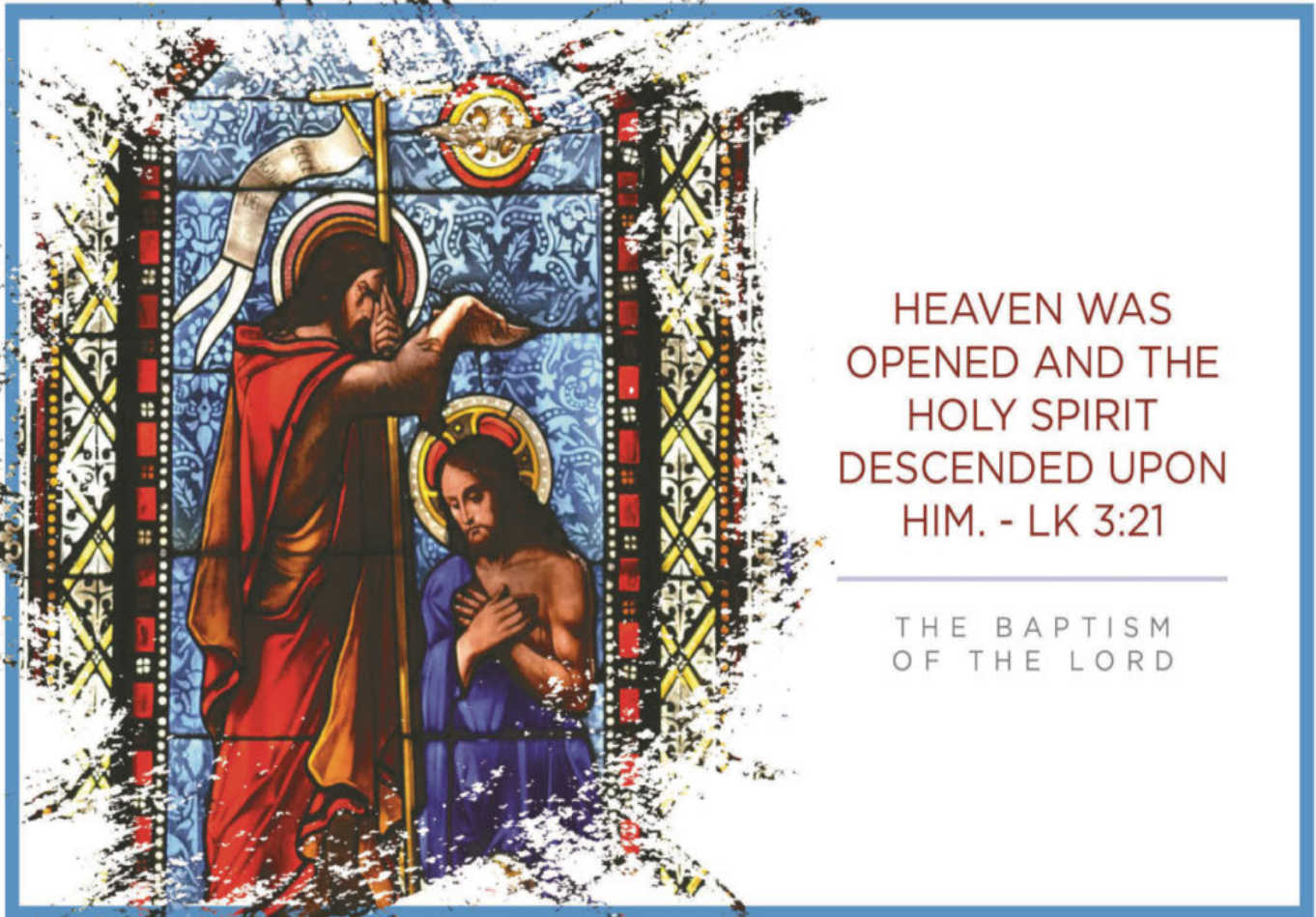


January 9, 2022



HEAVEN WAS
OPENED AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON
HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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DEACON'S PEN *...a word from the heart of Deacon Joe Whiston*



