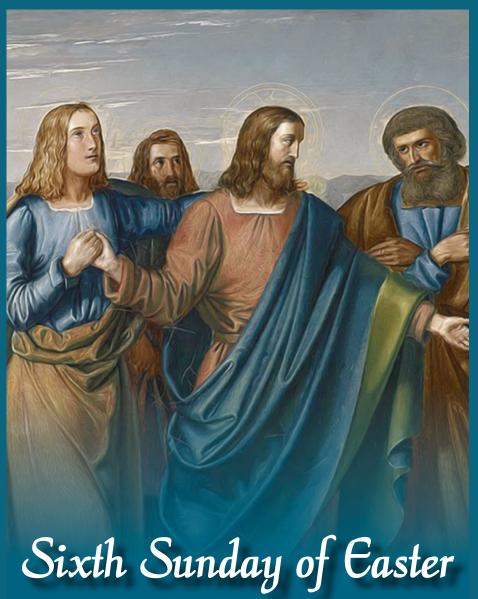


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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

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



"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love."

| John 15:10



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

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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

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PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John Fitch, Pastor

Rev. Philip Scheff, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Francis "Bud" Murhammer, Retired

Rev. Don Imming, Seasonal, Retired

MAY 5, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.



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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!

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.





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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	⊕ DECEAS	ED	C LIVING
MONDAY	8:30 AM	≎	Fr. Dominic Savio Murphy
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	÷	Hector Marrero
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	Φ	Anthony LaVerdi
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	≎	Judy Russell
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	\Diamond	Michelle Storch
	10:00 AM	骨	Luz Darya Pena
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	\Diamond	Donato Perez
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	≎⊕	All Mothers Living & Deceased
SUNDAY	7:00 AM	≎⊹	All Mothers Living & Deceased
Family Mass	9:00 AM	≎₽	All Mothers Living & Deceased
Choir Mass	11:00 AM	≎⊕	All Mothers Living & Deceased
Haitian Mass	1:00 PM	₽	People of the Parish &
		≎⊕	All Mothers Living & Deceased
Youth Mass	5:30 PM	‡	All Mothers Living & Deceased



The Council of Catholic Women will meet on **Saturday, May 11th** following the 8:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center.All are welcome!

OFFERTORY UPDATE

April 28, 2024: \$11,861.00

Year To Date: \$641,230.23 Last Year: \$622,174.25

Difference: \$19,055.98

Thank you for your continued support!

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 Memory of MaryAnn Nash & Nicholas Berardino

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.

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Eucharistic Adoration enables
us to spend time intimately
thanking Him for His sacrificial
gift expressed in His
Eucharistic words: "This is my
body which is given for you."
(Luke 22:19). In the Eucharist
we encounter Him as the
Victim of merciful love, and
it is the nature of love that it
calls for a return in kind.

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.

"Have zeal for the honor of God, and not merely that you yourself observe His holy commandments with all diligence, but that His name not be blasphemed and no irreverence be committed toward Him by others."

St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)

St. Charles, pray for us!





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.



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.

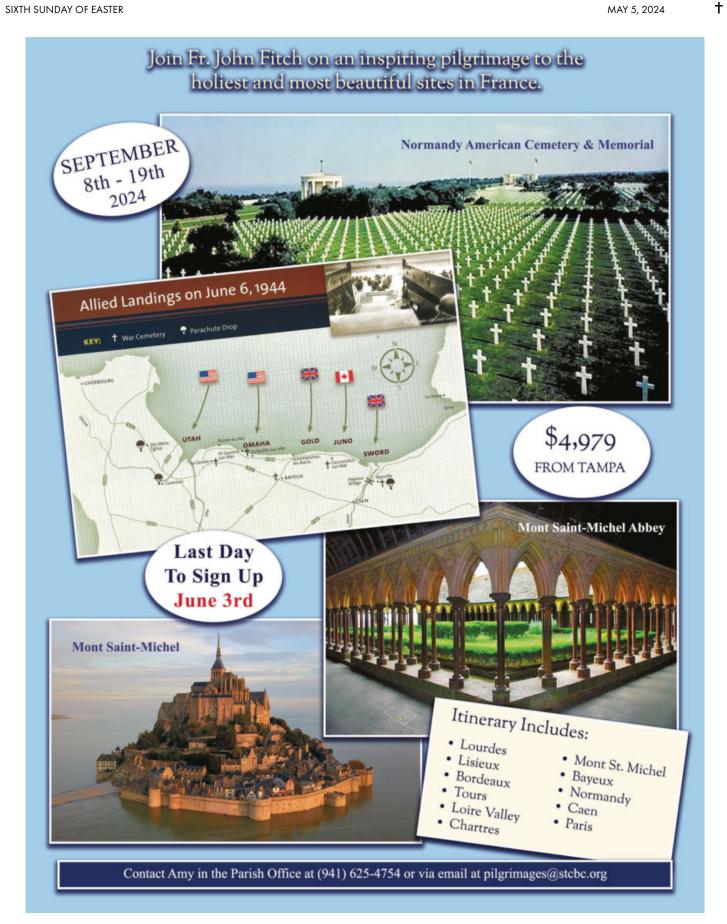
We do not have enough volunteers to bring Christ to patients in the hospital. Please call Richard Ciegalis at (941) 380-0049 to volunteer.





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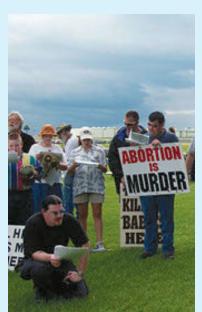
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RESPECT LIFE -TRUTH HURTS



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On April 17th, *Catholic Answers Live* played a clip from Bill Maher's TV show. Maher said that abortion is clearly murder but he's okay with that because there are too many people in the world. Maher is a far-left comedian/commentator that suffers from a conscience that causes him to tell the truth, as he sees it.

