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— JOHN 15:4 —

St. Charles Borromeo Church
April 28, 2024 • 5th Sunday of Easter

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 29

No Mass

Tuesday, April 30

St. Pius V

5pm– St. Philip’s– Benefactors
Celebrating Anniversaries & Birthdays
this Month

Wednesday, May 1

St. Joseph, the Worker

7am– St. Charles– John J. Kortte, Sr.

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius

5pm– St. Philip’s– Riley Snyder

Friday, May 3

Sts. Philip and James

7am– St. Charles– Barbara Hardiek

Saturday, May 4

5pm– St. Charles–For the People of the
Parish

Sunday, May 5

8:30am– St. Charles– Special Intentions
of the Confirmation and First
Communion Class

11am– St. Philip’s– Ethan Miller



A View From the Deacon's Seat

5th Sunday of Easter

“The little pockets of early Christianity survived because they cared exclusively for the love of ‘the Brethren’ and stopped their ears to the opinion of the pagan society around them.”

–C.S. Lewis

I often quote C.S. Lewis simply because I admire his writings so very much. Clive Staples Lewis was not Catholic. However, his conversion from agnostic (belief that it is not knowable if God exists) to Christianity was greatly influenced by J. R. R. Tolkien, a Catholic and author of the Lord of the Rings. Although Lewis embraced many distinctively Catholic teachings, such as purgatory and the sacrament of Confession, he never formally entered the Church. Yet, he was far more ‘Catholic’ than many Catholics of today.

The above quote speaks volumes to those who ought to hear. Have you ever considered what it meant to be a Christian in the early years of our faith? The Jewish leadership tried to exterminate Christ’s followers. It was Saul’s job to do so and it was on his journey to Damascus when he was knocked to the ground, shown the light of Christ, and converted. The whole of the Roman Empire tried to snuff out the Light of Jesus. Despite this, our faith continually grew, at the cost of thousands, possibly millions, of lives. It would have been so very easy to give up and follow the crowd.

Today we face a new challenge. I wish I could say that our Catholic faith is holding up to this test, but I do not have that information. I pray that we are! However, Satan is actively trying to pull as many of our members away as he can. Satan does not hold up signs, he does not directly confront us. That is not the way. He is the quiet whisper that it is fine to skip mass, that the sporting event is more important – especially for our youth. Satan insists that the song lyrics, as degrading as they may be, do not matter. That what I view on the computer is only between me and myself. Whenever I begin to doubt, he turns up the volume of modern thinking and drowns out our consciousness.

It is so easy to give in to the opinions of the society around us. It really does not take any energy at all. The one thing we all need to remember is that Satan is of the world. He is stuck here, you see. Heaven has been barred from him; it is a place he can never enter. We can! We need to be aware of this, if not for ourselves, for the souls of our children. How have you led a child to heaven today?

Deacon Jeff Beals

 **SCHEDULE CHANGE** – Starting **Sunday, May 5**, and continuing throughout the summer break, there will be **no 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening Mass** at the Newman Center. Also, Mass on Thursdays will be at 7:00 a.m. at St. Charles starting May 9.

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Envelopes	\$4,580.00
Loose	538.00
EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)	2,265.00
Online Giving	190.00
(Needed weekly)	\$8,550.00
CPN	315.00
Food Pantry	20.00
Maintain St. Charles	60.00
Rent	40.00
Rice Bowl	40.00
Total	\$8,048.00
Time Period: Jul 1, 2023 - Apr 20, 2024	
Year-to-Date Collected	\$372,709.79
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$319,814.76
Deficit/Surplus for Year	\$52,895.03



THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL is this weekend, April 27 & 28. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

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FAITH FORMATION

Have a child entering 1st through 12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year? Participate in Faith Formation Early Registration until the end of May to take advantage of the Free Will Offering Registration Fee. It's never too early to register your child(ren).



THE FAITH FORMATION End of the Year Pancake Party is 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 this weekend, Sunday, April 28. Your free will offering will help to support the Faith Formation Program here at St. Charles. Hope to see you there!



