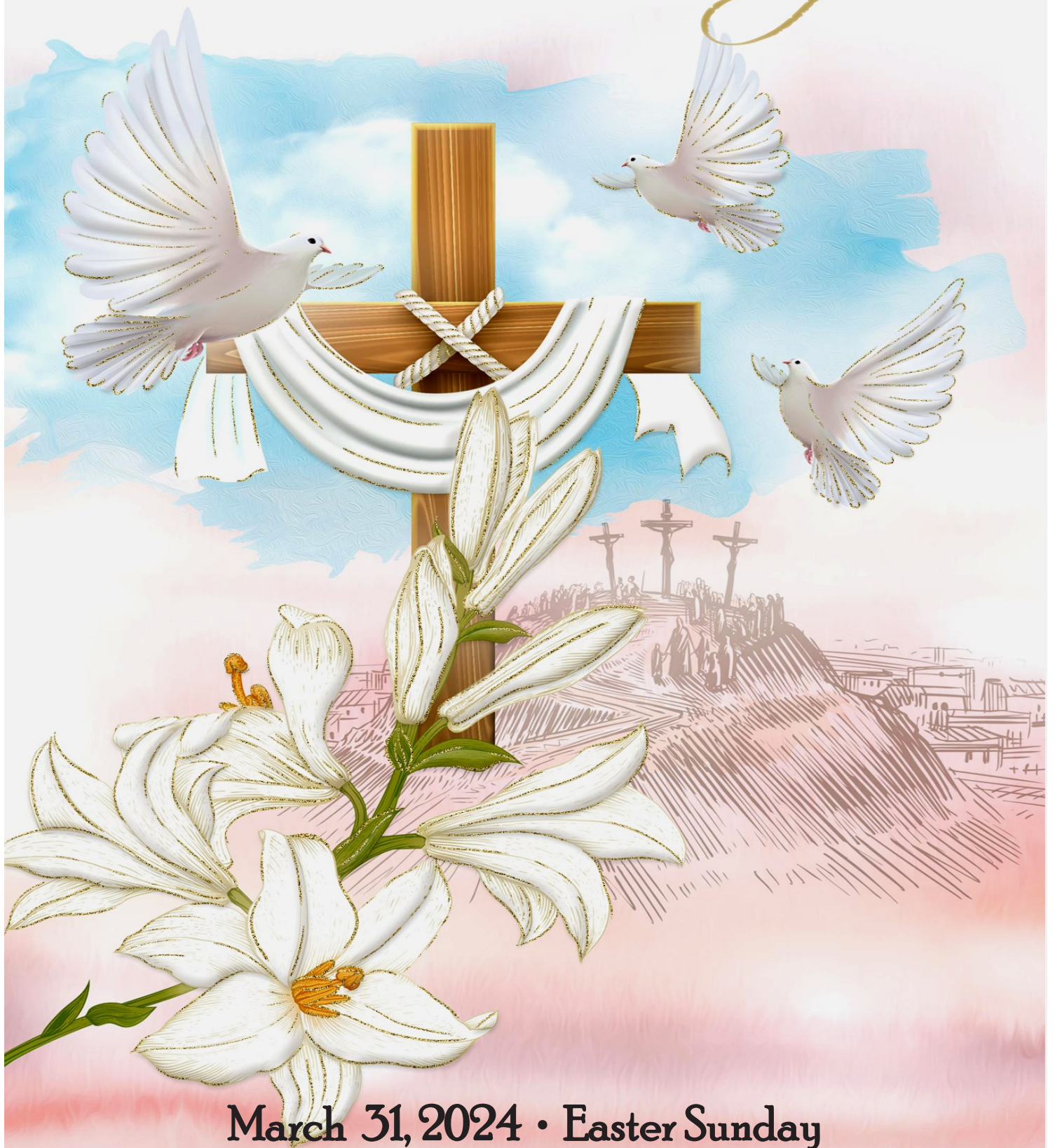


St. Charles Borromeo Church

Easter Blessings



March 31, 2024 • Easter Sunday

Mass Intentions

- Monday, April 1**
No Mass
- Tuesday, April 2**
5pm– St. Philip’s– Joseph Kintzele
- Wednesday, April 3**
7am– St. Charles– Mary Alice Kramer
- Thursday, April 4**
5pm– St. Philip’s– Maria Beresita Lazo
- Friday, April 5**
7am– St. Charles– John & Mary Zie
- Saturday, April 6**
8am– St. Charles– Andrew Blagg
5pm– St. Charles– Raymond Herman
- Sunday, April 7**
8:30am– St. Charles– For the People of the Parish
11am– St. Philip’s– Eva Hernandez
5pm– St. Philip’s– All Souls Intention

Stewardship of Treasure

The collection amounts were not available at the time of printing. Check next week’s bulletin for the figures.



