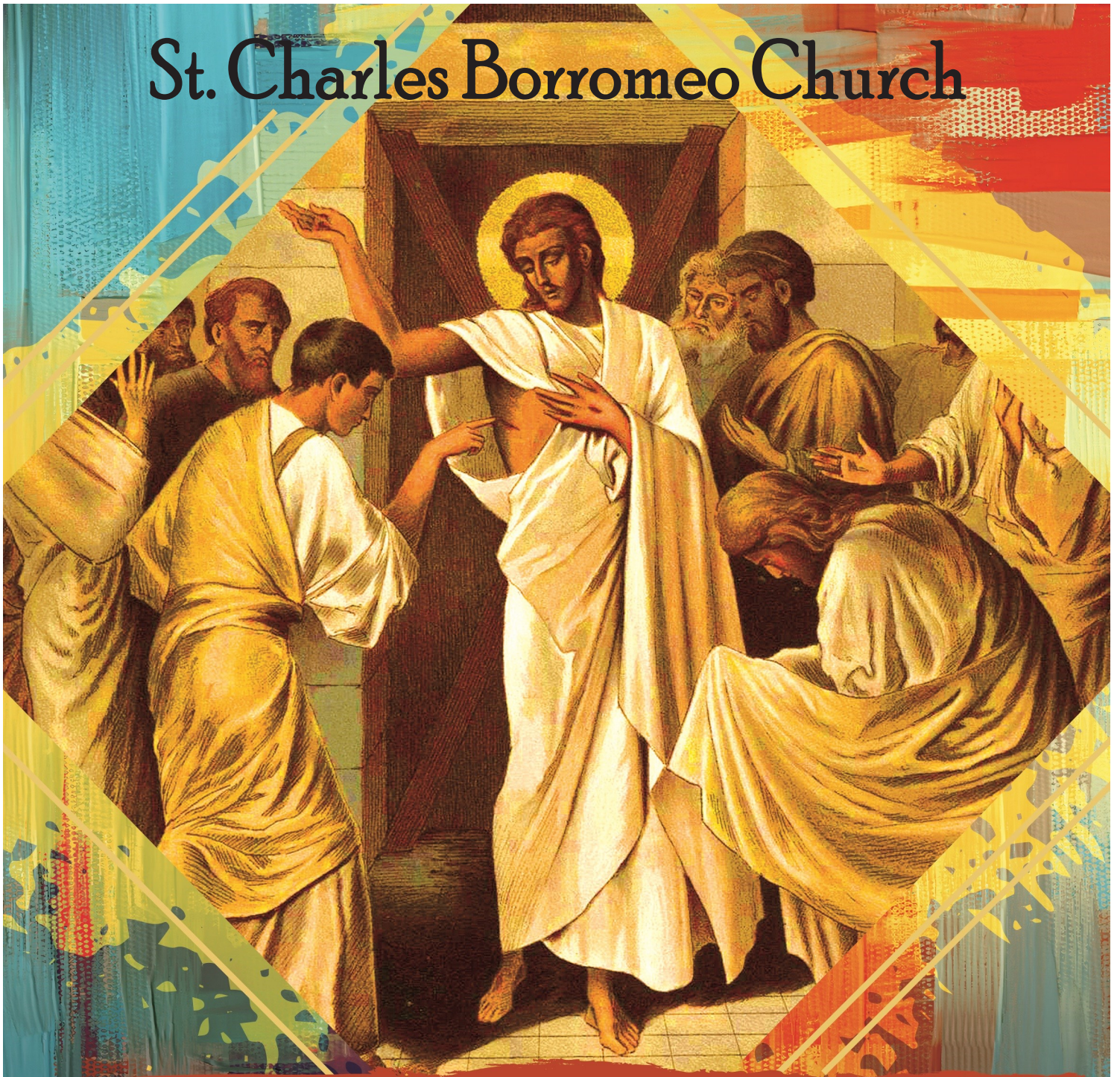


St. Charles Borromeo Church



April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 8

No Mass

Tuesday, April 9

5pm– St. Philip’s– Kyle Korosa

Wednesday, April 10

7am– St. Charles– George Gilkerson

Thursday, April 11

St. Stanislaus

5pm– St. Philip’s– All Souls Intention

Friday, April 12

7am– St. Charles– Laura Hussey

Saturday, April 13

5pm– St. Charles– Maurice & Patrick Grant

Sunday, April 14

8:30am– St. Charles– Woody Kramer

11am– St. Philip’s– Ethan & Jim Miller

5pm– St. Philip’s– For the People of the Parish

Stewardship of Treasure

We have **385** households in our Parish Family contributing:

Envelopes	\$6,660.00
Loose	566.25
EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)	445.00
Online Giving	60.00
(Needed weekly)	\$8,550.00
CPN	200.00
Catholic Relief Services	25.00
Food Pantry	10.00
Holy Land	1,145.00
Maintain St. Charles	225.00
Memorial	1,000.00
Rent	110.00
Rice Bowl	258.05
Seminarians	1,547.00
Total	\$12,251.30
Time Period: Jul 1, 2023 - Mar 30, 2024	
Year-to-Date Collected	\$344,182.98
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$313,343.03
Deficit/Surplus for Year	\$30,839.95



A View From the Deacon's Seat

Divine Mercy Sunday

Then he (Jesus) said to him (the leper), “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The (leper) went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

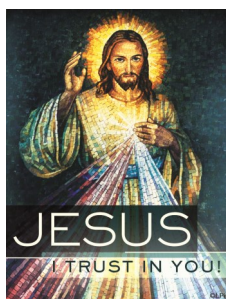
Mark 1:44-45

If you have small children, you may be familiar with “the look.” As a parent, you want what is best for your child. This includes some amount of discipline. If you see your child doing something unsafe, you try and correct the unsafe behavior. However, if the child does not want to stop what they are doing, they may well cross their arms and give you a look that says (loudly), I want what I want and hang the consequences. For most young children, obedience is not high on their ‘to do’ list. Yet, as parents, discipline must be on our ‘to do’ list. We have all seen or heard about children that have never experienced discipline. I believe our jails are filled with these individuals.