St. Charles Borromeo Day Trip

Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis
Saturday, July 20th

Schedule:

Depart St. Charles at 9 am CST

Arrive at 12 pm EST (Lunch Break at Congress)

Confession from 12:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Adoration from 12:00 pm - 11:59 pm

Expo Hall Open from 12:00 - 6:30 pm

National Shroud of Turin Exhibit Open from 12:00 - 6:30 pm

Afternoon Breakouts/Event Experiences from 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Eucharistic Procession through Downtown Indianapolis from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Depart Congress at 7 pm EST

Arrive at St. Charles at 10 pm CST



To Join the Bus Trip

Call the Parish Office at 217-345-3332

Bus and Dinner provided by St. Charles

To Register for Congress

Purchase your ticket using the QR code

Cost is \$125 for Saturday Day Pass



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

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians – We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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, 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
- ...Charmaine Owens who is recovering from a car accident

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

May 4 – 5:00 p.m.

Reader – Kay Endsley

Ushers – Joey May

Jim Rupp

Servers – Jesus Garcia

Zavier Zaragoza

EM – Tammy Mejdrich

Lexa Volk

May 5 – 8:30 a.m.

Reader – Rance Higgins

Ushers – Jeff Coon

Kevin Hussey

Ray Kuznicki

Chris Sims

Servers – Amado Navarro

Christopher Navarro

EM – Chris Bough

Laura Tucker

COPIES OF *The Word Among Us* for the month of **May** are available in the vestibule. This wonderful resource contains the Mass Readings and Daily Meditations. It will be a wonderful addition to your prayer life. Pick up your copy this weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration **HE WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.** The same Jesus that walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus and revealed himself in the Eucharist, longs to do the same for us today. Come and spend some time with our Lord in Adoration. Contact Mike Metzger to sign up for a holy hour on May 4.



THE CHARLESTON FOOD PANTRY collection is the weekend of May 4 & 5, and the suggested item is Cereal. Items may be brought to the church vestibule or dropped off at the office. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Upcoming suggested items are:

- June – Hearty Soups
- July – 2nd Collection
- August – Fruit & Fruit Juices

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its annual Mother’s Day Bake Sale on the weekend of May 11-12. We invite all bakers to create some goodies for the annual bake sale. Please bring your creations to St. Charles Borromeo parish hall by Saturday, May 11.

Mother's Day
Bake Sale

FOR THE GOOD WORKS OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**AFTER MASSES ON
SATURDAY, MAY 11TH &
SUNDAY, MAY 12TH**

AT ST. CHARLES
BORROME0 & NEWMAN
CATHOLIC CENTER

WE APPRECIATE IF YOU BRING
ANY BAKE GOOD BY FRIDAY
MAY 10TH

Calendar of Events

- 4/28 Faith Formation End of Year Pancake Breakfast– after Mass– MH
- 5/1 Rosary– 9:15am– Church
Pastoral Council Meeting– 5:30pm– MH
- 5/3 Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH
- 5/4 Eucharistic Adoration– 8:00am-5:00pm– Church
1st Communion & Confirmation– 11am– Cathedral (Springfield)
Food Drive
- 5/5 Food Drive
May Crowning– during Mass
1st Communion & Confirmation Celebration– after Mass– MH
Catechist Appreciation Brunch– 12:30pm
- 5/8 Rosary– 9:15am– Church
KC Meeting– 7pm– KC
- 5/10 Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH
Faith & Fun on First Friday– 6:30pm– MH
- 5/11 SVdP Bake Sale– after Mass– MH
- 5/12 SVdP Bake Sale– after Mass– MH

RICE BOWLS – If you have not already done so, please turn in your Rice Bowl. 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 remain in our diocese. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS TO PONDER

CUTTING BACK:

To prune a plant is to cut parts of it off so that it bears more fruit. It seems to be the opposite of reason. Yet, anyone with a green thumb knows that pruning helps to make a plant healthier and more productive. The leap of faith tells us to trust God and ask for him to prune us.

- What can I prune out of my life to bring me closer to Jesus?
- What am I too weak to prune and so need to ask for God’s help?
- In what area do I need to bear more fruit?