Happy Easter!

from
**Fr. Braden
and
Your Parish Staff**



A View From the Deacon's Seat

Easter Sunday

“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.”

– C.S. Lewis, ‘The Weight of Glory’

Happy Easter to one and all. I pray that you and your loved ones may experience the joy of this season when we acknowledge Christ’s love for everyone of us in his Passion and Resurrection.

How many of us recognize the fact of this quote? God created everything in the world and indeed, the world itself. It was God who created time. While we are living our earthly lives as temporal creatures, we often have a hard time wrapping our minds around that our souls are immortal. When God created man, he breathed upon him. The only other place in the Bible that notes God breathing on men is when Jesus breathed upon the Apostles and gave them the Church. In doing so, God breathed into every one of us the divine breath.

Mankind is unique. Now, all living things have a soul. But humans are different. We have an everlasting soul created by God. Scripture tells us: “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.” (Psalm 139:13) When God gave us the spark of life, that spark will never be extinguished. It really does not matter if someone believes in God or not. He believes in us. Yes, some folks refuse to believe in him and even mock those of us who do. God does care and wants them to come to him; he loves us that much!

Scripture tells us that there is only one unforgiveable sin. That sin is against the Holy Spirit. There are libraries filled with theologians trying to decipher what that means. For me, it is disavowing God’s presence in my life. I am God’s creation. I was created to “...love the Lord (our) God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ (Mark 12:30) Sadly, too many folks try to ignore God and in doing so, they are actually disavowing God.

The above quote reminds us that regardless of our relationship to God, God’s relationships to his creations remain steadfast. Again, Scripture says: “if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us.” (2 Timothy 2:12)

You and I are immortal creatures. We are on earth living our mortal lives. But this is only a brief and temporary thing. What we will become is yet to be seen and understood. However, there is one thing I am sure of; I want to be in relationship with God when I exit this realm. Leaving this world and not being in friendship with God means that we will spend eternity alone. How will you leave the planet?

Deacon Jeff Beals

WITH GREAT JOY we welcome **Nicole Smith** who received new life through the Sacraments of Initiation. Having been sealed with sacred Chrism in the Sacrament of Confirmation, she now shares in the very life of Christ through His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. We welcome her and promise to hold her in our prayers in the days ahead. Congratulations!!!



Easter Sunday

FAITH FORMATION

Happy Easter!! He is RISEN!! Enjoy this blessed time with your family and friends sharing the Good News of our Risen Savior!!

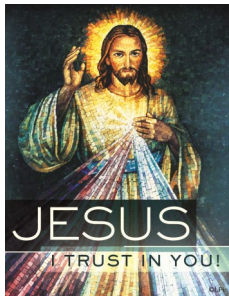
Faith Formation classes start back up next weekend (April 7) from 9:45-10:45.



HAPPY EASTER! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.

RICE BOWLS may be turned in at any time. There are receptacles in the vestibule, or you may bring your bowl to the office. Checks with "Rice Bowl" noted in the memo and written to St. Charles will be accepted as well as cash and coins. 25% of the contributions will remain in our diocese. Thank you for supporting those in need both locally and abroad.

PICK UP your copy of *The Word Among Us* in the vestibule. This wonderful resource contains the Mass Readings and Daily Meditations for the month of April. During Lent, we were called to increase our prayer life. Use this wonderful resource to keep it going!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY— Each year, the Sunday after Easter is designated Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day (April 7) a special prayer ("chaplet") is offered, asking God to extend his mercy on all humanity. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in church on April 7, at 2:00 p.m. for the chaplet. There will also be an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Eucharistic ADORATION — In the reading on Easter morning, St. Paul tells us, *"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."* Jesus, whose suffering, death, and resurrection won for us our salvation, humbles Himself to be present to us here in the Eucharist. Seek Him there! He is waiting! Our monthly Eucharist Adoration will be held April 6. Contact Mike Metzger to sign up for your holy hour.

PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS. As you pray your daily offering throughout **April**, please include this special intention of our Holy Father:

For the Role of Women — We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

- ...all homebound & nursing home parishioners
- ...Ben Campanis, Paxton Johnson, Brittany, Mike Kuncel Steve Shadwell, Laura Howarth, Diana Carlisle, Deidre Oliver, Jim Russell, Michon Pals, Janet Dutler, Michelle, Alex, Andy Dale, and Jackie Everett who have cancer
- ...Diana Ensign, Robert Montgomery, Nancy Jenkins, David Belford, Barbara Buenger, the Acosta Family, Laura Cleaver, Marty & Justin Thomas, Kathleen Bates, Linda Coleman, Cindy Livingston, Dora Wheeler, Jacqueline Schaefer, Linda Miller, Joseph Furlong, Michael O'Brien, and Dr. Whalen, of our parish
- ...those who have Alzheimer's and their families
- ...All men and women serving in the Armed Forces
- ...David Quinn requested by Cindy Livingston
- ...A friend's improved health, two special intentions, and for Chloe (her niece) requested by Katie Armstrong
- ...Mickey Miller, Rick and Loretta Morgan
- ...Glenda & Manuel Terronez, friends of Penny Clay
- ...Beau Garrett, great-nephew of Mike & Robin Cox
- ...Kathy Korosa, requested by Charmaine Owens
- ...Bert Kastl, nephew of Mary Lenhart
- ...Jim Russell & Mark Ruebel, friends of Mike Ziebka
- ...Lee Malone, Vicki Shadwell, a parishioner and Doug who have serious health issues
- ...Laurie Kolling Summerfield, cousin of Cay Kolling
- ...David Baer, brother-in-law of Matthew Mittelstaedt
- ...Marjorie Hoedebecke's niece, Kristen
- ...Jack & June Johnson, parents of Jacqueline Wehrle
- ...A family member of Joan Jacobs who has cancer
- ...Larry Acton, friend of the Jerry Bennett Family
- ...the Moser Family
- ...Doris Hamilton, requested by Shirley Rideout
- ...Kolin and Meredith Roderick Family
- ...Karen Keown mother of Kay Endsley

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

April 6 – 5:00 p.m.

Reader – Ken Mitsdarfer

Ushers – Bob O'Rourke

Mindi O'Rourke

Servers – Gabriela Bumatayo

Rachel Bumatayo

EM – Lexe Volk

Charmaine Owens

April 7 – 8:30 a.m.

Reader – Mike Metzger

Ushers – Gail Blank

Mark Bates

Jim Littleford

Jeff Coon

Servers – Everleigh Morrisson

Melaina Morrisson

EM – Andy Cerven

Karen Littleford

Faith and FUN on First Fridays

Kids Grades Kindergarten – 5th
Friday, April 5th 6:30p-8:00p
in Moriarty Hall

Join us for a fun Easter activity!
RSVP to Sam Laingen at
mclaingen@gmail.com by April 3rd



St Charles Women of Faith BUNCO



Friday April 5th @ 6:30

St. Charles Parish Hall

\$10 Donation for Matthew 25

See Bulletin Board for Details



THE CHARLESTON FOOD PANTRY
collection is April 6 & 7, and the
suggested item is Macaroni & Cheese.
Monetary donations are also welcome.

Upcoming suggested items are:

- May – Cereal
- June – Hearty Soups
- July – 2nd Collection



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
are sponsoring “Trivia with a Twist” on
Friday, April 12. The cost is \$5 per
person, and all proceeds will benefit the

Newman Center’s Alternative Spring Break. Test your
trivia knowledge with fun questions in 12 different
categories – 3 questions in each. There are no table
themes, and it’s Bring Your Own beverages and
snacks. First question at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Can I Get a Witness?

Peter uses the sentence, “We are witnesses of all that
he did.” Peter bore witness in a different manner after
the Resurrection than he did before Christ died.
Witness can be both a noun and a verb; meaning
“observer” and meaning “corroborate,” “testify.”

- How are we a witness?
- What is your action to witness to truth?
- Is the source of strength for Peter the same
source for us?

Calendar of Events

3/31	Easter Mass– 8:30am– Church
4/2	St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser– 4-9pm– Mi Casa Tu Casa
4/3	Rosary– 9:15am– Church Pastoral Council– 5:30pm– MH
4/5	Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH Faith & Fun on First Friday– 6:30pm– MH St. Charles Women of Faith Bunco Night– 6:30pm– MH
4/6	Fatima Devotions– 8am– Church Eucharistic Adoration– 9:00am-5:00pm– Church Food Drive
4/7	Food Drive Coffee & Conversation– after Mass– MH Faith Formation– K-8– 9:45-10:45am HS Faith Formation– 7-8pm– MH
4/10	Rosary– 9:15am– Church KC Blood Drive– 1-5pm– MH KC Meeting– 7pm– KC
4/12	Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH KC “Trivia with a Twist”– 7pm– MH
4/14	Coffee & Conversation– after Mass– MH Faith Formation– K-8– 9:45-10:45am HS Faith Formation– 7-8pm– MH

THANK YOU to all the ladies of the parish who
baked the many wonderful desserts for the KCs Fish
Frys. They were thoroughly enjoyed by those who
purchased them. Also, a big “thank you” to all who
helped sell the desserts. The funds raised will go
towards ministries and agencies that the St. Charles
Women of Faith support.



