St. Charles Borromeo Church

May 2, 2021 • 5th Sunday of Easter

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 3
No Mass
Tuesday, May 4
5pm– St. Philip's– Benefactors Celebrating a Birthday last Month
Wednesday, May 5
7am–St. Charles– Marie Littcken
Thursday, May 6
7am– St. Charles– Jeff Drake
Friday, May 7
7am–St. Charles–Shane Patrick Whalen
Saturday, May 8
5pm– St. Charles– For the People of the Parish
Sunday, May 9
8:30am– St. Charles– Special Intentions of Kathy Blank and Family
11am– St. Philip's– Special Intentions for the Acosta Family

LIVE THE LITURGY – INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

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Stewardship of Treasure

We have **385** households in our Parish Family contributing:

Envelopes	$4,554.00
Loose	194.40
EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)	555.00
Online Giving	125.00
(Needed weekly)	*$7,250.00*
CPN	425.00
Catholic Home Missions	630.00
Catholic Times	30.00
Holy Land	10.00
Maintain St. Charles	215.00
Rice Bowls	50.00
Seminarians	30.00
Total	$6,818.40

Time Period: **Jul 1, 2020 - Apr. 24, 2021**

Year-to-Date Collected	**$359,662.96**
Year-to-Date Expenses	**$271,998.41**
Deficit/Surplus for Year	**$87,664.55**

MASS SCHEDULE

PLEASE REMEMBER – Starting Sunday, May 9, and continuing throughout the summer break, there will be no 5:00 pm Sunday evening Mass at the Newman Center. Also, Mass on Thursdays will be at 7:00 am at St. Charles starting May 6.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
Strengthening the Church at Home

THANK YOU for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised **$1,090** to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Simply place your donation in the weekly collection basket, forward to the church office, or visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SUMMER CELEBRATION! Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 12, after the 5:00 pm Mass. Once again we will be having a delicious pork chop dinner, a basket raffle, and a bakers' auction. This year's event will take place outside.

For the basket raffle, we would like 12 themed baskets. Any parishioners or ministries that would like to donate one, please contact Kathy Hussey at 217-549-2398, or kahussey@eiu.edu. We would need the baskets by May 23.

More information to come on the bakers' auction!

THANK YOU to all who continue to support St. Charles. Your donations ensure that we are able to meet the operating costs of the parish.

TUNE INTO Covenant Network Catholic radio at 102.5 FM to find educational and inspirational programs to nurture your faith and enrich your faith life. In addition to the radio station, you can listen live, on the free Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This weekend our Confirmandi will be Confirmed. Please pray for these students as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

...all homebound & nursing home parishioners
...Ben Campanis, Paxton Johnson, Brittany, Delores Abel, Jim Dolwick, Steve Shadwell, Laura Howarth, Kathy Brewer, and Diana Carlisle who have cancer
...Diana Ensign, Robert Montgomery, Lily Orchard, Nancy Jenkins, David Belford, Barbara Buenger, Ellen Johnson, the Acosta Family, Laura Cleaver, Raymond Klawonn, Marty Thomas, Kathleen Bates, and Stephanie Schultz of our parish
...those who have Alzheimer's and their families
...All men and women serving in the Armed Forces
...Parker Burns who has leukemia
...David Quinn requested by Cindy Livingston
...A friend's improved health, requested by Katie Armstrong
...Katie Armstrong's niece, Chloe, who is experiencing health problems
...Mary Alice Kramer, Mickey Miller, Rick, Loretta and Pat Morgan
...Waylon Graven, grandson of Mary Ayers
...Glenda & Manuel Terronez, friends of Penny Clay
...Beau Garrett, great-nephew of Mike & Robin Cox
...Guy Towles, friend of Nancy Jekins, who has Parkinson's disease
...Harold Madigan, brother-in-law of Joyce Madigan
...Emma Elliot, mother of Joyce Madigan
...Lowell Gates, father of Linda Gates, who is facing some serious health issues
...Fr. John Hollowell who has a brain tumor
...a friend of Katie Armstrong who has been hospitalized due to Covid
...Connie Davis, friend of Cindy Sasco, who has been diagnosed with MS
...Joyce Schmidt, friend of Charmaine Owens
....Connie Huber's Niece
...Glenn & Vicky Richard's Niece
...Connie & Kevin Roper, requested by Lexe Volk
...Becky, friend of Kay Wheeler

If you have a loved one who should be added to or removed from our parish prayer list, please call us at the office. If you wish, requests can be phrased to honor your privacy.

PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS. As you pray your daily offering throughout **May**, please include this special intention of our Holy Father:

* **The World of Finance** – Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Youth Group News

Thank you to the students who participated in our program this year. The average attendance was 17 students at each scheduled class. Hannah Buescher, Shae Littleford, and Annabel Wehrle had perfect attendance, and D'Arcy Johnson, Zach Stout, and Alex Stout had only one absence.

Thank you to Lisa Dallas and Kevin Hussey for teaching again this year.

