



DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

Mission Statement: As St. Charles Borromeo Parishioners, "We are called to act with justice, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with God." Micah 6:8

second sunday of ADVENT



Dear Jesus, You entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

Amen.

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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

21505 Augusta Ave.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Parish Office: (941) 625-4754
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 in Choir Room
(Until all are heard)

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

ROSARY

Mon - Sat: 7:50 AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. John the Evangelist Chapel
in the Ministry Center

STAFF & MINISTRY LISTING

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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. John Fitch, Pastor

Fr. Philip Scheff, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Francis "Bud" Murhammer, Retired

Fr. Don Imming, Seasonal, Retired



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.**

Immaculate Conception

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Schedule

Wednesday
December 7th
5:30 PM

Thursday
December 8th
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM.



The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that Mary, conceived in the normal way through an act of love by her mother and father (St. Joachim & St. Anne), was born free of original sin. Original sin was excluded; it never existed in her soul. From the first moment of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace.

Advent Penance Services

Saturday, December 10th
10:00 AM
San Pedro

Monday, December 12th
5:00 PM
St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, December 15th
5:00 PM
San Antonio

OFFERTORY UPDATE

November 20, 2022:	\$11,645.00
Last Year:	\$12,392.00
Year To Date:	\$267,164.51

Thank You!

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 5th — December 11th

† DECEASED ⚙ LIVING

MONDAY	8:30 AM	†	Orpha Smith
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	†	John Smith
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	†	Buensucesa Rivera
Vigil Mass	5:30 PM	†	Bob Gicla
Immaculate Conception			
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	†	Andrew Kruczek
	9:00 AM	†	Greg Doering
	11:00 AM	⚙	Carr Family & Grandchildren
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	⚙	Joseph Aristilde
	School Mass	10:00 AM	⚙ Nancy Fitch
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	†	Nancy Lauer
	Vigil Mass Celebrant	4:00 PM Fr. Bud	† Nancy Lauer
SUNDAY	7:00 AM	†	Helen Rula
	Family Mass Celebrant	9:00 AM Fr. Phil	† Anna Gabarda
Choir Mass Celebrant	11:00 AM Fr. Bud	†	Helen Deryk
Haitian Mass Celebrant	1:00 PM Fr. Tony	⚙	People of the Parish
Youth Mass Celebrant	5:30 PM Fr. Don	†	Christine Bertucci



ALTAR BREAD & WINE

We offer the opportunity for the Altar Bread and Wine to be memorialized for a deceased relative or to honor a loved one. Donations are taken for one week. Please stop by the Parish Office to make arrangements. The suggested donation is \$25 for either the Altar Bread or Wine, or \$50 for both.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to help beautify our altar? Two bouquets are needed at a cost of \$40 for each (\$80 in total). Would you like to unite with one or more people, split the cost, and provide fresh flowers for our beautiful altar? Flowers can also be requested as a memorial. Flowers can also be purchased in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for \$35.00 to be placed by the statue of Mary.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

An offering for the Sanctuary Candle Memorial is \$20.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS, & SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Honor of
Mr. & Mrs. Bartlinda Ornedo Bondoc

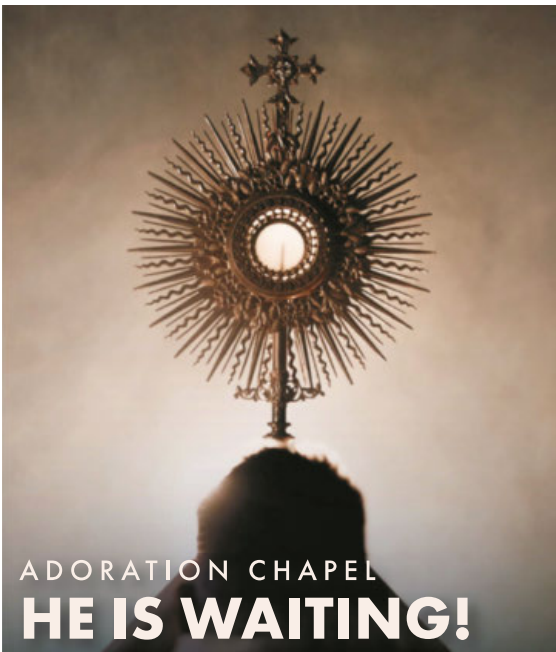


Married 30 Years Or More?

Email us the date and how many years married and we will celebrate you in the bulletin! Please send this information each year so our files stay updated.

Send information to: bulletininfo@stcbc.org.

As a Parish Community, we offer our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, especially **Theresa Raziano**, 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.