THANK YOU to all who took a name
and shopped as a part of the Easter
Basket Project. The St. Charles Women
of Faith helped to provide an Easter
basket full of goodies and much needed
items for **42 children** in our community
(many from families who might not be able to afford
this gift). Your thoughtfulness, time, and support,
help make this project possible.



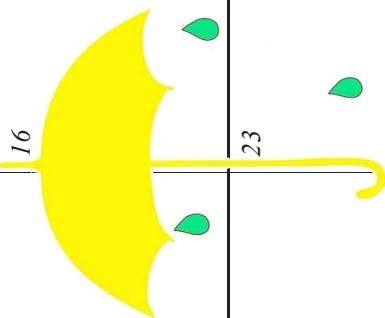

Daily Mass Scriptures 03/31/2024

Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
Tue	Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
Wed	Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
Thu	Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
Fri	Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
Sat	Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15
Sun	Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

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April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31 Easter – 8:30am Mass 	1 St. Vincent de Paul Fund Raiser – 4-9pm– Mi Casa Tu Casa	2 St. Vincent de Paul Fund Raiser – 4-9pm– Mi Casa Tu Casa	3 Rosary – 9:15am– Church Pastoral Council Meeting – 5:30pm– MH	4 	5 Friday Morning Coffee – after Mass– MH Faith & Fun Night – 6:30pm – MH Bunco – 6:30pm– MH	6 Fatima Devotions – 8am– Church Eucharistic Adoration – 9:00am-5pm– Church Food Drive
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14 Coffee & Conversation – after Mass– MH Faith Formation – 1-8– 9:45-10:45am HS Faith Formation – 7-8:00pm	15 	16 	17 Rosary – 9:15am– Church	18 	19 Friday Morning Coffee – after Mass– MH	20 1st Reconciliation (Gr. 2) – 9:30am– Church
21 Coffee & Conversation – after Mass– MH Faith Formation – 1-8– 9:45-10:45am HS Faith Formation – 7-8:00pm	22 	23 	24 Rosary – 9:15am– Church	25 	26 Friday Morning Coffee – after Mass– MH Traveling Rosary – 3:30pm– Villas of Hollybrook	27 Confirmation & 1st Communion Retreat – 9am– MH
28 Faith Formation End of Year Pancake Party – after 8:30 Mass– MH	29 	30 				

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Diocesan Vocations Office
698-8500 ext. 182

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call (217) 321-1155.

Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or your local police authority.

BAPTISM: Prior to Baptism of an infant, parents are to attend a Pre-Jordan class, preferably before the birth of the baby. Please call the office well in advance for information.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Those who are homebound and wish to receive Communion, please call the office at 345-3332.

MARRIAGE: Preparations for marriage begin at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Please contact the office to set an appointment with Fr. Braden Maher.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Faith Formation classes for grades kindergarten through 12th are offered on Sundays during the regular school year. First Reconciliation will take place in 2nd Grade. First Eucharist and Confirmation will take place in 3rd Grade.

RCIA– RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Adults and children who wish to learn more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic or help with the RCIA may contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: This sacrament offers the healing strength and peace of Christ to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized or about to have surgery. Please call the office for arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS: To register, please contact Fr. Braden Maher at 217-345-3332 or by email at bmaher@dio.org to set up an appointment.

MORIARTY HALL: If you wish to reserve the Hall, contact the parish office at 217-345-3332 or via email at office@saintcharleschurch.org to check on availability.

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Judi Heckel, Jerry Herman, Ryan Siegel, Al Volk

John Kent, *Knights of Columbus – Grand Knight*

Cay Kolling and Rosie Schniers,
St. Charles Women of Faith Co-Chairs

Rosary

Wednesday-9:15 a.m.– St. Charles

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 3:30-4:30 p.m. – St. Charles

Tuesday – 3:30-4:30 p.m. – St. Philip's

Wednesday (after Mass) – 7:30 a.m.– St. Charles

Wednesday – 8:00-9:00 p.m.– St. Philip's

By appointment – call 345-3332 to schedule

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Saturday: following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Monday: 8:00-9:00 p.m. @ St. Philip's

Wednesday: 8:00-9:00 p.m. @ St. Philip's

MATTHEW 25 NEEDS LIST

Prayers

Partner Families (talk to Roy Lanham)

Full-Size Mattress and Box Springs (5 needed) –
[call to make arrangements for pick-up.]

Thank you for your continuing support for this much needed ministry in our community.



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June E. Baker
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Happy Easter