



St. Charles Borromeo Church

July 21, 2024 • The 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 22

No Mass

Tuesday, July 23

St. Bridget

5pm– St. Philip’s– Woody Kramer

Wednesday, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhlūf

7am– St. Charles– Intentions of the Whalen Family

Thursday, July 25

St. James, Apostle

7am– St. Charles– The Harry & Dorothy Schwerdt Family

Friday, July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne

7am– St. Charles– Laura Hussey

Saturday, July 27

5pm– St. Charles– Mike Miller

Sunday, July 28

8:30am– St. Charles– Laura Hussey

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

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Envelopes	\$5,605.00
Loose	421.00
EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)	375.00
<i>(Needed weekly)</i>	<i>\$10,100.00</i>
CPN	340.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Maintain St. Charles	460.00
Peter’s Pence	75.00
Total	\$7,326.00
Time Period: Jul 1 - July 13, 2024	
Year-to-Date Collected	\$17,779.00
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$7,073.97
Deficit/Surplus for Year	\$10,705.03



A View From the Deacon's Seat

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“We will never be free of trials and temptations as long as our earthly life lasts. For Job has said: ‘Is not the life of human beings on earth a drudgery?’ (Job 7:1). Therefore, we should always be on our guard against temptations, always praying that our enemy, the devil, ‘who never sleeps but constantly looks for someone to devour.’ (1 Pet 5:8), will not catch us off guard. No one in this world is so perfect or holy as not to have temptations sometimes.”

– Thomas á Kempis

Today’s first reading is fearsome to comprehend:

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds.” Jer. 23:1-2

The last thing I want to hear is that God will hold me accountable for my deeds. Now, many folks will say that Jeremiah is from the Old Testament and Jesus is not the terrifying God of the Old Testament. My response is that Jesus said that he came not to change a single word of the Old Testament. We all want to change God into our own image and thus, make God more palatable. Jesus promises mercy, and I depend so very much on his mercy. Sadly, I far too often forget (and choose to do so) that Jesus often rebuked those who sinned. He forgave the woman caught in adultery, but admonished her to “go and sin no more.”

There is both good news and bad news here. The good news is that Jesus and his Church eagerly want to help us overcome sin. The best way is to make frequent confessions and receive the Eucharist. The bad news is that no Christian faith says that Jesus gives a free pass to anyone.

The Thomas á Kempis quote is from a book entitled, “The Imitation of Christ” written in the early 1400’s. It became and remains one of the most influential spiritual books ever written. I was drawn to this quote because it correctly states that no one is ever free of temptation. It is something each of us faces. Yet in his book, Thomas á Kempis explains that all of us are able to overcome these trials and temptations if we place our trust in Christ Jesus. Will you trust Jesus today?

Deacon Jeff Beals

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

ST. CHARLES HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

- JULY 2 | COLOSSIANS 1
- JULY 9 | COLOSSIANS 2
- JULY 16 | COLOSSIANS 3
- JULY 30 | COLOSSIANS 4

3:00–4:00 PM | THE MEZZANINE AT COUNTY MARKET
STUDENTS ENTERING FRESHMEN YEAR ARE WELCOME!

COPIES OF *The Word Among Us* for the month of **July/August** 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 today.

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FAITH FORMATION

Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the twelve apostles in today's gospel. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal, but there are so many chores, errands and commitments to keep. Gather as a family and help one another find time and space for prayer throughout the week. Ask God to help us find time to renew ourselves so that we might be better disciples of Jesus.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 26. On that day, everyone is invited to join in a pilgrimage to the Original Shrine of St. Anne in St. Anne, Illinois. For a number of years, we have carpooled to celebrate at the 1st Original Shrine of St. Anne, on her feast day. The day offers an outdoor Mass, Anointing of the Sick, followed by a Procession with the Relic of St. Anne, and the communal praying of the rosary.

Preceding this day all are encouraged to pray the Novena to St. Anne. You may find it at www.praymorenovenas.com or St. Anne's Website. If you are interested please contact Penny Clay or Charmaine Owens.

LADIES, DON'T MISS THIS ONE! The 95th Annual Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held Wednesday, August 28, at the beautiful Lake Williamson Retreat Center in Carlinville, IL. This year's theme is "*Sent on Mission and Fortified by the Eucharist*" and will feature inspiring and faith-filled speakers including Donna Cori who has appeared on EWTN's "Life on the Rock" and puts beautiful music to our Catholic prayers. Registration forms are available in the vestibule or the office. Deadline to register is August 7. Hosted by the Jerseyville Deanery.

ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP – You are invited to share the fun of the 34th annual Family Camp / Renewal Days for Family and Friends of People with Physical / Intellectual Disabilities September 28 – 29 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, IL.

Participants share in activities: swimming, hay ride, dancing, mini golf, crafts, archery, sharing in song and prayer. Eucharist is celebrated on Sunday. People with disabilities, from the area, attend free of charge.

Information and Registration forms are available from and returned to: Elaine Vonderheide, email mewv1995@gmail.com, phone 217-821-1995, or call Sacred Heart Church at 217-347-7177.

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

For the Pastoral Care of the Sick – We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confers to those who receive it (and their loved ones) the power of the Lord and becomes ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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, 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, Dr. Whalen, Charmaine Owens, and Jeanette Nacke 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
...Ed & Nancy Bedwell, brother and sister-in-law of Barb Buenger, who have cancer
...Jerry Knudson, friend of John Buenger, who has a blood disease

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

July 27 – 5:00 p.m.

Reader – Brian Gunther

Ushers – Paul Mejdrich

John Oertling

Servers – Jesus Garcia

Zavier Zaragoza

EM – Penny Clay

Tammy Mejdrich

Greeters – Joey May

July 28 – 8:30 a.m.

Reader – Rance Higgins

Ushers – Gail Blank

Lou Hencken

Jim Littleford

Bruce Monjardin

Servers – Alejandro Alva

Vincent Torrepalma

EM – Eva Higgins

Karen Littleford

Greeters – Blake Malatestinic

Kay Wheeler

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 **July** packet of envelopes. Help us fulfill our parish's commitment.

THE DEANERY PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham on **Monday, July 22**. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Michal Rosa will be the celebrant for the 6:30 p.m. Mass. The business meeting will follow in the narthex. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.


THE TRAVELING ROSARY GROUP is planning to meet at the Villas of Hollybrook on Friday, July 26, at 3:30 p.m. to pray with our parishioners who are residents there. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Bennett.


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Volunteers are needed for our next project during Coles County Fair Week, when we staff the entrance gates to collect admission fees. For the past two year, the Knights have earmarked the first third of the revenue from this effort to support Matthew 25 as well as The Haven in Mattoon. For years, Charleston had no temporary homeless shelter. Those were tough moments when the unhoused showed up at the rectory door, and we had to point them out of town for help. In 2022 this parish played a significant role in opening the shelter over on 18th Street. We continue to be part of the solution with the Fair Gate project. Anyone in the parish can help, merely by donating your time! Just sign up on the schedule posted near the west ramp door or contact Matt Piescinski at 217-246-0814.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS TO PONDER
SHEPHERDING:
 The 1st reading and the Gospel today speak of shepherding. Jeremiah warns those who mislead God's flock. The Gospel tells of a time when Jesus sees the people bereft of a shepherd. In today's word we often see both; people wandering aimlessly and even more with no leadership.

- How can I be a humble shepherd of God's people?
- Can I do anything to remedy any of the injustice?
- Is there anything I can do about unfair situations where I live?

Calendar of Events	
7/24	Rosary– 9:15am– Church
7/26	Pilgrimage to St. Anne Traveling Rosary– 3:30pm– Villas of Hollybrook
7/30	HS Bible Study– 3pm– County Market
7/31	Rosary– 9:15am– Church
8/2	Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH
8/3	Fatima Devotions– 8am– Church Eucharistic Adoration– 9:00am-5:00pm– Church Food Drive
8/4	Food Drive Coffee and Doughnuts– after Mass– MH

 **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – The summer can be a time of relaxation with vacations from school and work. If your summer has been more busy than restful however, heed the Lord's call as He invites you to find rest in Him. Take a break from the usual summer schedule and spend some time with Jesus at our monthly Eucharist Adoration, August 3. Contact Mike Metzger to sign up for your holy hour.