St. John the Baptist pointed people to Jesus.

St. John didn't force anyone to seek the Lord, just as God Himself never forces us to seek Him.

God wants people to come to Him freely. He invites us to seek Him.

Immerse yourself in the Real Presence.

Allow yourself to be transformed.
Become an Adorer.

For more information, please check out our website at:
www.stcharlespc.org/adoration.

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

ST. CHARLES TELEVISED/LIVE STREAMED MASS SCHEDULE

Our St. Charles *Live Streamed Mass* can be found on our website at www.stcharlespc.org:

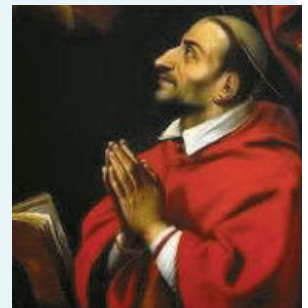
9:00 AM Family Mass on Sundays

The *Diocesan Mass on Sundays* can be viewed at 9:30 AM on the CW Network and on Fox 4 at 10:30 AM.

"When you are in doubt, say: 'O my God, enlighten my darkness.'"

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

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



Pancake Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 11th in the Parish Center following the 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM Masses.

You can have all the pancakes you can eat (plain, chocolate or fruit), eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea, and juices for \$8.00.

Children 8 and under are free. All funds raised go towards our Church. Come join us, we know you will not be disappointed.

50th ANNUAL

MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 17TH - JANUARY 22ND, 2023 | WASHINGTON, D.C.



We want to send 15 teens to our nation's capitol for the 50th anniversary of March For Life. Please consider making a donation that will help us celebrate the overturning of Roe v. Wade and continue to take a stand for life for all human beings from conception to natural death.

To reserve a spot for your teen, or to make a donation to support our trip, please contact Michael T. Barrett, DRE at faithformation@stcbc.org or at (941) 585-0668.

Respect Life



Michigan is typical of many states in the last midterm election. They codified a right to abortion up until the moment of birth. What comes next? These voters rival the ancient Inca culture that sacrificed children several centuries ago. According to www.sciencealert.com, remains of children in Southern Peru seem to have come from wealthy families. One wonders if the children were sacrificed in thanksgiving or to beg false gods for continued success.

Child sacrifice was not unique to the new world, or the last millennium. The Torah, from thousands of years earlier, reports that children were sacrificed to the idol Molech, with the face of a calf and outstretched hands. Adults protected themselves from the cries of children – sometimes treating children to hallucinogens and other times by banging on drums to mask the cries.

In the 21st century, our false idols are career, school, sports, and finances. Does that make us more sophisticated or less?

Babies aborted this week: Aaron, Mia, Ellis, Thomas, and Aurelia. Charlotte County residents, even without the Olean Avenue abortion clinic, still have over 250 abortions each year. Please keep praying.

For more information or to join this most important Ministry, please contact Gary at (618) 841-8073, or via email at garybutson47@gmail.com.

LIKE OUR BULLETIN? IS IT INFORMATIVE?

For comments or suggestions, please send emails to bulletininfo@stcbc.org.

St. Vincent de Paul



We will be supplying gifts to St. Charles students and Charlotte Harbor special needs students. Charlotte Harbor students have various special needs. Therefore, each angel has a gift suggestion appropriate for that student. St. Charles students have their age information on their angels. **All unwrapped gifts, with the angel attached, need to be back by Sunday, December 18th.** As some families have lost everything this year, we appreciate your help in making it a special Christmas for these students.

Your donations of clean items in good shape are greatly appreciated. We have a drop-off bin for clothing items and shoes. All other items are accepted from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only. For any questions about drop off, please call the office at (941) 625-9784.

You can donate to
St. Vincent de Paul St. Charles
through E-Giving by visiting:

<https://svdppc.weshareonline.org>.



Christmas Memorial Flowers



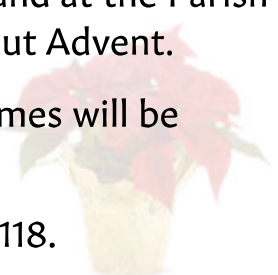
The Youth Group will be offering Christmas Flower Memorials after all Masses on the weekends of December 11th and 18th.

Donation is \$20.00 for each memorial.

Flowers can also be purchased on our website and at the Parish Office throughout Advent.

Please note that due to the deadline for the December bulletins, names will be published in the January bulletin.

For more information, call the Faith Formation Office at (941) 623-9118.





The St. Charles Borromeo Music Ministry
proudly present

St. Charles'
Candlelight Processional

Join our talented Cantors and Choirs for
a retelling of the birth of our Savior, set to
beautiful music of the Season.

