

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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





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.
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 Parish Office: (941) 625-4754
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 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

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PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John Fitch, Pastor

Rev. Philip Scheff, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Francis "Bud" Murhammer, Retired

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
 at www.StCharlesPC.org



**"In order
 to celebrate
 Advent, you
 must renew
 your entire
 way of life,
 preparing
 yourself with
 Confession,
 Holy Communion and
 spiritual exercises."**

St. Charles Borromeo
 (1538-1584)

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



**"Para celebrar
 el Adviento,
 debes renovar
 todo tu modo
 de vida,
 preparándote
 con la
 Confesión,
 la Sagrada**

**Comunión y los
 ejercicios espirituales."**

San Carlos Borromeo
 (1538-1584)

**San Carlos,
 ¡ruega por nosotros!**

A Note of Thanks from Fr. Phil

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make my retirement celebration so special. Your kindness and generosity were evident, and I am deeply grateful.

A special thank you to **Chef Maille**, as well as **Paul, Shirley**, and those who worked behind the scenes to plan, prepare, and help coordinate the event. Your dedication and teamwork created a beautiful gathering that I will treasure for years to come.

Thank you to all who **brought food**, who **helped set up and clean up**, and who contributed in any way to the joy of the day. I am also deeply grateful to those who made **donations to St. Vincent de Paul** in my honor—your generosity reflects the very heart of our parish community and the Gospel we strive to live.

The thoughtful **advice and well-wishes written on the cards** meant so much to me. I will hold your words close as I enter this next chapter of life.

Finally, to Fr. John and all the **parishioners who attended**, thank you. Seeing so many familiar and beloved faces, sharing laughter and fellowship, reminded me once again what a blessing it has been to serve this community.

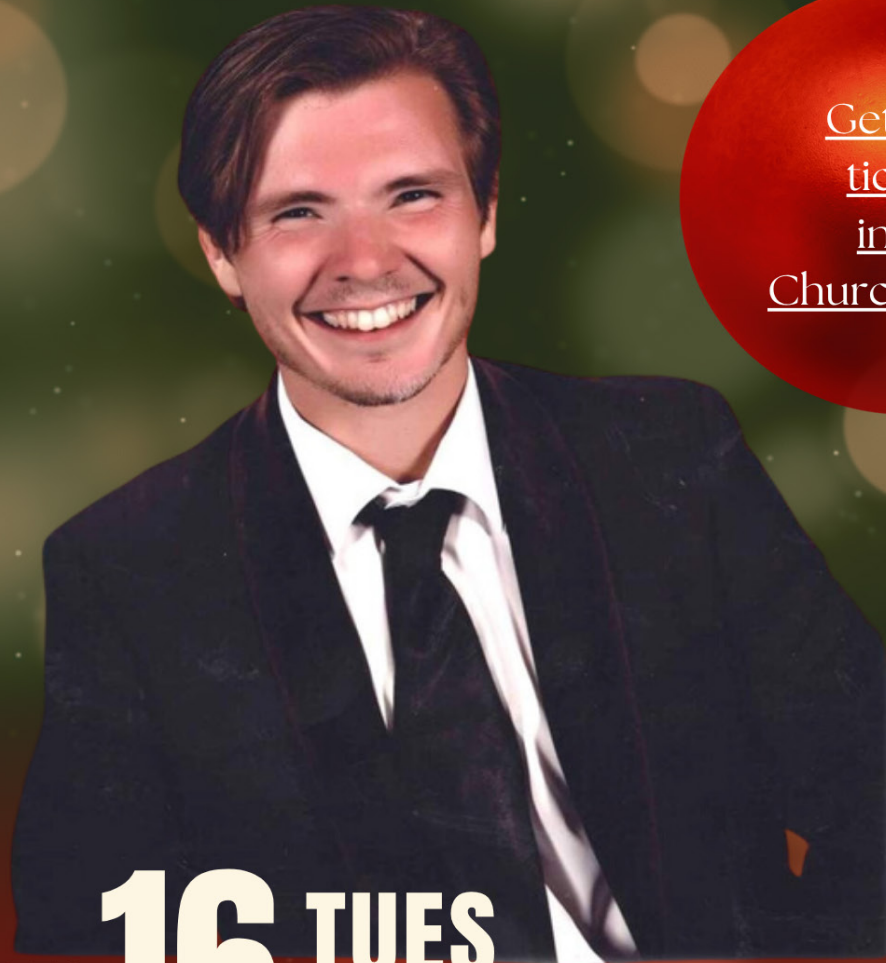
Please know of my continued prayers for each of you. May God bless you abundantly for the kindness you have shown me through the years.

With gratitude and affection,

Fr. Phil



PAUL TODD JR. & FRIENDS A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS



Get your
tickets
in the
Church Office!

DEC **16** TUES 6:30PM **TICKETS: \$30**

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OR BY VISITING STCBS.ORG/CONCERT**

Immaculate Conception

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8th
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

There will be no Vigil Mass due to the Sunday obligation.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

12:00 Midnight
(Christmas Carols
Sing-A-Long
begins at 11:30 PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:00 PM

(French-Creole)

(No 5:30 PM Mass)



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Christmas Dinner Dance



Sunday, December 14
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
In the Parish Center

Italian Cuisine
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Entertainment and Dance Music:
DJ - Tom & former Broadway
performer/singer Kevin

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Knights of Columbus Council 5399

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For information, ticket purchases, or table reservations,
call Don (914) 557-9624 or Peter (401) 263-8325.