Chris Rock, a popular African-American comedian, has a different take on abortion. He says he always pays for "killing babies" if he's responsible for the pregnancy. He treats abortionists like hitmen. He wants a phone call saying "It's done."

Would minds change if the whole pro-choice crowd used honest terms like "murder" and "killing babies"? I wonder if candidates in the November election will use those terms.

Babies aborted this week from Charlotte County: Elliott, Jack, Lorelei, Ember, and Rhys. Charlotte County residents, even

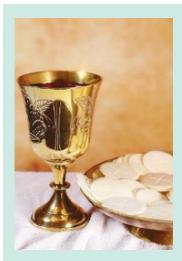
without the Olean Boulevard abortion clinic there were 289 abortions in 2022. Please spiritually adopt one of these babies.

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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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.

ROSARY MAKERS FOR PEACE



Rosary Makers for Peace are in need of supplies and monetary donations as well as volunteers to assemble the rosaries. These rosaries are donated to missionaries for distribution around the world. Please

make checks payable to Rosary Makers for Peace.

If you would like to join our group, or for more information, please call Carolyn Keegan at (941)625-4754. Thank you for your generosity.

CURSILLO MONTHLY ULTREYA



Our next Cursillo ULTREYA is Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM at Epiphany Cathedral in Soy building room 109.

We invite all Cursillistas to come even if you are visiting or a seasonal resident, we offer a warm welcome.

We are especially reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Christ from Venice, North Port, Englewood, Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte, Sarasota, Osprey, Parrish and surrounding areas.

Potential candidates are invited to an Information Presentation at 6:00 PM at the same location. We look forward to meeting you.

Our next Cursillo weekends are: September 5-8 for Women and October 3-6 for Men.

For directions or to learn more about how you may experience the Cursillo weekend, call Ken at (804) 239-0943 or Irene at (941) 726-0368. De Colores!



BLOOD DRIVE

Help save a life!
There will be a Blood Drive Sunday, May 12th.

For more information, contact Theresa Alexander at (941) 625-1874.

Registration is necessary.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 2024 \dagger

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Daily Mass Archery Boating

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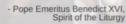
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The St. Charles Knights of Columbus Council 5399 will host a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12th in the Parish Center from 7:45 AM until 10:30 AM.

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

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The Life of St. Charles Borromeo

Reforms in the Cathedral



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St. Charles wanted his Cathedral to be a model to all the chief Churches of his province. Before the time of St. Charles, the people hardly understood the Divine worship. More attention was paid to worldly beauty than to the service of God. While the outside of the Cathedral had beautiful statues, inside it was like any secular building. There were no choirs, no chapels, and few altars. What was there was much neglected. Instead of images of saints, the whole interior was filled with statues of nobles and dukes of Milan.

The Cathedral looked more like a public exhibition than a House of God. Because the Cathedral had access to two different streets, it was the custom of people to pass through the Church with items to sell and their beasts of burden, dishonoring and desecrating the House of God.

In accordance with the Council of Trent decrees, he removed all worldly monuments. He rearranged the choir to allow the organ to be near the singers. He raised the altar so it would be visible to all. Pulpits were places facing the people so all could hear the sermons. He had a magnificent Baptistery erected to show honor to the Sacraments. He revived the

custom of the Archbishop baptizing at Easter and Pentecost. Each altar had enough sacred vessels and other furniture required for Mass to emphasize the dignity of the Church.

He designed a tunnel from his residence to the Cathedral so that he and others could go undercover to the Church at all hours.

When finished, he had redesigned the Cathedral of Milan to become an object of devotion for the people.



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Eighth grade Mass with Fr. John at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando.

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.



Contact Amy in the Parish Office at (941) 625-4754.

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.

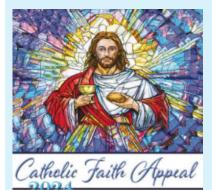
As always, thank you for all your support.

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

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Catholic Faith Appeal

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



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The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is an opportunity to expand your gift to many important and needed programs throughout the Diocese. You are not asked to choose just one or two – you have the opportunity to support ALL.

22% of your gift supports Catholic Education

The Catholic School Department serves more than 6,200 students, a record breaking number, at 15 Catholic schools. STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) is integrated as the learning model

in all classrooms. At the same time, the Diocesan curriculum called, "The Gifts of Christ: Truth, Beauty, Goodness, Affability, Fortitude, Humility, and Prudence" is the norm. Catholic virtues are infused in every subject as well as promoted and practiced throughout the school environment. The result is a 97% graduation rate with the remaining 3% of students entering the military or work force. In addition, students receive college scholarship awards that are three times the amount of that of public school counterparts.

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.

"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools.

Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life."

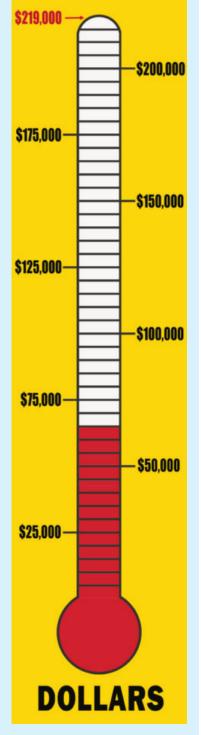
Pope Francis

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

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HOUSEHOLDS IN OUR PARISH: 2,105 PARTICIPATION: 6.75%

AMOUNT RECEIVED OR PLEDGED: \$65,873.10



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