 **THE CHARLESTON FOOD PANTRY** collection will be the weekend of August 3 & 4, and the suggested item is Fruit and Fruit Juices. Please leave your donation in the vestibule or drop it at the church office at any time. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Upcoming suggested items are:
 September – Macaroni and Cheese
 October – Monetary Collection
 November – Cereal

Daily Mass Scriptures 07/21/2024	
Mon	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tue	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 / Mt 12:46-50
Wed	Jer 1:1, 4-10 / Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17 / Mt 13:1-9
Thu	2 Cor 4:7-15 / Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 / Mt 20:20-28
Fri	Jer 3:14-17 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / Mt 13:18-23
Sat	Jer 7:1-11 / Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11 / Mt 13:24-30
Sun	2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16) / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15



August 4th
 after 8:30 a.m. Mass
 Moriarty Hall
 All are welcome!



Calling all Silent Auction Donors

The Holiday Bazaar is quickly approaching. We are asking that while you are on your summer vacations, you go ahead and start thinking about a basket donation!

We will begin to accept baskets in September so be creative and see what you can create.

All proceeds will go back into our community to help others.

contact Cay Kolling (217) 549-4093 or Karie Blatnik (217) 218-0171 for more details!



HARVEST OF HOPE FAMILY CONCERT – Make plans to be there for an unforgettable evening of uplifting music at the 4th annual Harvest of Hope Family Concert, presented by WBGL and Rural King – August 10 at 5:00 p.m. at Peterson Park in Mattoon!

The Harvest of Hope Family Concert offers more than just extraordinary music; it's an opportunity for a community of believers to unite in worship. Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to a church, Christian school, or Christian organization of your choice. After you purchase your ticket, take your receipt number and go to Rural King's Church Week website and pick St. Charles from the list of organizations.

Tickets are on sale now at the WBGL website.

Bring your loved ones and gather your friends to support this meaningful cause. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

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. Next ones:

- 8/2/2024 – 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO
- 9/27/2024 – 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO
- 10/11/2024 – 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL
- 12/6/2024 – 12/8/2024, St. Peters, MO



PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – July 10, 2024

Members Present:

Father Michael, Deacon Jeff, Lexe Volk, Amy Jackson, Luke Jackson, Chris Callahan, Joe Porter, Maureen Smith, Audrey Bachelder, Mike Metzger and Sarah Fehrenbacher.

PRAYER:

- Opening prayer was led by Fr. Michael.

FORMATION

- Sarah reported that registration for Faith Formation will be August 3 & 4. Registration forms are available online and will be included in the St. Charles and Newman bulletins. The curriculum will be the same as last year.

A pancake breakfast is scheduled for September 8th, and classes will begin the following week (September 15).

- Joe Porter provided a summary of his ongoing efforts to update the church census so Father Michael would come to know the purpose and progression thus far of this effort. Council discussed next steps, one of which will be to follow up with people who have filled out new member cards. It was suggested that the incoming Director of Evangelization and Discipleship would be the appropriate person to make the initial call to new members to welcome them and help them register. Father Michael will also meet with new members.

There was discussion about having all Council members help Joe to identify deceased parishioners, as well as those who have moved away, so they can be filtered out of the St. Charles database.

- August 1st is the start date for the Director of Evangelization and Discipleship, Thomas Gallagher.

HOSPITALITY

- August is the final month that St. Charles will have doughnuts after the first Sunday 8:30 Mass. Council considered whether to continue doughnut receptions after August. The concern is how to ensure faith formation students get to class on time, while also allowing them to have a doughnut. There was also conversation about how to allocate the responsibilities of hosting and clean-up if St. Charles schedules year-round first Sunday receptions.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

- Only seven people have signed up for the July 20th bus trip to Indianapolis, so St. Charles might need to cancel the bus. Father Michael will ask Father John if Mattoon's Immaculate Conception Parish has a bus going, and if they could accommodate the seven from St. Charles.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: August 7, 2024

Meeting minutes submitted by: Audrey Bachelder

HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED 50+ YEARS?

Time to celebrate! – All couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass (celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki) on September 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. A reception will follow. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events. When you register, please upload (not mandatory) a photo from your wedding day and present day, as we'll be showcasing a slide show during the reception.

COVENANT NETWORK CATHOLIC RADIO is the go-to-radio station for all things Catholic. Listen to a brief bio of the saint of the day, join in praying the Rosary, the Angelus, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and daily Mass. Learn more about the Catholic faith by listening to programs about scripture, the catechism and so much more. Tune into 102.5 FM or listen on the Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

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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 up an appointment with Fr. Michael Berndt.

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 to 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. Michael Berndt at 217-345-3332 or by email at mberndt@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*

Joyce Madigan and Mary Rich
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

By appointment – call 345-3332 to schedule

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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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