



# St. Charles Borromeo Church

May 7, 2023 · 5th Sunday of Easter

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, May 8**

No Mass

**Tuesday, May 9**

5pm– St. Philip’s– Tom Clair

**Wednesday, May 10**

**St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster**

7am– St. Charles– Josef & Edith Maurer

**Thursday, May 11**

7am– St. Charles– Pam Overton

**Friday, May 12**

**Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras**

7am– St. Charles– Shane Patrick Whalen

**Saturday, May 13**

5pm– St. Charles– Mae Blank

**Sunday, May 14**

8:30am– St. Charles– Lena Scarpa

11:00am– St. Philip’s– For the People of the Parish

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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

Envelopes	\$3,218.00
Loose	344.00
EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)	375.00
Online Giving	60.00
<i>(Needed weekly)</i>	<i>\$8,000.00</i>
CPN	431.25
Catholic Comm. Campaign	100.00
Catholic Home Missions	1,102.00
Catholic Heart Workcamp	200.00
Faith Formation Registration	115.00
Faith Formation Pancake Party	1,210.00
Habitat for Humanity	100.00
Holy Land	25.00
Maintain St. Charles	65.00
Rent	40.00
Retired Priests	100.00
Rice Bowl	80.00
Seminarians	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,600.25</b>

Time Period: **Jul 1, 2022 - Apr 29, 2023**

Year-to-Date Collected **\$369,300.65**

Year-to-Date Expenses **\$327,307.51**

**Deficit/Surplus for Year \$41,993.14**



**A View From the Deacon's Seat**

5th Sunday of Easter

*Galadriel: "Mithrandir, why the halfling?"*

*Gandalf: "I don't know. Saruman believes it is only great powers that can hold evil in check. But that is not what I have found. I have found that it is the small everyday deed of ordinary folks that keep the darkness at bay. Simple acts of kindness and love. Why Bilbo Baggins? Perhaps because I am afraid, and he gives me courage."*

*J.R.R. Tolkien – The Hobbit*

For those of you who do not know, I am a huge fan of J.R.R. Tolkien. Mr. Tolkien was a writer of some of the most famous fantasy novels ever written: The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. What makes his novels even more intriguing is that they have an underlying theme of Christianity, especially the Catholic faith. Tolkien served in the First World War and fought in some of the most horrific battles of that war. His experiences left him with a profound faith, and he was particularly drawn to the Blessed Sacrament. It was his influence that convinced C.S. Lewis to become a Christian after being an atheist most of his life.

The above excerpt from The Hobbit is a case in point. For those who do not understand, allow me to explain. In the novel, Galadriel is an elven princess. Mithrandir (also known as Gandalf) is a wizard fighting the evil forces. Saruman is an evil wizard, but he pretends to be on the side of good. Bilbo is a halfling, a person of small stature and in worldly terms, of small importance.

I believe that because Tolkien fought in such terrible battles that were always completely out of his control, he began to see the world as Gandalf describes. The great powers believe that only they can have influence. Those in the trenches see clearly that the small deeds of love and kindness are what make life have any meaning.

This is so very true today. So many things appear to be outside of our control. It is easy to give up hope and give in to despair. The same was true in Jesus' day. Jesus lived in an insignificant corner of the greatest empire the world had known. He certainly did not influence Caesar or great military leaders. He lived a simple life of gentleness and kindness. Even in his own country, he was mocked and despised. Yet it is his name that is before every other name and his name that every knee bows to.

Sometimes our actions may not appear to have any influence upon the world. Yet it is often our small actions that can make the lives of those around us have meaning. How have you changed the world today by your small everyday deeds?

Deacon Jeff Beals

**THANK YOU** to all who continue to support St. Charles. Your donations ensure that we are able to meet the operating costs of the parish.



**PLEASE NOTE**– Starting this Sunday, May 7, 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 Thursday, May 11.

# FAITH FORMATION

The month of May in the Catholic Church is traditionally a time to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We dedicate this month to Mary for it is a time to remember and embrace how inspiring she was. May Crowning, where a statue of Mary is crowned with a wreath of flowers and honored as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God, is celebrated during this month. It is a time for new beginnings and the chance to begin with gratitude and devotion. During this month see what you can learn about Mary through prayer, attending Mass, reading the Bible, or engaging in conversation with your family and friends.



**EARLY REGISTRATION** for Faith Formation will continue through May. The registration fee for all children during this time 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 and in the office.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended and supported the Faith Formation end of the year pancake breakfast this past weekend. Thank you for your continued support of our program! With your generosity, all monies raised will be used to help the Faith Formation Programs right here at St. Charles.

**VISIT THE CATHEDRAL IN SPRINGFIELD OR SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH IN ALTON, RECEIVE AN INDULGENCE!** – Bishop Thomas John Paprocki received permission from the Holy See, granting a plenary indulgence to those who make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton (the “Old Cathedral”) now through December 8. One must also partake in the other usual conditions to receive this indulgence by going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope. These acts “may be carried out several days preceding or following the performance of the prescribed works. But it is more fitting that communion and the prayer for the pope’s intentions take place on the day the work is performed” (*Handbook of Indulgences*, Norms for Indulgences, 23.3). An indulgence a gift and grace that remits the temporal punishment due to a sin.

