

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the faith family of St. Charles Borromeo Parish is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, to praise the name of Jesus and follow Him by loving God & our neighbor.

### INFORMATION ON SACRAMENTS

**Baptism for infants and Adults:** Contact our Director of Religious Education to schedule a preparation session.

**Confirmation** preparation is part of our Formation process. Contact the parish office for information.

**Holy Eucharist** is celebrated at the following times:  
*Lord's Day:* Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m.  
*Weekdays & Holydays:* See the weekly Bulletin for times.

**Reconciliation** is available Saturdays 3:45-4:45 pm or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the home-bound** can be arranged by contacting our Parish Office.

**Marriage** ceremonies are scheduled only after the required preparation process has begun. Please contact our priest at least six (6) months prior to your desired wedding date to begin the process.

**Holy Orders and Vocations** to religious life. Interested individuals should contact our priest, or the Assistant Director for Vocations, Father Derek Aaron at 765-477-0070, or fr.daaron@dol-in.org for more information.

Please contact our Parish Office if you or someone you know needs prayers. To schedule parish facilities, please call the Parish Office during normal hours.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our Parish we welcome you and invite you to register by calling or visiting our Parish Office.



### PARISH STAFF

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

9 a.m. Monday mornings unless otherwise noted.

## Parish Activities This Week

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Parish Tithe this week is to Help-the-Needy**

**Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Prison Ministry at MCF

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Music practice, church

**Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Quilters/Seamstresses, school rm 8

6:30 p.m. The King's Men, school rm 11

7:00 p.m. Choir practice, church

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Parish Office Closed

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, church

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, church

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Helping Hands  
sponsored by the K of C

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Our Parish Tithe this week is to St. Vincent de Paul**

Eikenberry-Eddy has generously provided us with  
**2022 calendars** and they are available  
to pick up in the narthex.

## Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present In the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

## The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God



“Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the great praise we lavish on the Mother; for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son. There can be no doubt that whatever we say in praise of the Mother gives equal praise to the Son” (St. Bernard of Clairvaux).

## Parish Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

**Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Mass: Our Parish Family



**Monday, December 27, 2021— St. John**

**Readings: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8**

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Mass: † Doug Dials

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021—The Holy Innocents**

**Readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18**

5:10 p.m. Evening Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass: † John Rothermel

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021— Fifth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35**

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Mass: † Oliver & Jeanette Goodwin

**Thursday, December 30, 2021—Sixth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Readings: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40**

5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer

5:30 p.m. Mass: † Bud Day

**Friday, December 31, 2021—Seventh Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Readings: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18**

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Mass: † Lawrence Bender

**Saturday, January 1, 2022— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21**

9:00 a.m. Mass: † Richard & Henrietta Markiewicz

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12**

5:00 p.m. (Sat. Vigil) Mass: † Judy Sullivan & John Riggle

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Mass: Our Pastorate



We Remember . . .

**Joan Simons, Cynthia Price and Claudette Downing**, who were called to Christ's heavenly banquet. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

## Adult Faith Formation

In 2022 we will be launching Ascension Presents Bible in a Year Podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz. There will be a pastorate wide facebook group to discuss the readings. If you are not sure how podcasts work please come by my office sometime and I will help show you what to do. Each day you will listen to a 15 to 20 minute recording and in a year you will have covered the entire Bible! We will be meeting in person periodically for those that can make it. Stay tuned for more details!

## Youth Ministry

### Youth New Year's Eve Lock-In

**A New Year's Eve Locking is being planned for this year. We are going to have games, food, and Adoration as part of the new year festivities.**

**If you are able to help chaperone I am looking for two women and two men who are willing to help out that evening into New Year's Day.**

### Sr. High NET Retreat

**There will be a Sr. High NET Retreat on the 15th and 16th and host families will be needed for the NET Missionaries. If you are able to open up your home please let me know!**

[zgreve@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:zgreve@parish.dol-in.org)

## Ongoing Needs at St. Charles

### Classroom Assistants needed during Faith Formation and Nursery

Faith formation is in needs of volunteer classroom assistants. To assist in this capacity you must be willing to complete the Diocesan Safe & Sacred protocol. Classroom assistants help the Catechists keep the classrooms and kids orderly, sometimes helping out to prepare arts and crafts. There is presently an opening in the Jr. High room and the 5/6 grade room.