Now, Jesus is known for his healings. In his ministry, Jesus healed folks even if it meant he would be ostracized for doing this. One of the main charges against him before his crucifixion was that he healed a person on the Sabbath. In this passage, Jesus is filled with compassion and heals a man with leprosy. Yet there is an admonition given to this person as well. Jesus tells the man to not tell anyone he has been healed. The fellow is asked to obey Jesus. The word “obey” has developed a negative connotation, especially in modern times. When we are called to obey someone, we are sometimes offended. But “obey” comes from a Latin word which means to listen to. For example, when we obey the Lord, we listen to Him and what the heart of Jesus desires. Jesus asks the leper to obey. He says, “Do not tell anyone about this.” And what does the leper do? He disobeys. And so the result is that Jesus is pushed out of the town and has to go into a deserted place. That’s exactly what happens when we do not listen to the Lord. We push Christ out of our hearts and into a deserted place. When we obey, we listen to the Lord and bring Him close. He is the source of our joy. He’s the source of our freedom. Disobedience ostracizes. Obedience unites.

Deacon Jeff Beals

ST. CHARLES’ OUTREACH TO THE POOR is through the Coalition for People in Need (CPN). We have again committed \$8800 in 2024 to assist our poor brothers and sisters in Charleston who need help with food, rent, utilities, gasoline, and medicine. You will find your CPN envelope in your **April** packet of envelopes. Help us fulfill our parish’s commitment.



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 join us in church **this Sunday at 2:00 p.m.** for the chaplet. There will also be an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes start back up this weekend from 9:45-10:45. There are only a few more classes left. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) attend these last few classes.

