

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026

# *Catholic Faith Appeal* 2026

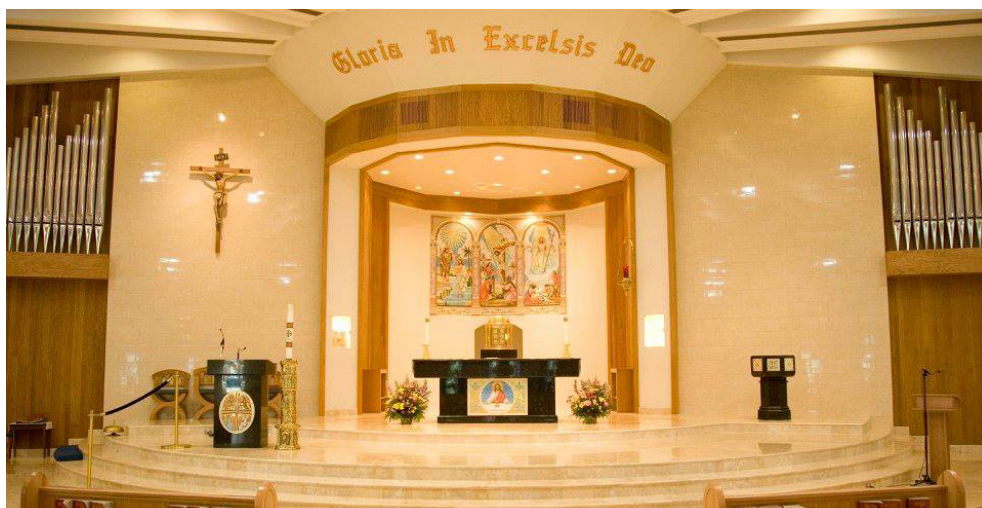


## Everything You Want to Know, Right Here!

Have questions about the CFA, how to support, or why to support?  
We have answers for all those commonly asked questions right here!



**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



## WELCOME HOME TO SAINT CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Whether you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you home to Saint Charles Borromeo Church! Please consider registering as a member of our Parish family at the Parish Office during business hours. **Registration forms are on our Parish Website and in the bulletin. Registration is required for participation in the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage.**

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH**  
21505 Augusta Ave.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
Parish Office: (941) 625-4754  
Email: [info@stcbc.org](mailto:info@stcbc.org)  
School Office: (941) 625-5533

### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM

9:00 AM, Family Mass

11:00 AM, Choir

1:00 PM, French/Creole

5:30 PM, Youth Mass

Weekdays: 8:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00 AM

(Until all are heard)

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Friday: 3:00 PM in the Church  
followed by  
Stations of the Cross

### ROSARY

Mon - Sat: 7:45 AM

Saturday: 3:25 PM

### PERPETUAL ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. John the Evangelist Chapel  
in the Ministry Center

### STAFF & MINISTRY LISTING Page 13

### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John Fitch, Pastor

Rev. Gregg Klich, Pro Tempore

Rev. Philip Scheff, Retired

Rev. Francis "Bud" Murhammer, Retired

*There are no strangers  
here, just friends we  
have not met!*

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
at [www.StCharlesPC.org](http://www.StCharlesPC.org)



## Lenten Penance Services

**San Antonio**, Port Charlotte - Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 PM

**San Pedro**, North Port - Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 AM

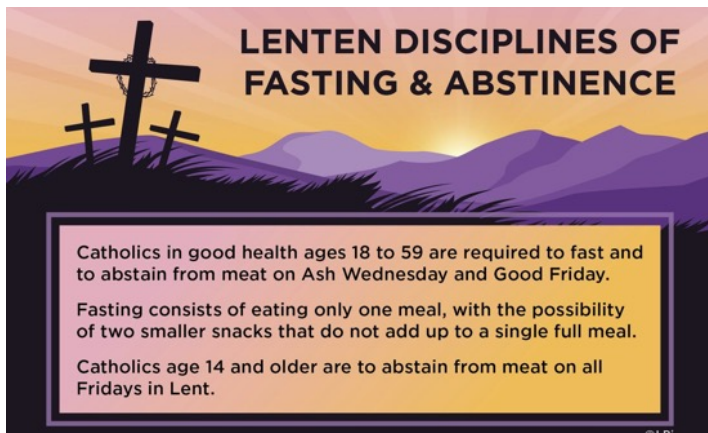
**St. Charles Borromeo - Monday, March 23rd at 5:00 PM**

**St. Paul**, Arcadia - Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 PM



Sacred Scripture, which is the inspired Word of God, and Sacred Tradition, the living memory of the Church, are intimately bound together. They form the one Deposit of Faith, which helps us navigate the complexities of life to reach our eternal home in Heaven. Pope Leo XIV [@Pontifex] X





## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Join us for  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays at  
**5:00 PM**



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16, in honor of Presidents' Day. We will reopen Tuesday, February 17 at 9:00 AM.



## Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinners

Starting on February 20th and continuing weekly (excluding Good Friday), the Knights will be serving a fish dinner in the Parish Center from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Tickets are \$15 per person, \$5 for children under 10.



The menu will include a choice of:  
Fried Fish, Fried Shrimp,  
Fish & Shrimp Combo, Baked Fish.

Sides will include french fries, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, dinner roll and dessert.

Beer, wine, and soda will be available.  
Water and coffee will be available at no cost.

**Join your fellow parishioners  
and enjoy a Friday out.**

**“It would be good  
to give to the poor  
what you would  
have spent for  
supper on a fast  
day out of love of  
God.”**

**St. Charles Borromeo  
(1538-1584)**

**St. Charles, pray for us!**

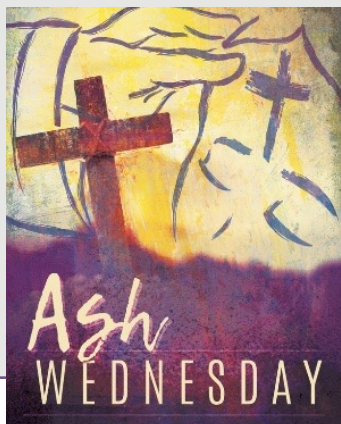


**“Sería bueno dar  
a los pobres lo que  
habrías gastado en  
la cena en un día de  
ayuno por amor a  
Dios.”**

**San Carlos Borromeo  
(1538-1584)**

**San Carlos, ¡ruega por nosotros!**

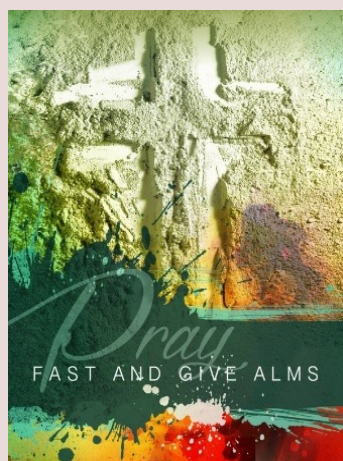
## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



**February 18th**

Masses at  
7:00 AM,  
9:00 AM,  
11:00 AM,  
and  
5:30 PM.

Ashes will be distributed  
at all Masses.



### Lenten Prayer for Ash Wednesday

God of goodness and mercy,  
Hear my prayer as I begin  
this Lenten journey with  
You. Let me be honest with  
myself as I look into my  
heart and soul, noticing the  
times I turn away from You.  
Guide me as I humbly seek

to repent and return to Your love. May humility guide my  
efforts to be reconciled with You and live forever in Your  
abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father.  
Give me the strength to make myself 100% available to  
You every day as I prepare for Easter. Amen.



ADORATION CHAPEL

## HE IS WAITING!

**“As Lent is the time for  
greater love, listen to Jesus’  
thirst... He knows your  
weakness. He wants only  
your love, wants only the  
chance to love you.”**

(St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**Immerse yourself in the Real Presence.  
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Become an Adorer.**

For more information, scan the QR code or check out our  
website at: [www.stcharlespc.org/adoration](http://www.stcharlespc.org/adoration).



Or contact Rosemary at (941) 623-9768,  
or via email at [Rosemaryg@stcbc.org](mailto:Rosemaryg@stcbc.org).

## Music Notes



For the season of Lent and Easter, beginning Ash Wednesday, we will be singing two parts of the Mass in Latin and in chant form. The chant will be unaccompanied and led by the cantor. We will be singing “Sanctus” when we usually sing “Holy Holy Lord God of Hosts” and “Agnus Dei” in place of “Lamb of God”. Another change in music will be the use of the “Kyrie”, also in Latin, to replace the “Gloria”.

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The background of the entire flyer is a collage of Mardi Gras-themed images. At the top, there are purple, green, and gold beads and a slice of a cake. Below the title banner, there are plates of food: a bowl of gumbo with sausage and rice, a bowl of green salad with croutons, and a plate of bread. There are also Mardi Gras masks and a bowl of sausage and rice. The text is overlaid on these images in various colored boxes.

# FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION

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*The St. Charles Borromeo  
celebration is on  
February 17th at 5:00 PM  
in the Parish Center*

**If your last name starts with:  
A-L bring a salad  
M-R bring a side dish  
S-Z bring a dessert**

**All are welcome!  
The cost is free.  
New Orleans cuisine  
will be served.**

**Please RSVP at (941) 625-4754 by February 12th,  
so that enough food will be prepared.**





# TREASURES OF THE AMALFI COAST & ROME PILGRIMAGE

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The Treasures of the Amalfi Coast & Rome Pilgrimage is an event organized and operated by NAWAS who will be responsible for the event. The pilgrimage is not an event sponsored by or endorsed by the Diocese of Venice or by St. Charles Borromeo Parish. While Father John Fitch will be attending this pilgrimage, neither he nor the Diocese is responsible for any of the arrangements. Participants should familiarize themselves with the destination(s); and must make their own decisions on the safety and security of the travel arrangements provided by the trip operator. The role of the parish in helping promote the trip should not be deemed as an endorsement or representation of any kind as to the travel arrangements.





Each Lenten Season,  
Catholics are called  
to focus in an  
intentional way on  
**prayer, fasting  
and almsgiving**

so as to grow in loving God and neighbor. Lenten  
alms, collected through the CRS Rice Bowl, go  
to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities  
around the world and in the United States.

**Please consider picking up a Rice Bowl  
packet and join in this simple,  
yet powerful Lenten practice.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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For comments or suggestions,  
please send emails to [bulletininfo@stcbc.org](mailto:bulletininfo@stcbc.org).



The Haiti Dressmakers will  
be meeting on Thursday,  
February 19th at 1:00 PM  
in the Ministry Center.

Donations of good used  
pillowcases to make dresses  
for the children in Haiti are  
much appreciated.

Please contact Sharan Oehlman for information at  
(941) 456-3153.



### *COUPLES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS*

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50,  
or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop  
Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor.

**March 14th at St. Thomas More Parish  
in Sarasota at 11:00 AM.**

Please contact the parish office for reservations no later  
than one week before the event you choose to attend.



### **Calling all Green Thumbs!**

We are looking for volunteers  
to join the St. Charles  
Landscaping Ministry.  
This is an opportunity to  
cultivate God's beauty.

Contact Amy Rea in the Parish Office at  
(941) 625-4754 or at [amyr@stcbc.org](mailto:amyr@stcbc.org).





2026

# Catholic Faith Appeal

**“Tell them to do good... be generous, ready to share.” (1 Tim 6:18)**

## Everything You Want To Know, Right Here!

### What is the Catholic Faith Appeal and what are its proceeds used for?

Each year, the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) extends a heartfelt invitation for our Diocese to unite and extend a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in need. It is one of the most effective ways to carry out the work of the Church, and it is a testament to our Catholic Faith in action. Contributions to the CFA play a crucial role in supporting a diverse array of programs and services, including Vocations and Seminarians, Religious Education, aid for financially challenged Parishes and Missions, Evangelization, Catholic Education, Catholic Charities, and more. On an annual basis, Parishes in the Diocese of Venice make a required contribution to financially support these efforts. The Catholic Faith Appeal empowers every parishioner to actively contribute to their Parish's financial commitment, with goals tailored to each Parish's income rather than the number of registered families. This approach accommodates the seasonal influx of northern visitors during the winter months, significantly enhancing the Appeal's success.

### How does the CFA benefit my Parish and me?

First, by participating in the Appeal, Parishes and their Parishioners come together to renew their commitment to evangelize, form, and care for men, women, and children beyond the confines of their Parish community. Secondly, a portion of the money that is pledged over goal will be returned to your Parish for its own programs and services. Many of the departments funded by the Appeal assist Parishes or provide services to the Parish community. Programs such as marriage enrichment, divorce support group, and Faith-based conferences are enjoyed by all. In addition, several departments in the Diocese work closely with Parishes in such areas as religious education, youth and young adult programs and the curriculum for our Catholic schools. See the brochure for more information.

### Why does Catholic Charities do additional fundraising?

Approximately 12% of the Diocesan budget is given to Catholic Charities to help support its very worthwhile presence in our Diocese. However, this amount is only a percentage of the funding needed to carry out its Mission of serving those in need. In addition to what the Diocese is able to provide, further fundraising is required.

### Why are the administrative services included?

The Diocese of Venice, in order to fulfill its Mission of proclaiming the Gospel, sharing the Faith, and serving others, requires facilities, employees, and volunteers throughout our ten counties. The staff, working in the departments located at the Catholic Center, serve the Catholic Faithful in Southwest Florida by providing administrative services and guidance. These professionals help ensure that all resources are utilized efficiently, effectively and responsibly.