If you are able to help meet one of these needs please contact Zachary Greve at [zgreve@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:zgreve@parish.dol-in.org) or call the Church Office Monday—Thursday.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 1, 2022**

**Reader:** Bill Gunderson

**Communion Minister:** Linda Cobler

**Hospitality:** Larry & Ginger Hamby, Tom Casper

**Altar Servers:** PJ, Auggie & Eleanor Higgins

**Bell Ringer:** Dave Kirk

**Cantor:** Dave Kirk

**Accompanist:** Jacob Minns

**9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**Reader:** Molly Nord

**Communion Minister:** Gib Keller

**Hospitality:** Brian Gabriel, Millie Burchett,

Theresa Severtson

**Altar Servers:** Chris & Kim Brooks, Payton Galbreath

**Bell Ringer:** Mary Revelant

**Cantor:** Mary Revelant

**Accompanist:** Jacob Minns

**Liturgical Ministry Schedules** are available in the west vestibule. If you participate in a ministry, please pick up your copy. Thank you.

Each year at Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior. As we prepare for this joyful celebration, we recall the journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Far from home, poor, and in great need, Mary and Joseph find refuge in a simple stable. But this humble setting among the livestock soon welcomes the heavenly host of angels and the infant Jesus himself. Today, many women find themselves pregnant, poor, without a home, and in great need. They often feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where to turn. During this challenging time, expectant mothers need a refuge of their own. Like the Holy Family, they are reliant on the kindness of others. This year, may the story of the first Christmas inspire us to reach out to mothers in need. May we be ready to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. By answering this call, may we too come to share in and witness to the miracle of new life.

### MIAMI COUNTY HELPING HANDS MONTHLY FOOD EFFORT

The Helping Hands food basket is located in the narthex of the church. Please leave your donations there for a volunteer to pick up.

**Toilet Paper, Feminine Hygiene Products, Baby Diapers, Shampoo, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Beans (all kinds), Canned Meats, Macaroni, Noodle Products, Cans of Broth, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Oatmeal, Cereal.**  
Thank You

## Praying Together as Family

Today as we celebrate the Holy Family, I think it is also important for us to celebrate our families. I cannot encourage you enough to pray together as a family. As Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton used to say, *"The family that prays together stays together."* He promoted the family rosary earning him the title the 'Rosary Priest.' He understood that when a family takes time each day to invoke the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, while recalling what the Lord said and did to save us, that family will bond together in God's love and be able to withstand whatever comes its way.

The Church reminds us, *"The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the 'domestic church' where God's children learn to pray 'as the Church' and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit"* (CCC 2685).

And St. Teresa of Calcutta observed, *"I think the world today is upside down, and is suffering so much, because there is so little love in the homes and in family life. We have no time for our children, we have no time for each other; there is no time to enjoy each other. If we could only bring back into our lives the life that Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, if we could make our homes another Nazareth, I think that peace and joy would reign in the world."*

Verso l'alto,  
Fr. Adam Mauman

### Prayer for Families



Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray. Amen

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## Ask the Apologist

Dear Apologist, I've been away from the Church for a long while. How do I come back?

The first consideration is what it means to “come back”. If it simply means, “I want to be a Catholic in good standing”, then the process is simple. First, do an examination of conscience. I suggest finding a guide by searching online for “NCRegister, Confession Guide for Adults”. Then go to Confession. Either make an appointment with a priest or go to a regularly scheduled time. No matter what you've done or how long it has been, you're only one Confession away from a blank slate.

Keep going to Mass weekly and return to Confession at least annually and you'll be in good standing. However, there is a danger that doing the bare minimum will seem like a meaningless obligation. Confession and Mass may feel like religious checkboxes, arbitrary hurdles, or perhaps barriers the Church erects between you and God.

So why stop there? A better mission might be; “I want to give my life over to God. I want to be a joy-filled disciple of Jesus Christ.” In that case you can go above and beyond the bare minimum. For instance, learn more about the faith by listening to Catholic Radio (FM 89.1/90.9), reading the Catechism, or attending a parish Bible study. Deepen your faith by attending daily Mass, going on a CRHP retreat, or spending time at Eucharistic adoration. Serve Christ by volunteering at the Matthew 25 Center or the O'Conner House. The best way to return to the Church is to give your entire life back to Christ. In exchange we receive His life, for Jesus said, “I came so that you may have life – and have it more abundantly” [John 10:10]. Not a bad deal.

**Steven O'Keefe (the ACTS Apologist)**  
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## Sunday Stewardship Reflection

### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life. We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.



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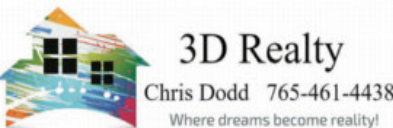


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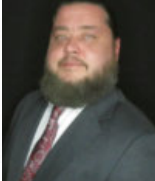
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