

MAY 12, 2024

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO 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



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21505 Augusta Ave. Port Charlotte, FL 33952 Parish Office: (941) 625-4754 Email: 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

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. Philip Scheff, Parochial Vicar Rev. Francis "Bud" Murhammer, Retired Rev. Don Imming, Seasonal, Retired



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



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.



"Whenever you

are at the table to

eat, you should

first say a blessing

St. Charles Borromeo

(1538 - 1584)

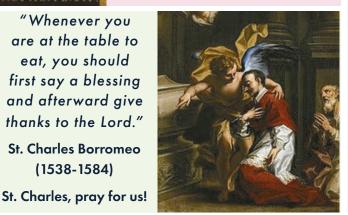
Divine Mercy

Why not take advantage of becoming closer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus?

Extra graces are available to everyone right here in the Church every Friday at 3:00 PM through the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy prints are available in the Parish Office and the Ministry Center.

Thank you and God bless you!





Extreme Abortion Amendment Decision

A cruel and dangerous abortion amendment will be added to the ballot in November. Please acquaint yourself with the facts by visiting www.TooExtreme4FL.com, and vote NO on Amendment 4! If you are concerned about this recent Florida Supreme Court decision to allow the extreme abortion amendment to appear on the ballot and are interested in doing something about it, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or (941) 374-1068 right away.



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MONDAY	8:30 AM 🕆	Simonis Family
TUESDAY	8:30 AM 🕆	Mary Jane Thompson
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM 💠 🕆	Gabarda Family
THURSDAY	8:30 AM 🕆	Frank Menow
FRIDAY	8:30 AM 🕆	Michael & Mary Sedonic
	10:00 AM 🔅	Present and Past Staff of St.
		Charles Borromeo
SATURDAY	8:30 AM 🕆	Barbara Flores
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM 🕆	Linda Estaris
SUNDAY	7:00 AM 🕆	Wesley Henry
Family Mass	9:00 AM 🔅	People of the Parish
Choir Mass	11:00 AM 🕆	Jayne Kennedy
Haitian Mass	1:00 PM 🔅	Elena Osse
Youth Mass	5:30 PM 🕆	Peter Selberg

St. Vincent de Paul



"We must have a high regard for the promises we make to God and, ever more, for carrying them out." St. Vincent de Paul

We need volunteers in all areas.

If you can spare three or more hours a week, please call Linda at (941) 625-9784.

As always, thank you for all your support.

You can donate to St. Vincent de Paul through E-Giving at: https://svdppc.weshareonline.org.

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.

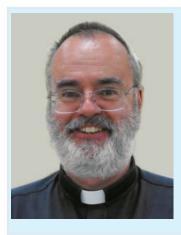
SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Fran Woods.

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



Happy Mother's Day To All!

Mothers are so amazing that even God decided that He wanted one. And Mary's acceptance of new life, though unplanned and unexpected, is the model for all who are facing a pregnancy they feel they cannot handle. Trust God's plan, and reach out to God's people for the help they are ready to provide. We pray for all mothers, including those who are afraid to be mothers, and for mothers who have lost a child, especially to the violence of abortion.

In Christ,

Fr. Qh Fith

Mother's Day Flower Memorials - In Honor and In Memory Of ...

Abourjaily Family Mothers Agnes Danesi Alberta Kabbes Aline Guilbault Alma Feeney Amancille Laguerre Ananie Raphael Angela Alongi Ann Druzgala Ann Tarquinio Anne Marie Germain Anna Toppert Antoine-Meres Como Antoinette Samperi Arlene Mary Lisak Grant Ashley Oliveira Auriana Lauture Aurora Estepa Belam Dominguez Betty Lockett **Bobsy Cunanan** Camille Bourigent Carolyn Frank Carole Smith Carolyn Case Catherine Barron Cavanagh/Pilarski Mothers Cecilia Kreft Cesaria Samaniego Christine A. Stewart Clara Zinner Connie Amico Dee Dee Boyan **Dolores Harrison Dolores** Malpedo Donna Stiness

Doris Bachand Edith Ashline Edith Bakalar Edith Mahl Edith Regensen Eleanor Druzgala **Eleanor Jennings** Elizabeth Massey Ellen M. Hart Erzulie F. Bott Estelita Hizon Estell Tess Grant Evelyn B. Rhodes **Florence** Eckles Florence West Grace Lucarini Grace Ocasio Grace Pamittan Helen Greenlick Helen Smith Hope Fitton Iluminado Spaulding Irene M. Williams Irene Zbranac Jean Anderson Jean Scheff Jeanne Miko Jenny Hizon Joanne Prine Joyce Barrett Joyce Reed Judith Russell Kathleen Q. Weston Lillian Makarewicz Lina Andaya Linda Dela Cruz