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

**For Church Movements and Groups** – We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

- ...all homebound & nursing home parishioners
- ...Ben Campanis, Paxton Johnson, Brittany, Steve Shadwell, Laura Howarth, Diana Carlisle, Mike Kunch, and Deidre Oliver, who have cancer
- ...Diana Ensign, Robert Montgomery, Nancy Jenkins, David Belford, Barbara Buenger, the Acosta Family, Laura Cleaver, Marty Thomas, Kathleen Bates, Linda Coleman, Cindy Livingston, Dora Wheeler, Hattie Hughes, Jacqueline Schaefer, and Linda Miller 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, a special intention and for Chloe (her niece) requested by Katie Armstrong
- ...Mary Alice Kramer, Mickey Miller, Rick and Loretta Morgan
- ...Glenda & Manuel Terronez, friends of Penny Clay, Glenda is recovering from back surgery
- ...Beau Garrett, great-nephew of Mike & Robin Cox
- ...Fr. John Hollowell who has a brain tumor
- ...John Mantas, Terry Owens, and Kathy Korosa, requested by Charmaine Owens
- ...Bert Kastl, nephew of Mary Lenhart
- ...Marguerite Jarzynka
- ...Phil, Stacy, & Sage Osborne, friends of Mike Ziebka
- ...Bob Benjamin, Barret Williamson, and a special intention requested by Chris Sims
- ...Monty Elliot, father of Joyce Madigan
- ...Doug who has serious health issues
- ...Laurie Kolling Summerfield, cousin of Cay Kolling
- ...David Baer, brother-in-law of Matthew Mittelstaedt
- ...Marjorie Hoedebecke’s niece, Kristen
- ...Joseph Furlong for improved health

## MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

### May 13 – 5:00 p.m.

Reader – Matt Piescinski

Ushers – Dan Ensign  
Penny Clay

Servers – Rachel Bumatayo  
Gabriela Bumatayo

EM – Lexe Volk  
Megan Buescher

### May 14 – 8:30 a.m.

Reader – Judi Vaughn

Ushers – Chris Sims  
Ray Kuznicki  
Michael Smith  
Mark Bates

Servers – Alejandro Alva  
Audie Cougill

EM – Kevin Blatnik  
Karie Blatnik

**RICE BOWLS** – If you have not already done so, please turn in your Rice Bowl to the office as soon as possible. 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.



**THE CHARLESTON FOOD PANTRY** collection is this weekend, **May 6 & 7**, and the suggested item is cereal. Items may be brought to the office or left in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming suggested items are:

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

Monetary donations are also welcome.

**THE ST. CHARLES WOMEN** will gather on Monday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in Moriarty Hall. There will be food and a social time with a brief discussion about upcoming events. All women of the parish are welcome. **Special this month** – each lady that brings a new member to the meeting will be eligible for a prize as will the new member.



**THE ST. CHARLES RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP and the Handicraft Table** will be available after the Masses the weekend of May 13 & 14. Stop in and see the wonderful variety of items they have available for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and graduation.

**THE DEANERY PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE** will be held at St. Aloysius Church in Bishop Creek on **Monday, May 15**. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m., and Fr. Frank Folino 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.

**Daily Mass Scriptures  
05/07/2022**

Mon	Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26
Tue	Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a
Wed	Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8
Thu	Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
Fri	Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17
Sat	Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
Sun	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21

**Calendar of Events**

- 5/7 Food Drive  
May Crowning– 8:30am Mass
- 5/8 SCW Gathering– 6:30pm– MH
- 5/10 Rosary– 9:15am– Church  
KC Auxiliary Meeting– 6:30pm– MH  
KC Meeting– 7pm– KC
- 5/12 Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH
- 5/13 SCW Gift Shop– after Mass– MH  
SVdP Bake Sale– after Mass– MH
- 5/14 SCW Gift Shop– after Mass– MH  
SVdP Bake Sale– after Mass– MH
- 5/16 Finance Council Meeting– 6pm– MH
- 5/17 Rosary– 9:15am– Church
- 5/19 Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our annual Summer Celebration on Sunday, June 4th!

We will be serving a pork chop dinner with all the trimmings and will have the Bakers' Auction and the Basket Raffle.

The Social Committee will also be offering activities for the children.

Any ministry or person interested in putting together a basket for the Basket Raffle, please contact Kathy Hussey at or [cbmqsh@consolidated.net](mailto:cbmqsh@consolidated.net) or 217-549-2398.



**CALLING ALL BAKERS**– The Baker’s Auction will once again be a part of this year’s Summer Celebration. If you have a special, signature dessert that you would like to donate, please contact Lexe Volk by email at [lexe.volk@yahoo.com](mailto:lexe.volk@yahoo.com), by telephone at 217-276-8782, or the office at 345-3332 to sign up.