Daily Mass Scriptures 04/28/2024

- Mon Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 / Jn 14:21-26
- Tue Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 / Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 / Jn 15:1-8
- Thu Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 / Jn 15:9-11
- Fri 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Jn 14:6-14
- Sat Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21
- Sun Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b) / 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Food Drive May Crowning- 8:30am Mass 1st Communion & Confirmation Celebration- after Mass- MH Catechist Brunch - 12:30pm	6	7	8 Rosary- 9:15am- Church KC Meeting- 7pm- KC	9	10 Friday Morning Coffee- after Mass- MH Faith & Fun Night- 6:30pm - MH	11 SVdP Bake Sale- after Mass - MH
12  SVdP Bake Sale- after Mass - MH	13 St. Charles Women of Faith Meeting- 6pm- MH	14	15 Rosary- 9:15am- Church	16	17 Friday Morning Coffee- after Mass- MH	18
19	20	21 Finance Council Meeting- 6:00pm- MH	22 Rosary- 9:15am- Church	23	24 Friday Morning Coffee- after Mass- MH Traveling Rosary- 3:30pm- Villas of Hollybrook	25 
26	27 Office Closed ★ HAPPY ★ ★ MEMORIAL DAY 	28	29 Rosary- 9:15am- Church	30	31 Friday Morning Coffee- after Mass- MH	

THE ST. CHARLES WOMEN OF FAITH will gather on Monday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. in Moriarty Hall. Do you have fabric that you have been holding on to because you can't bear to throw it out? Are you looking for that special fabric to start or complete a project? Join the women of St. Charles for a "Fabric Swap." Experienced seamstress or novice, all are welcome. Bring your usable yardage to the gathering and trade it for something new. Nothing to swap, no problem. Come and look for inspiration for your next creation. Hope to see you there! Refreshments will be served.

Questions – call Rosie Schniers at 217-549-0491.

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. You will find your CPN envelope in your **April** packet of envelopes. Help us fulfill our parish's commitment.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – Bishop Paprocki will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been catechized but have not yet been Confirmed on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Confirmandi must register for this event by May 9. For more information, contact Kyle Holtgrave in the Office for Catholic Education at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154, or email kholtgrave@dio.org.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION BUS TRIP – Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon invites you to attend the Priesthood Ordination Mass at the Cathedral in Springfield on Saturday, May 25. The bus will leave from the Parish Center parking lot in Mattoon at 8:00 a.m. and the St. Columcille Church lot at 8:15 a.m. Return will be that evening around 4:30 p.m. Your call and \$20 to the Immaculate Conception parish office (235-0539) reserves your seat AND buys your buffet lunch at Golden Corral Buffet and Grill, Springfield after the Ordination. Be a part of this joyful event for all the Transitional Deacons soon to be ordained Priests and for our Diocesan Church.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE – Save the Date for the upcoming 50th annual Day of Prayer for Life on **Wednesday, June 19**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Adoration will be held throughout the day. The Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese, will be the celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 p.m. closing Mass.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE coming to cities in our diocese – You are invited to a once-in-a-lifetime experience being called "our national Emmaus moment," after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES OFFERED – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

Upcoming dates:

8/2/2024 – 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

9/27/2024 – 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO

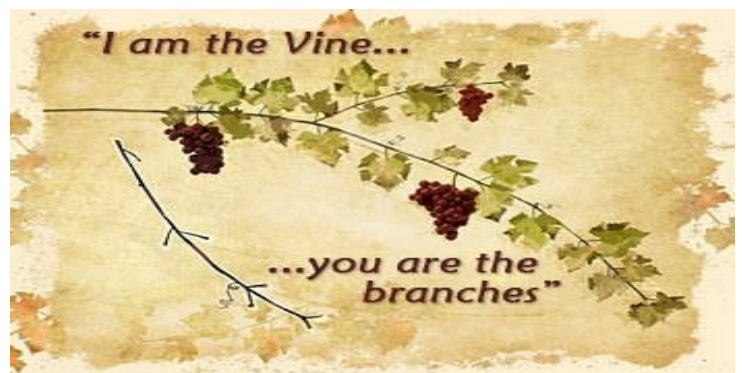
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Diocesan Vocations Office
698-8500 ext. 182

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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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)

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



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