Loxanne Brillant Lucile Bailey Lucina Otakan Lucinda Heflin Luz Quevedo Madison Oliveira Margaret Wisswell Maria A. Fertitta Maria Dosanjos Pereira Maria Fede Maria Marquez Maria Ocasio Marie Esther Emile **Marion** Rivers Martha A. Murphy Mary Bondick Mary Elchin Mary Fetzko Mary Janeshefskie Mary Jordan Mary Peacock Mary Sedonic Mercedes Mejia Mildred Gillespie Mildred Lope Miranda Stiness Mothers of the Appel Family Mothers of the Bernadin Family Mothers of the Celestin Family Mothers of the Chan Family Mothers of the Collins Family Mothers of the Dubois Family Mothers of the Dunnell Family Mothers of the Joseph Family Mothers of the Nguyen Family Mothers of the Vanfleet Family

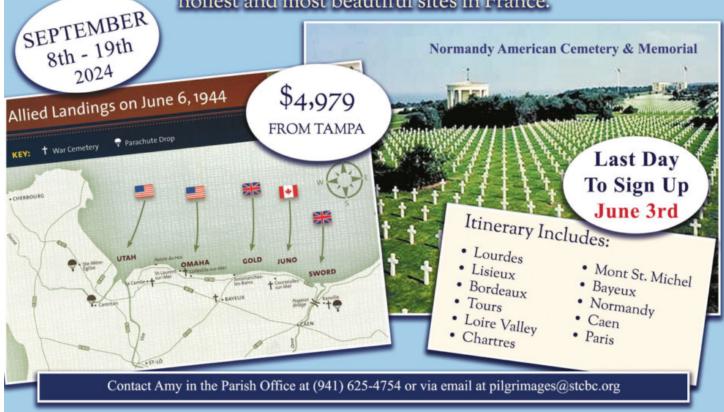
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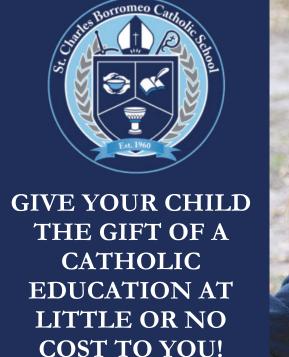
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Congratulations To Our First Communicants!



Join Fr. John Fitch on an inspiring pilgrimage to the holiest and most beautiful sites in France.







St. Charles Borromeo School is now enrolling students for the 2024-2025 school year. Avoid being waitlisted by registering your child today. Please call the school for an informational meeting and tour of our campus. (941)625-5533. www.stcbs.org.

The St. Charles difference:

- *COST:* The State of Florida offers all families, regardless of income, roughly **\$8,600** in tuition scholarships so they can send their children or grandchildren to St. Charles School. This covers approximately 80% of the total cost of tuition. Additionally, St. Charles Church offers scholarships of up to **\$1,500** to their parishioners who regularly attend Mass.
- *ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:* St. Charles School will be dedicating their new \$7 million Gymnasium and Center for Science & Engineering this August. This represents another commitment to preparing the children of our families for **academic success** in high school, college, and beyond.
- *SECURITY:* Protecting your children is paramount to us, as it is to you. We employ Access Control, Single Point of Entry, Armed Security, 107 Security Cameras, a Safety Team, and multi-layered Security Fencing around the entire campus.
- *CATHOLIC:* <u>No controversial secular teachings or trends</u>. Our job is to form your children into **Disciples of Jesus Christ** through weekly Mass, Daily Prayer, and Faith Formation.

Academic Excellence for 21st Century Disciples

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Are you receving our email updates via Flocknote?

If not, scan this QR Code with your mobile device to stay up to date on Parish events.



The St. Charles Knights of Columbus Council 5399 will host a Mother's Day Breakfast this Sunday, May 12th, in the Parish Center from 7:45 AM until 10:30 AM.

Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage or ham, biscuits and gravy, home fries, pancakes, juice and coffee. Adults are \$10.00 and children 8 and under are \$5.00. **Mothers eat free!** Come hungry and leave happy.

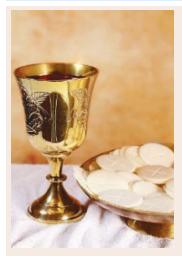
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May 5, 2024:	\$18,401.00
Last Year:	\$12,032.00
Year To Date:	\$659,631.23
Last Year:	\$634,206.25
Difference:	\$25,424.98
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Thank you for your continued support!

May Rosary

During the month of May, we will pray the Holy Rosary every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Church.

All are welcome to join us in prayer as we honor our most Blessed Mother, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and ask her intercession in our lives.



PLEASE HELP US SHARE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST AT MASS.

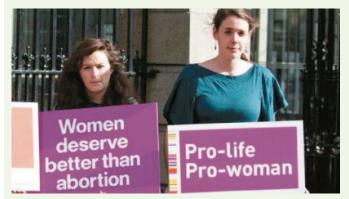
By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through His humanity.