Tuesday, December 6th
at 6:30 PM in the Church.
All are welcome and the cost is FREE!

HELP US BUILD A NEW TOMORROW FOR OUR SCHOOL



Our Gymnasium will:

- Minimize countless lost days due to extreme Florida heat and rain
- Benefit students with learning challenges who need regular physical activity
- Serve as a healthy outlet for the pent up energy of young children, thereby contributing to academic achievement
- Assure that every student has the opportunity to experience daily fitness programs
- Empower students to learn how to live healthy, active lifestyles



Our Center for Science & Engineering will:

- Be an academic game changer
- Prepare our students for academic success in high school, college, and beyond
- Equip our students to become academic leaders in their fields of study
- Position our students for a lifetime of professional success
- Empower our students to achieve professional and academic success as Disciples of Christ





If you are able to make a donation of at least \$5,000, spread out over the next 5 years, please consider joining the **CRUSADER SOCIETY**. Every Crusader Society member will receive a free inscribed Legacy Brick that will be placed near our new Gymnasium, a wearable pin, and invitations to special events!



For more information visit the **CRUSADER SOCIETY** website at www.CrusaderSociety.org or contact Wendy Mast at (941) 625-4754 or CrusaderSociety@stcbs.org.

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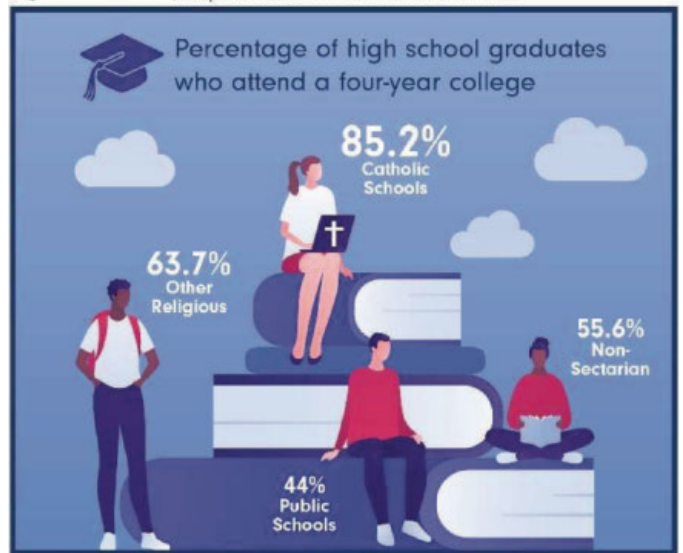
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 For more information contact Wendy Mast at wmast@stcbs.org or (941) 625-4754.

NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics



Sources: Broughman et al. (2021); Irwin et al. (2021)

SCHOOL MASSES



We love our St. Charles Parishioners! Thank you for celebrating Mass with us.

Our School Masses this year are Sundays, December 11th, January 22nd, February 26th, March 26th, and April 2nd at 9:00 A.M.

We hope to see you there!



Santa Claus North Pole

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! How are you? We are fine. Are you and your elves getting ready for the big night? Our parish family sure is!

We have been very good this year. St. Charles is a very generous parish. We are blessed with many wonderful parishioners who share their time, talent and treasure. We are becoming a vibrant parish as more and more families are coming to worship here. But as you know, there are always pressing needs that require funding in order to better serve the people of God, especially since our parish has a school.

Boy, Santa, if only you printed money!!!

I have enclosed our Christmas wish list for St. Charles Parish and School. *(Check it Out!)* Santa, we know you're not made of money, and you have other important and worthy obligations during this season of giving, so if you cannot bring us everything we need then *perhaps you can ask one of your helpers to assist*. Just ask them to choose an item from our wish list they would like to purchase for our parish and school, and then mail a check to the parish office. If they have any questions, please ask them to call Fr. Johnny (625-4754).

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Love,

Frs. Johnny, Phily and the entire pastoral staff at St. Charles Parish and School.



