively and efficiently than legislation like H.R. 582." The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour; a number of states and localities have adopted higher rates.

According to Biden's website, "[He firmly believes](#) all Americans are owed a raise, and it's well past time we increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 across the country. This increase would include workers who aren't currently earning the minimum wage, like the farmworkers who grow our food and domestic workers who care for our aging and sick and for those with disabilities."

RACIAL EQUITY

In June 2020, [Trump announced](#) four steps to address racial inequity and police reform: 1) aggressively pursuing economic development in minority communities; 2) confronting healthcare disparities, including addressing chronic conditions and investing in minority-serving medical institutions; 3) an [executive order](#) that will encourage police departments nationwide to meet the most current professional standards for the use of force, including tactics for de-escalation; and 4) renewing a call on Congress to enact school choice.

In a June 2020 op-ed, [Biden said](#), "We should also be directing our resources to actively undo the negative effect systemic racism has had on opportunities for black Americans," citing inequities for African-American entrepreneurs, the gap in home ownership and discriminatory lending practices. [Biden also said](#), "...I'm proposing an additional \$300 million to reinvigorate community policing in our country. Every single police department should have the money it needs to institute real reforms..."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

In 2017, [Trump signed](#) an executive order, which states, "Federal law protects the freedom of Americans and their organizations to exercise religion and participate fully in civic life without undue interference by the Federal Government. The executive branch will honor and enforce those protections."

In response to a July 2020 U.S. Supreme Court ruling preserving the religious liberty of the Little Sisters of the Poor, [a White House statement said](#), "As the Supreme Court has previously stated, protecting the ability of people to worship and live according to the dictates of their conscience is part of 'the best of our traditions.'"

According to Biden's website, "The Trump-Pence Administration has deliberately and systematically attempted to gut protections for the LGBTQ+ community by carving out broad religious exemptions to existing nondiscrimination laws and policies across federal agencies. [Biden will reverse](#) Trump's policies misusing these broad exemptions..."

Regarding the July 2020 ruling, [Biden said](#) the decision, "will make it easier for the Trump-Pence Administration to continue to strip health care from women--attempting to carve out broad exemptions to the Affordable Care Act's commitment to giving all women free access to recommended contraception."

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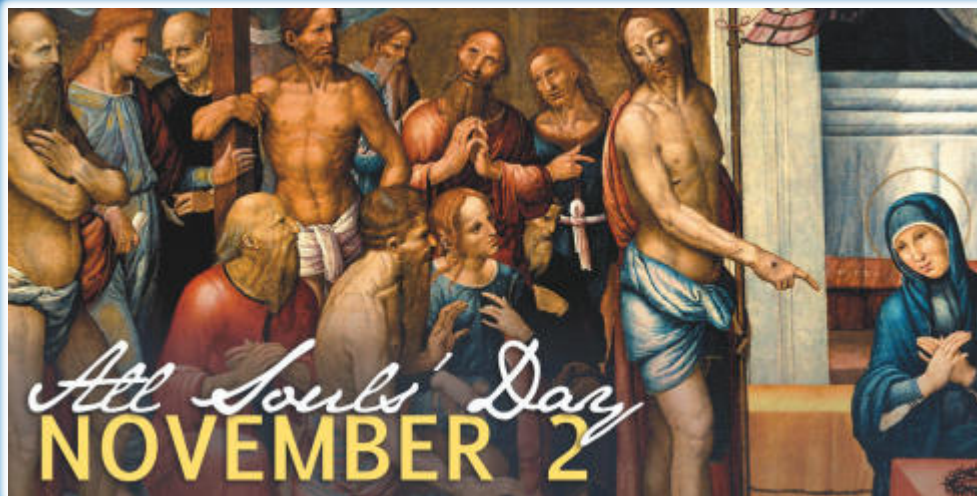
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RULES FOR ATTENDING MASS DURING THE PANDEMIC

- **Everyone entering the Church must have on a mask.** A scarf or bandana will also suffice.
- **Everyone must sanitize their hands before entering the Church.** Additionally, please sanitize your hands immediately before you receive Communion and immediately afterwards.
- **You may only receive Communion passively on your hand,** not on your tongue. Please do not attempt to take the Host from the priest and do not cup your hand like a basket. Keep your hand as flat as possible. The priest will then attempt to place the Host on your hand without touching you. While receiving Communion, please **KEEP YOUR MASK ON**. Once you receive the Eucharist, step a few feet to the side, pull down your mask, place the Eucharist in your mouth, pull your mask back up, and return to your pew.
- **Please refrain from touching anything in the church unless it is absolutely necessary.**
- ***If you are sick, experiencing the slightest of symptoms, or are at greater risk of becoming seriously ill because of your age or a previous condition, or if you live with, work with, or have been exposed to anyone who fits this description, we strongly urge you to stay home and attend the online live-streamed Mass or the TV Mass. This precaution is for our own safety as well as for that of your family, friends, and fellow parishioners.***
- Please consider attending the 7:00 AM or 5:30 PM Masses on Sunday, as they are usually more lightly attended.
- **Social Distancing rules must be followed.** Pews have been roped off to create space. Please do not sit close to people you do not live with.
- The sign of Peace will be omitted.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Next weekend, November 7th & 8th, is our Monthly Collection. We need your help to help others. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity!