Though we have reinstituted the Precious Blood, we are still in need of Ministers of the Cup for every Mass.

If you would like to receive the Precious Blood during Communion, we need you to sign up and volunteer.

Please call the Parish Office at (941) 625-4754.

RESPECT LIFE - THE STAIN OF ABORTION



Why do so many Catholics doubt the Church's position on abortion? Our Catechism, in paragraphs 2270 through 2275, clearly spells out that "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." Absolutely. No exceptions.

For those still confused, the Magisterium, under Pope Paul VI in 1974, issued a document from the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of

the Faith titled Declaration on Procured Abortion. This lengthy confirmation on the teaching from the Catechism states in paragraph 22 that **man can never obey a law, or campaign, or vote for any law legitimizing abortion**. Christians, led by Catholics, have the power to overturn this horrible blot on civilization.

Babies aborted this week from Charlotte County: Aurelia, Dakota, Arthur, Elizabeth, and Regan. Charlotte County residents, even without the Olean Boulevard abortion clinic there were 289 abortions in 2022. Please spiritually adopt one of these babies.

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



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WEEKDAY LECTORS NEEDED



St. Charles has had some of the finest Lectors in the entire Diocese. Lectors are a gift and blessing to our community, as they are tasked with proclaiming God's Word during Mass.

There is an opportunity for weekday Lectors

(Monday through Saturday mornings 8:30 AM.)

If you can clearly and reverently proclaim God's Word, please pray about becoming a Lector. We will provide the necessary training and assistance. Should you respond affirmatively to this invitation, you will be repaid many times over with spiritual graces, as our current Lectors will attest.

For more information on becoming a Lector, please contact Susanne Walters at (941) 623-9666.



MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Bringing the Body of Christ to those who are unable to attend Mass with us is a rewarding ministry. Ministers can elect to serve one or more recipients.

We do not have enough volunteers to bring Christ to patients in the hospital.

Please call Richard Ciegalis at (941) 380-0049 to volunteer.



Painting With A Purpose



Where: 18700 Veterans Blvd., Suite #8, Port Charlotte

When: Thursday, May 23, 2024 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Cost: \$45.00 per person (CCW receives percentage of profits)

Please be sure to make your reservation by following the link below. If you have any questions regarding the venue, please contact Annette at (941) 764-3914.

https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/portcharlotte/event/3699515/

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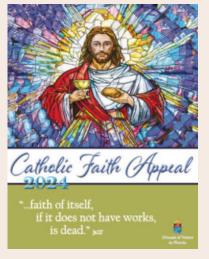
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Catholic Faith Appeal

"...faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17)



As you know, our government does not financially support the Catholic Church. All funding comes from the generosity of our Parishioners. It was through the hard work and sacrifice of those who came before us that St. Charles Borromeo Parish and School were built. Today we hold the responsibility to continue our Catholic Faith for future generations.

By making a donation to the CFA you'll support the Catholic Schools Department of the Diocese of Venice. All the schools are accredited, demonstrate successful current teaching methods, and effectively integrate instructional technology.

Teachers are certified by the State of Florida, with religion teachers holding additional certification through the Diocese. Schools within the Diocese have implemented STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) programs to prepare students for the future. The Catholic identity permeates all instructional, service and recreational activities.

What people don't realize is that most of our CFA money comes back to our Parish in support of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School!

Many people wonder - 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 be more generous. Pledge statements are sent out monthly unless you otherwise request it. 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.

Thanks to all who've already made a pledge or a gift to the St. Charles Borromeo CFA!

Please join the other generous people in our Parish family who have already made a gift to the 2024 CFA. Your gift will bring much needed hope and joy to those whose lives are transformed by the programs and ministries funded by the CFA.

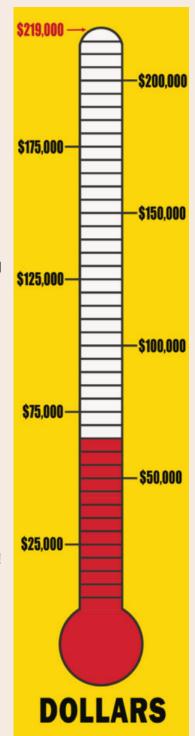
Our CFA Assessment for 2024 is \$219,000.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HOUSEHOLDS IN OUR PARISH: 2,105

PARTICIPATION: 7.08%

AMOUNT RECEIVED OR PLEDGED: \$67,723.10



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CHAPS CHARLOTTE COUNTY (941) 625-2552	
OR (941) 716-3041	
CHARLOTTE COUNTY INFO RESOURCE TOLL FREE	
charlottecountyfl.gov/humanservices 211	
ELDER HELPLINE (866) 413-5337	
VIRGINIA B. ANDES CLINIC PHARMACY (941) 766-9570	

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