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

**Chosen, Royal, and Holy:**

Jesus told the disciples during the Last Supper that they knew the way – to God, to new life, to heaven. This astonishing resurrected life, given to us in baptism, makes us a chosen, royal, and holy people.

- How will I be holy today?
- How is human love a reflection of divine love?
- How can I help someone who is struggling with faith?





**MATTOON CATHOLIC CHARITIES** will be hosting its annual fundraiser at The Walkway located at 1501 Lake Land Blvd in Mattoon on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Unlock the mystery at this Murder Mystery Dinner by Mafia Murders. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a meal by Griffin’s Catering. Tickets may be purchased in advance on their website at [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org). If you are unable to attend but would still like to make a donation you may do so by visiting: [cc.dio.org/ways\\_to\\_give/donate/](http://cc.dio.org/ways_to_give/donate/).

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE – Save the Date!** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming 49<sup>th</sup> annual Day of Prayer for Life to be held **Wednesday, June 21**, at St Francis Church in Teutopolis. Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration will be held throughout the day. Please note this is a change from the traditional date of the last Wednesday in June. Father Joe Carlos, OFM, Pastor of St. Francis Church, will be our honored celebrant and homilist at the 7:30 p.m. closing Mass.

**CALLED TO SERVE? COME AND SEE** – All men discerning a vocation to the diaconate are invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat and Conference Center on Friday, September 8 (4:00 p.m.) through Saturday, September 9, (2:00 p.m.) During the weekend, you will meet the men and wives currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, join in meals, and have social time. In addition to attending Mass with the deacon candidates and wives, you will participate in the *Liturgy of the Hours* and *Morning and Evening Prayer*. Wives of men discerning a vocation are invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

To register for this event please go to <https://form.jotform.com/231135196152046>



**A LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTER** exists that gives us an opportunity to help those in need and continue our Easter works of mercy and love. Sponsored by a coalition of several area churches and agencies, a Charleston building has been acquired and apartment units are available for residents. Each unit comes supplied with a refrigerator, stove, microwave, bed, easy chair, kitchenware, hygiene items, soap and towels. The effort is named **Matthew 25** after the Biblical verse that reminds us “...as you did unto one of the least of My brethren, you did unto Me.” Our Knights of Columbus are already pledging their support, but the shelter’s wish list keeps growing. At the top of that list are adult bicycles, drinking glasses (not coffee mugs), and feminine hygiene products. Donations can be dropped off at the Newman Center. Contact Doris Nordin 217-348-0188 for additional information.



**WOMAN OF DISTINCTION** – The St. Charles Women and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus are delighted to announce that **Lucy Campanis** has been selected to represent the women of St. Charles Borromeo as the recipient of the “Our Lady of Good Counsel Award: Woman of Distinction.” Lucy exemplifies the criteria by actively living her Catholic faith, displaying her spirituality and sharing her time and talents with a humble attitude by doing acts of service and leadership in her parish and community.

She will be honored at Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 24 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence St. (corner of Lawrence and 6<sup>th</sup> Street) in Springfield. The St. Charles Women and the Ladies Auxiliary extend an invitation to the parish community to attend this event honoring Lucy.

Following the Mass, a Recognition Luncheon will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield. The luncheon costs \$35 per person. Checks should be made payable to the S.D.C.C.W. and may be left at the parish office. **Deadline for reservations and payment is Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you need a ride, please let the office know when you make your reservation.

**Congratulations Lucy !!!!**

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**Office Hours:** 8:00am-4:00pm

www.saintcharleschurch.org

**Moriarty Hall:** 217-345-3066

**Luisa DiPietro Memorial Library**  
in Moriarty Hall open by appointment

**Hedwig Haus:** 345-6901  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. First Eucharist and Confirmation will take place in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Parish Staff**

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*Pastoral Council Members*  
Terry Coulton, Kathy Hussey  
Luke & Amy Jackson, Mike Metzger,  
Lexie Volk, Christina Yousaf

*Youth Members*  
Jacob Morrissey and Annabel Wehrle

*Finance Council Members*  
Mark Bates, Jeff Coon, Dan Ensign,  
Judi Heckel, Jerry Herman,  
Bob O'Rourke, Al Volk

Ray Kuznicki, *Knights of Columbus – Grand Knight*  
Cay Kolling, *KC Women's Auxiliary – President*  
Rosie Schniers and Kay Wheeler, *SCW 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

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO FACE BOOK**

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Connect with your Parish Family on our facebook page. Keep up with parish activities and find inspiration for your daily prayer and meditation.

*Mother's Day* 

# Bake Sale

FOR THE GOOD WORKS OF  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**AFTER MASSES ON  
SATURDAY, MAY 13TH &  
SUNDAY, MAY 14TH**

AT ST. CHARLES  
BORRROMEO & NEWMAN

**WE APPRECIATE IF YOU BRING  
ANY BAKED GOOD BY FRIDAY  
MAY 12TH**