The Council of Catholic Women
invite **all** parishioners to have
coffee and donuts
following the
7:00 AM and
9:00 AM Masses
this weekend,
December 7th, in
the Parish Center.



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

Advent Penance Services

San Antonio

Tuesday, December 9th • 6:30 PM

St. Charles Borromeo

Wednesday, December 10th • 5:00 PM

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday, December 11th • 5:00 PM



Crusader Connection

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HOSTS FREE THROW COMPETITION 🏀

Epic shots in our home gym! St. Charles Borromeo Council #5399 brought their nationally renowned free throw contest to life. Local hoopers sank shots from 15 attempts—congrats to Crusaders **Canon Fyvie, Logan Potts, and Michael Ribas**, for advancing to Regionals on **Feb 21!**

Huge shoutout to all competitors & a massive THANK YOU to the Knights for this awesome event! 🙏❤️





The Diocese of Venice will conduct the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection the weekend of December 13 & 14, 2025.



ADORATION CHAPEL

HE IS WAITING!

“Eucharistic Adoration is an invaluable conversation with Christ where we learn more deeply of the mysteries of His divine and human life.”

(St. John Paul II)

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



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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUR ANGEL TREE IS UP

We have included students from St. Charles and Charlotte Harbor Special Needs Center. Charlotte Harbor's angels have specific requests according to the student's ability (ages for this group are not relevant). **Gifts must be returned by December 14th to reach schools by Christmas break. Please put them under the tree in the Narthex.**



You can donate to St. Vincent de Paul St. Charles through E-Giving at: <https://svdppc.weshareonline.org>
Hours: M, W, F 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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In the Womb with Jesus Week 38

Mary's body is flooding Jesus with antibodies this week as He gets ready for the big day. These will support His natural immune system for most of the first year of life outside the womb.

**Jesus of the Womb,
Hear our prayers!**



THREE WAYS TO CELEBRATE ADVENT OUTSIDE OF MASS:

1. If you need to wait in a line, don't immediately pull out your phone. Experience the feeling of waiting and offer up a prayer for someone you know in need!
2. Set up a nativity scene in your home but don't set it up all at once. Put a different piece out every day or every week until the whole thing is finished by Christmas!
3. Bake cookies to secretly drop off to your neighbors. Include a Christmas card with an Advent prayer or an invitation to Christmas Mass at your parish!



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 at (941) 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)	\$10.00
Bibles for Faith Formation Programs (case)	\$120.00
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 Monitors (2)	\$100.00 each
Computer for Parish Office (2)	\$900.00 each
Faith Formation Scholarship (one child/youth)	\$100.00
Floor Cleaning Machine	\$6,000.00
Garage Door Repair	\$3,000.00
Golf Cart	\$5,525.00
Landscape Pole Pruner	\$799.99
Mower Repair (3)	\$3,000.00 total
Music Books (64)	\$8.17 each
OCIA Scholarship (one adult) for materials	\$50.00
Paper Cutter	\$150.00
School Faith & Garden Club start up	\$2,000.00 - \$2,500.00
Tractor Loader	\$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00
Utility Cart	\$170.00
Youth Group Meal (one week)	\$125.00

____ 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: _____

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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.

OUR FANTASTIC CANTORS



Ann Larrivee



Ann Larrivee, Ron Masse, Dan Miller, Tori Henderson



Jeanette Zingo

Please see Sandra at the organ after Mass for more information on how to use your musical gifts to serve the Lord.

Adult choir meets at 4:30 PM on Thursdays. Youth choir (Grades 4-12) meets at 4:30 PM on Sundays.



In the midst of persecution, suffering, struggles, and oppression in our personal lives and in society, God does not abandon us. God always takes the side of the little ones, orphans, strangers, and widows.

Pope Leo XIV [@Pontifex] X

END OF YEAR GIVING

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

We wish to thank our parishioners and friends for their continued generous support to both the Church and the school. We have been very blessed through your gifts of prayer, time, talent, and treasure! We continue to strive to assist with the many needs presented due to the economic times in which we find ourselves.

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 \$108,000 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! The RMD age is 73 years through 2032.**

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, 2025. 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Francisco Niebres

As a Parish Community, we offer our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, especially **Mary Jo Pinder, Barbara Williams** 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.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

The Youth Group will be offering Christmas Memorial Flowers after the December 7th and 14th Masses.

Donation is \$20.00 for each memorial.

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



Mass Intentions

December 8th - December 14th

	† DECEASED	⚙ LIVING
MONDAY	7:00 AM	† Gary Derickson
	9:00 AM	† Juanita Swyers
	11:00 AM	⚙ Rossette Ulysse Content
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	† Vincent & Margaret Minotti
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	† Christopher Cuomo
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	† Sadie Miko
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	† Anna Gabarda
	10:00 AM	⚙ Donna Matyk
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	† Chila Dorothy
	4:00 PM	† Tom & Don Pacowta
SUNDAY	7:00 AM	⚙ People of the Parish
	9:00 AM	† Helga Fitch
	11:00 AM	† Felicitas Araiza
	1:00 PM	⚙ Pauline & Monique Civil
	5:30 PM	† Mr. Jozef Szczawinski

Fiscal Offerings

November 23, 2025: \$17,805.56
 Last Year: \$21,601.00
 Year To Date: \$290,246.02
 Last Year: \$286,886.96
 Difference: \$3,359.06

The offertory update for November 30th will be published in next week's bulletin.

Thank you
for your continued support!

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Today's Date: _____

Family Salutation: _____ **New Parishioner Registration Form** Env. #: _____

Primary Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Secondary Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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

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

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