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VENICE  
IN FLORIDA

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## **Why are there so many mailings?**

More than 3.5 million dollars of the appeal comes to us through the mailings. Once you have responded to a CFA mailing or made a gift through your Parish, solicitations will stop being sent to you. You will, however, continue to receive mailings such as an acknowledgment letter for your gift and a tax receipt in January. Tax receipts are sent to anyone who gives a gift of \$10 and more. It is always wise to keep receipts of your charitable giving for audit purposes.

## **How much should I give?**

The practice of Catholic stewardship puts our Faith into action. God has blessed each of us in a variety of ways. We recognize that everyone has unique life circumstances. Only you can decide what gift is right for you, your family, and your budget. It is a decision made between you and God.

## **Should I make a pledge or a one-time gift?**

Making a pledge allows you to spread your gift throughout the year, which may make it easier for you to pay, and may also allow you to give a larger gift. Pledge statements are sent out monthly unless otherwise requested. These are simply reminders and not bills. You can pay your pledge any time before the end of the year. If your situation changes, you may also adjust your pledge.

## **How can I make my gift?**

We try to make your giving as easy as possible! You can make a gift through checks, credit cards, direct debit, online giving at [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org), bequests, charitable gift annuities, matching gift programs, and approved gifts of real estate. Please give us a call at 941-486-4719 and we'll happily answer your questions.

## **Will any funds from the CFA be used to settle lawsuits or for legal expenses?**

No, the Catholic Faith Appeal funds are restricted for the funding of the ministries and programs outlined in promotional materials and are not used to settle claims or pay claim related expenses.

## **If I contribute to my Parish's capital campaign, does the Diocese get a portion of my gift?**

Funds from approved Parish capital campaigns are not assessable. Therefore, the fully donated amount is available for use by the Parish for capital campaign purposes.

**Thank you for supporting the 2026 Catholic Faith Appeal!**



# ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SCHOOL

## \$100,000 DRAWING

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**02**

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**03****SHARE**

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Get your tickets now and support St. Charles Borromeo School!





# Crusader Connection

## † Catholic Schools Week at St. Charles Borromeo School †

St. Charles Borromeo School joyfully celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a focus on faith, learning, service, and community. The week included Decades Day, Science Fair Day with Wacky & Tacky Dress, and an energetic Field Day that filled our campus with teamwork and school spirit. The celebration concluded with a meaningful Day of Service, as our 5th grade students served at St. Vincent de Paul by organizing clothing and food donations, and our 6th grade students visited the Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County to learn about stewardship and care for God's creation. Catholic Schools Week highlighted our mission of forming students in faith, service, and leadership rooted in Christ!





**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE,  
ALTAR FLOWERS, FLOWERS  
FOR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**In Honor of Al & Patti Gioiosa**

As a Parish Community, we offer  
our prayers for the souls of the  
faithful departed, especially  
**Alicia Brown, Aysha Vieve  
Glenn, Rosalee Ward**  
and those buried in our  
Memorial Garden. We pray for  
those mourning the loss of loved  
ones. May God strengthen their  
hope in life everlasting. Amen.

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## Mass Intentions

February 16th - February 22nd

	† DECEASED	⚙ LIVING
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:30 AM	† Joseph Campione
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:30 AM	† Charles & Mary Jo Murphy
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 AM	† Barbara Flores
	9:00 AM	† Michelle Champine
	11:00 AM	⚙ Stephen Queen & Children
	5:30 PM	† Maria Prokopenko
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:30 AM	⚙ Olivia Grace & Ella Oliveira † & Joanne Miko
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 AM	† Richard Caron
	10:00 AM	† Rinaldo DiMaio
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30 AM	⚙ Alec & Faith Gany
	4:00 PM	⚙ Tommy Rea
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:00 AM	⚙ People of the Parish
	9:00 AM	⚙ Michelle Savitski Stanton
	11:00 AM	⚙ Alec & Faith Gany
	1:00 PM	⚙ Megan & Orloff Civil
	5:30 PM	† Susan Harper

## Fiscal Offerings

February 8, 2026: \$16,356.00  
Last Year: \$17,186.00  
Year To Date: \$486,495.78  
Last Year: \$482,691.60  
Difference: \$3,804.18

*Thank you*  
for your continued support!



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Family Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Seasonal Resident (Provide other address)

HEAD OF HOUSE- HOLD AND SPOUSE (IF ANY) Add Middle Initial	Date of Birth	Marital Status	Race	Religion	SACRAMENTS RECEIVED						OCCUPATION							
					Year & Religion Baptized	1st Communion		Confirmation		Married by Priest		Date Married						
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes			No					
1. First Name:  Initial: _____ Last: _____																		
2. First Name:  Initial: _____ Last: _____																		
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1. Name:																		
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