As we turn the page to a new year, both on the secular as well as our liturgical calendars, it should beckon a review of what good we did and perhaps more importantly, what we failed to do. I'm reminded of this when those who beseeched John the Baptist, particularly in the preceding verses to our Gospel reading

today, were being chastised by John as hypocrites for believing that because they were "God's chosen people" under the protection of Abraham, they were exempt from judgment. And as the exempt, there was nothing more that was expected of them; they could live their lives as they saw fit because right or wrong, they were automatically righteous in the eyes of God.

John then shocked them into reality by declaring to them that they were taking a literal understanding of the law and therefore were headed for certain destruction of the soul. John told them that privilege by their heritage alone meant nothing; that life not lineage was God's standard of judgment and because they were His chosen ones, even more was expected of them.

Well, this really got their attention. They had come to be baptized by John which in their minds would seal the deal so to speak. Being baptized would give them the mark on their soul that would then grant them a pass from judgment. "What are we to do?" John began to preach to them about changing their ways; giving to others in need from their own bounty, by being good and fare soldiers and even the tax-collectors came to him and he said, "Exact no more beyond what your instructions lay down."

He was saying that we should share with those in need from our own labors. He laid down the social Gospel that God will never absolve the man who is content to have too much while others have too little.

But he was saying more than this; going beyond sharing by recognizing what Our Lord is calling us to. In other words, be receptive to Our Lord's calling and respond to His vocation for us.

I can relate with my own situation. I was active in my personal spiritual journey and in different roles in the Church. I was content with what I had done in marriage

and family, in business, having received the Sacraments and observing my obligation to attend Mass, and gosh, I was even an Eagle Scout. So, what more could be expected of me. But, in truth, I was being just like the Jews with John the Baptist.

Then suddenly and over a period of about six months, there were those whom I respected for their strong spiritual lives who came to me and said, "You should be a Deacon"; "I think Our Lord is calling you to the Diaconate." Well it was a convenience for me to side step these messages by concluding that I'm not worthy of such a vocation and so I simply sat down until the feeling passed. But the messages persisted until I finally responded.

It's kind of sad that those of my age and older, were raised to believe that "vocations" only applied to those who were called to Holy Orders, a very important pursuit indeed. But in truth, there is a much greater meaning and broader application to the notion of vocations because they come in a vast variety of forms.

There are vocations of teaching, protectors of society and the faith, charity to others, especially those in need, family; working together in a respectable and righteous relationship to each other and being the first heralds of the faith for the children; and these are just a few. One doesn't have to look very far to be both humbled and encouraged by the many works and examples of faith and charity in our own faith community here at St. Charles Borromeo. This space pales in inadequacy to name all of you.

The point John was making then is as it applies now, that we should never be complacent in thinking that there is nothing more to be done. We should never close the doors to what Our Lord may still be calling us to do. Yes, there are practical limits to our capabilities relative to mental, physical or emotional faculties, but we should also know that God doesn't give us anything that we are truly incapable of doing.

So, before we look forward to a new year, we should also look back and take account of where we have traveled and what we may have left undone; always being mindful to recognize what He may still be calling us to do.

May God continue to bless you,

Dcn Joe

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

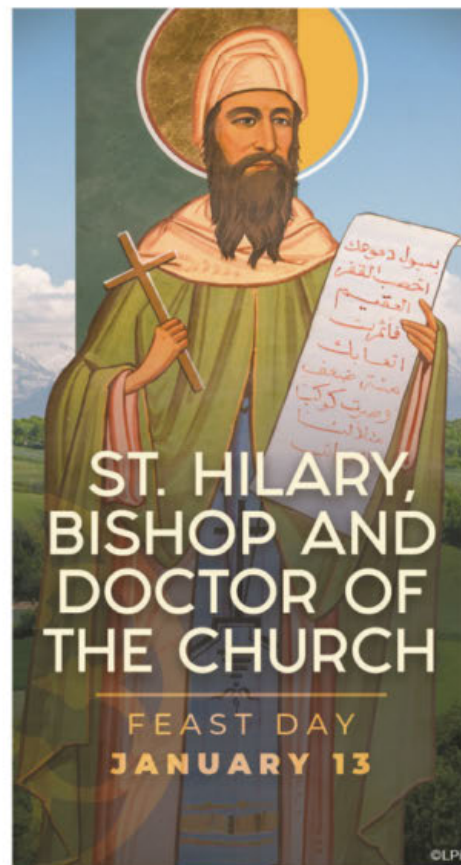
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/jn 2:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, January 10