Upcoming Events

May 2 – Hot air balloon at Angie's home at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

May 16 – Senior Breakfast.

Calendar of Events

5/2	Food Drive
	May Crowning– 8:30am Mass
	Confirmation– 1pm– Church
5/3	SCW Meeting– 6:30pm– MH
5/5	Rosary– 9:30am– Church
5/7	Friday Fun Night– 7pm– MH
5/8	Mom's Group– 10am– MH
	SVdP Carnation / Bake Sale– after Mass– MH
5/9	SVdP Carnation / Bake Sale– after Mass– MH
5/12	Rosary– 9:30am– Church
	Pastoral Council– 6:30pm– MH
	KC Auxiliary Meeting– 6:30pm– LL
	KC Meeting– 7pm– KC
5/16	Senior Breakfast– after Mass– MH

THE CHARLESTON FOOD PANTRY collection is this weekend, and the suggested item is Cereal. Donations may be left in the vestibule or dropped off at the church office at any time. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Upcoming suggested items are:
- June – Hearty Soups
- July – Monetary Donation (2nd Collection)
- August – Fruit and Fruit Juices (no glass jars)

ST. CHARLES WOMEN will meet at 6:30 pm on May 3. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Smith or Cindy Livingston.

THE MOM'S GROUP will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, May 8, at 10:00 am in Moriarty Hall. Kids are welcome. Masks are required. Bring your own drinks. Snacks will be provided. Contact Sarah Alva at 217-218-9832 if you have any questions.

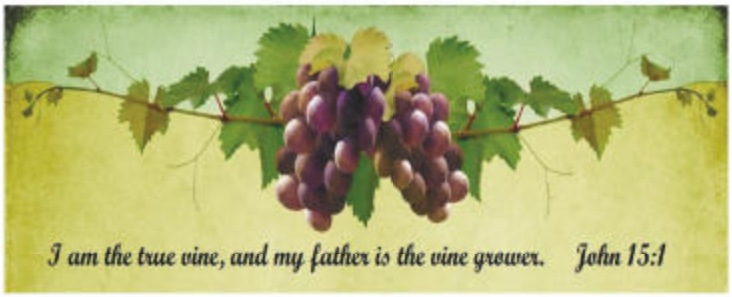
THE KC AUXILIARY will meet at 6:30 pm in the Lower Level on May 12. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Fehrenbacher.

Daily Mass Scriptures
05/02/2021

Mon	1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
Tue	Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a
Wed	Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8
Thu	Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
Fri	Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17
Sat	Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
Sun	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

CATHOLIC TIMES SUBSCRIPTION – We still owe a balance of $4,000 for the cost of subscriptions for our parishioners. If you can help defray this cost, please put your donation in an envelope marked Catholic Times. Thank you.

THE CHARLESTON SOUP STOP is planning to reopen on June 2nd. Volunteers are needed as shoppers, kitchen workers and people to pick up the lunches from WB's and deliver them to Soup Stop. Scheduling is very flexible. If you are interested and need more information, please call Charmaine Owens. Thank you in advance.



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Bearing Much Fruit. It is the start of May and, in the northern hemisphere, some of us are about spring planting. The tasks today look to future fruit and vegetables. By analogy, God is the gardener. We are the branches, the seeds, the fruit. To be healthy, we let ourselves be tilled around, watered, weeded.

- Because of how I behave now, how will I be tomorrow and in the future?
- What tending work will I let God do to me?
- What can I do to be a more fruitful Christian?

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To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy -- even if it is in the past -- individuals are encouraged to call (217) 321-1155.
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BAPTISM: Prior to Baptism of an infant, parents are to attend a Pre-Jordan class, preferably before the birth of the baby. Please call the office well in advance for information.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Those who are homebound and wish to receive Communion, please call the office at 345-3332.

MARRIAGE: Preparations for marriage begin at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Please contact the office to set an appointment with Fr. Braden Maher.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Religious education classes for grades kindergarten through 12th are offered on Sundays and Wednesdays during the regular school year. First Reconciliation will take place in 2nd Grade. First Eucharist and Confirmation will take place in 3rd Grade.

RCIA– RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Adults and children who wish to learn more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic or help with the RCIA may contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: This sacrament offers the healing strength and peace of Christ to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized or about to have surgery. Please call the office for arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS: To register, please contact Fr. Braden Maher at 217-345-3332 or by email at bmaher@dio.org to set up an appointment.

Rosary
Wednesday-9:30 a.m.– St. Charles

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday– 3:30-4:30 p.m.– St. Charles
Tuesday – 3:30-4:30 p.m.– St. Philip's
Before Wednesday Mass– 6:30 a.m.– St. Charles
By appointment – call 345-3332 to schedule

Eucharistic Adoration
Eve of First Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.
First Saturday Mass: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – St. Philip's

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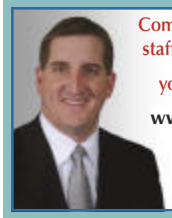
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