The Faith Formation committee has decided to hold an Early Registration period once again for the 2024-2025 calendar year. The registration fee during April and May for all children will be a free will offering. Normal registration will be held in August and standard registration fee rates will return at that time. It's never too early to register your child(ren) for classes! Registration forms can be found online, in the office, and a copy will be sent home with your child.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS and save the date! The Faith Formation end of the year pancake breakfast will soon be here! Delicious sausage and stacks of fluffy pancakes with all the toppings you love will be available in Moriarty Hall after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 28. Your donation will help to support the Faith Formation Program here at St. Charles. Hope to see you there!

READER TRAINING – There will be Reader training next weekend (April 13/14) immediately following each Mass. If you have recently signed up to read or have been a reader for some time and wish to continue, please join us for this training.

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!

SONRISE MEN'S BREAKFAST will begin a new video series on Friday, April 19. *Mission of the Family*, is a new dynamic video series that proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and the family. This five-week series is produced by the Knights of Columbus.

SonRise Friday Men's Breakfast meets at St. Anthony's Parish Center Friday mornings. Breakfast is served at 6:10 a.m., program at 6:30 a.m., followed by discussion and concluding at 7:30 a.m. Contact Dan Woods at danwoodsface@gmail.com.

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, friend 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
- ...the repose of the soul of Essie Mae Davis, sister of Corrine Joyner

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

April 13 – 5:00 p.m.

Reader – Ann Benson

Ushers – Kent Martin

Paul Mejdrich

Servers – Allison Fehrenbacher

Carter Fehrenbacher

EM – Kay Endsley

Tammy Mejdrich

April 14 – 8:30 a.m.

Reader – Angie Buescher

Ushers – Kevin Hussey

Bruce Monjardin

Chris Sims

Michael Smith

Servers – Audie Cougill

Sydney David

EM – David Johnson

Josh Long



THE CHARLESTON FOOD PANTRY collection is this weekend (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



KC BLOOD DRIVE – The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Blood Drive Wednesday, April 10, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Moriarty Hall. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Thank you.



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!

ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE AND MASS will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. at Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield. Noon, rally in front of the State Capitol, followed by a march around the State Capitol complex.

Rosie Schniers of our parish is planning to attend. Call her at 217-549-0491 if you would like a ride.

THE DEANERY PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE will be held at St. Mary, Help of Christians in Green Creek on **Monday, April 22**. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Albert Allen will be the celebrant for the 6:30 p.m. Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues are discussed.



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niemeyeragency@mail3@kofc.org. Website: niemeyeragency.org

Calendar of Events

- 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
- 4/13 Reader Training– after Mass– Church
- 4/14 Reader Training– after Mass– Church
Coffee & Conversation– after Mass– MH
Faith Formation– K-8– 9:45-10:45am
HS Faith Formation– 7-8pm– MH
- 4/17 Rosary– 9:15am– Church
- 4/19 Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH
- 4/20 1st Reconciliation– 9:30am– Church
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
Training– after Mass– Church
- 4/21 Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
Training– after Mass– Church
Coffee & Conversation– after Mass– MH
Faith Formation– K-8– 9:45-10:45am
HS Faith Formation– 7-8pm– MH

Daily Mass Scriptures 04/07/2024

- Mon Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38
- Tue Acts 4:32-37 / Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 / Jn 3:7b-15
- Wed Acts 5:17-26 / Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Jn 3:16-21
- Thu Acts 5:27-33 / Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 / Jn 3:31-36
- Fri Acts 5:34-42 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Jn 6:1-15
- Sat Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / Jn 6:16-21
- Sun Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a) / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS TO PONDER

God’s Mercy Endures Forever:

Peace and forgiveness are graciously granted by God through the death and resurrection of Christ. With Thomas, we exclaim this day, “My Lord and my God!” We recognize Christ’s presence among us but let us also recognize the times and places as have not held God’s mercy out to those in need.

- Who are the disadvantaged people in your immediate life?
- What is your truth about the resurrection?
- How can you bring peace in this troubled world?

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hedwigcatholicworker@gmail.com

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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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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