Santa Needs Your Help

Santa, This year we hope that you will help our Parish & School by bringing us the following items:

Bibles For Faith Formation Programs (each).....	\$5.00
Bibles For Faith Formation Programs (case)	\$60.00
Bookshelves for Music Ministry Office	\$250.00
Catechism of the Catholic Church For Faith Formation Programs (each)	\$10.00
Catechism of the Catholic Church For Faith Formation Programs (case)	\$120.00
Computer For Finance Volunteer	\$700.00
Copy Paper (Per Case).....	\$39.99
Desk For Music Ministry Office	\$500.00
Desk For Parish Office	\$500.00
Faith Formation Scholarship (1 child/youth)	\$100.00
Gymnasium Naming Rights - Center for Science & Engineering (Per Year for 5 Years)	\$50,000.00
Gymnasium Naming Rights - Entire Building (Per Year for 5 Years)	\$200,000.00
Gymnasium Naming Rights - Gymnasium Only (Per Year for 5 Years)	\$100,000.00
March For Life Scholarship (donation toward trip costs)	\$100.00
March For Life Scholarship (donation for one teen to attend)	\$500.00
Office Supplies - (paper, pens, ink, etc.)	\$25.00
RCIA Scholarship (one adult) for materials.....	\$50.00
Youth Group Meal (One Week)	\$100.00

____ I agree to donate the following items: _____

____ I agree to make a financial contribution in the amount of \$ _____ to be used for the purchase of the following item(s): _____

Merry Christmas! Love,

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

END OF YEAR GIVING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH & SCHOOL

In the last two years of many blessings and challenges it was you who supported our school which provided quality Catholic education to over 300 children in 2021 and 2022. It was you who maintained our Church and services to our St. Charles community! God has blessed us through your gifts of prayer, time, talent, and financial support during the past two years.

Through these gifts – you benefit as well. Financial gifts to our parish and school are tax deductible for those givers who itemize their deductions or, if you do not itemize, you can donate tax free from your IRA directly to St. Charles Borromeo Parish or School. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a charity of your choice when you are over age 70 ½. The donation can be part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) or **in addition to your RMD!**

Yes, the QCD is alive and well! The IRA withdrawal does not count as taxable income making it especially valuable if you're taking the standard deduction rather than itemizing deductions on your tax return. If you file a joint return, your spouse can also have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000.

Do not wait. Call your broker or Financial Advisor now and request they process a QCD check payable to St. Charles Borromeo Parish or School before December 31, 2022. If you have an IRA checkbook you can write a check directly to St. Charles Borromeo Parish or School.

There are also tax advantages for donated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. If you choose to donate appreciated securities that have been held for more than 12 months, you may receive additional tax benefits.

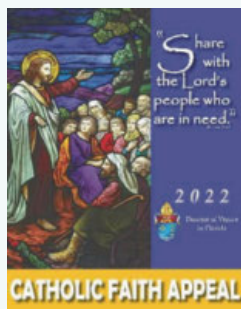
You may have considered naming St. Charles Borromeo in your Will, but did you know you could also name St. Charles Borromeo Parish or School as a beneficiary on your IRA or 401k? There are great tax advantages for you and your family while blessing St. Charles Borromeo with this kind of gift..

If you need further assistance or have questions, please call Cindy at (941) 625-4754.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Catholic Faith Appeal

In Scripture it is written,
"Share with the Lord's people who are in need."
(Romans 12:13)



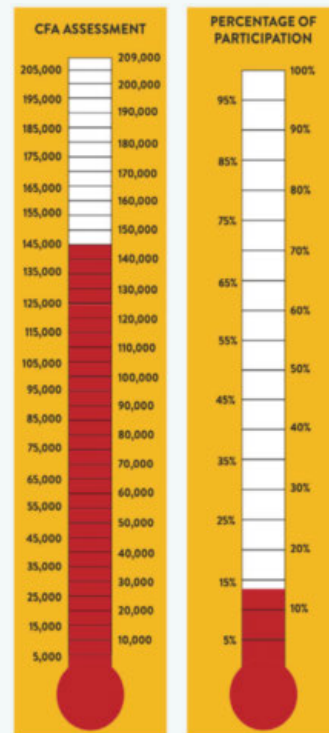
How much should I give?

In prayerful thanks for the many blessings from God, we as Stewards should reflect an attitude of gratitude by sharing those blessings with our brothers and sisters in need through contributions to your Parish or the CFA. Although we are not all able to make an equal gift, all are invited by Our Lord to make an equal sacrifice. Therefore, your gift is a personal decision between you and God, and should be made after prayerful consideration.

Our CFA Assessment for 2022 is \$209,000.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HOUSEHOLDS IN OUR PARISH: 2,191 PARTICIPATION: 12.73%



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Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Family Email Address: _____ Permanent Resident Seasonal Resident (Provide other address)

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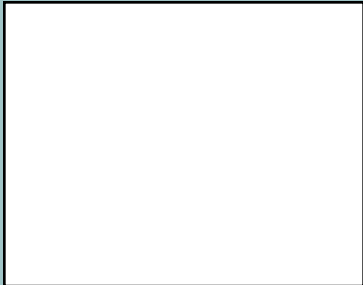
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