STRAIGHT OUTTA THE CATECHISM

Learn the TRUTH about our Catholic Faith!!

We meet Tuesday Evenings From 6:30PM - 8:30PM in the Ministry Center.

Led by our Director of Religious Education, Michael Barrett addresses what you've been wondering about the Sacraments, Morality, and more, in an EASY to understand way. You don't need a degree in theology to join this FREE class. All you need is the desire to know more about your Catholic Faith.

In an age where right is wrong, and wrong is right, come learn the truth about the Church founded by our Lord Jesus Christ.

For questions or for more information, please contact Michael Barrett at faithformation@stcbc.org or call (941) 585-0668.



"Father, we ask that you give all of those serving on the frontlines of our war with the Coronavirus, especially our health care professionals, wisdom and understanding, and strength and courage to serve the cause of protecting and saving life. We ask this in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen."



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the friendly, relaxed, and prayerful process that helps adults learn more about the Catholic Faith, and then (if they feel called by God) to prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and/or Confirmation.

RCIA is for: Non-Catholics who are interested in exploring Catholicism, Catholic adults who missed out on First Communion and/or Confirmation, anyone who is spiritually searching, and those who might be quietly wishing to receive Christ in the Eucharist.

To learn more, contact the Faith Formation office at (941) 585-0668 or faithformation@stcbc.org.

Due to CDC guidelines social distancing and masks are required.

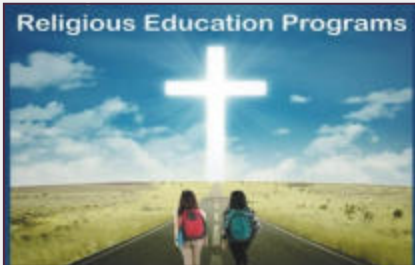


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Scan here to go to our website.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you'd like to register your child for Faith Formation classes, EDGE, or LIFETEEN Youth Group, please contact Michael at (941) 585-0668 or faithformation@stcbc.org.



Knights of Columbus Special!!!!

St. Charles Borromeo Knights of Columbus will have their cooked Smoked Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner for six available for pickup Thanksgiving morning, November 26th, from 7 AM - 11 AM at Saint Charles Borromeo Parish Center. Dinner will include a 12-14 lb. whole smoked turkey, homemade corn bread dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob and cranberry sauce. Just heat and serve! Donations for the dinner are \$50 with all proceeds going to St. Charles Borromeo School. There will be a limited number of dinners available so call early to reserve yours. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Charles Parish Office or by calling Dave at (404) 944-9172 or Tom at (941) 235-0701.

Let us thank the Lord for all of his blessings.

The further a society drifts from truth the more it will hate those who speak it.

— George Orwell



This weekend, October 31-November 1, is Mission Cooperative Sunday (not to be confused with Mission Sunday.)

Due to Covid-19, we will **not** have a speaker, nor a separate collection taken up by our ushers. **Instead, we ask all donations for Mission Cooperative Sunday be placed into the poor boxes instead. The poor boxes will be reserved for Mission Cooperative donations for this specific weekend.**

Thank you for your generosity!

Your CFA donations help prepare young men for the priesthood. In order to be prepared for the many challenges of priestly life, our seminarians undergo an extensive formation program, often lasting up to 8 years. The Diocese, with your help, invests over \$65,000 per year for the comprehensive formation of each seminarian. We thank you for your support and ask for your prayers as we strive to meet our CFA assessment.

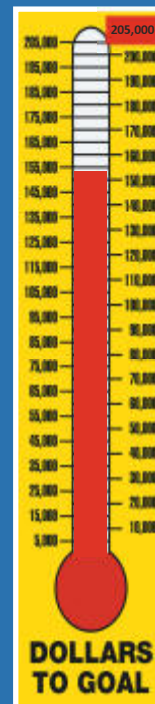
Many of you have been so generous in your contributions to the CFA. However, we are still a bit short of our goal. We could make our goal if just half of our parish families gave \$20 per month in the months of November and December.

To set up online giving of \$15 per month for November and December visit:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/>

If you need assistance setting up online giving, contact the Church Office and ask for Carla Velasquez or Susan Ribeiro. You can also drop off a check for the CFA at the Parish Office.

God bless your generosity!



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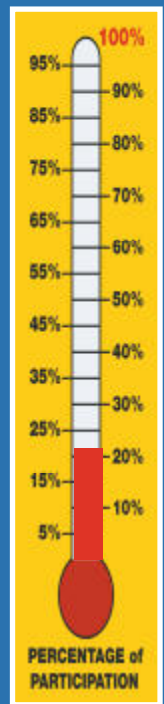
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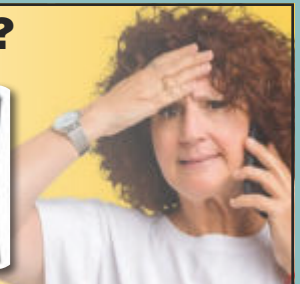
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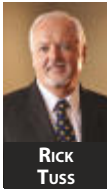
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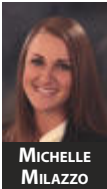
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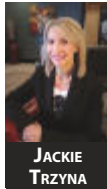
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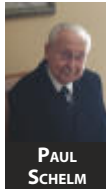
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