- 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 6:00 PM Respect Life Committee Meeting
- 6:30 PM Scout Troops 180 & 4180

Tuesday, January 11

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 6:00 PM The Case for Jesus—Book Study

Wednesday, January 12

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 2:00 PM Adoration

Thursday, January 13

- 9:00 AM SCBA Mass
- 1:00 PM Church History Class

Friday, January 14

- 9:00 AM Mass

Saturday, January 15

- 12:00 PM Baptism—Brough
- 3:00 PM Confession
- 4:00 PM Mass—Rosary at 3:25 PM

Sunday, January 16

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 8:30 AM Religious Emblems—Scouts
- 9:30 AM RCIA
- 11:00 AM Mass



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8

- 4:00 PM Rose Marie Salpitro

Sunday, January 9

- 8:30 AM Charles Mann
- 11:00 AM Rose Marie Salpitro

Monday, January 10

- 9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, January 11

- 9:00 AM Jack Zimmerman

Wednesday, January 12

- 9:00 AM Frank Palma

Thursday, January 13

- 9:00 AM Lois Flinn

Friday, January 14

- 9:00 AM Carmela Badalucco & The Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 15

- 4:00 PM Doug & Theresa Byron's 45th Anniversary

Sunday, January 16

- 8:30 AM Mary Reynolds
- 11:00 AM Kathryn Underhill



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Shields and Michael Kaley, Those who are... homeless, jobless, addicted, imprisoned, physically and emotionally ill, hospitalized, and homebound, including:

Rita Abbott	Roxann Freeman	Walter Mitchell	Mary Helen Sorrentino
Cynthia Allinder	Jane Grossman	Dee Mitchum	Alex Sosa
Jacob Allinder	M & B Hackney	Richard Mixon	Jacob Sparks
Justin Allinder	Phillip Hernandez	Lynda & Bob Morris	Lillian Squire
Linda Beaubien	Luz Maria Heredia	Doris Mudd	Stephen Storts
Anthony Berls	Joan Hinds	Milan Mulac	Lori & Stephen Taepke
Skip Bollinger	Virginia Hladky	Donna Najar	Pam Taibi
Stephen Brooks	Leslie Holland	Kaye Noland	Peter Thompson
Maley Bruno	Jerum Hollows	Vernon Noland	Chuck Tuggle
Carson Burroughs	Olive Kelley	Rogelio Pena	Rebecca Umali
Stephanie Cain	Marion Kern	Charles Perea	John Underhill
Dorothy Cacioppo	Elaine King	Jule Pitts	Ben Volker
Joshua Caylor	Mark LeGault	Elaine Prieur	Wayne Walker
Melissa Chau	Keith Little	Janet Pryor	Jim Weyrauch
Simon Christofano	Antonio Luna	Eric Randolph	Linda Weyrauch
Bruce & Marcie Corbitt	Greg Lund	Garhett Richards	Madelyn Whiston
Anna Corless	Bryan Lundgren	Marie Robinson	Brionna Whitham
Alicia Darnell	Wanda Mackey	Char Rosche	Deacon Jerry Williams
Josie Devine	Vera Mamie	Gina Rupnow	Glen Witt
Carmen Ellis	Teri Mahoney	Frances Saladino	Mireya Youngers
Grant Feagles	D. Earl Mead	Dorothy Schwartz	
Diane Ford	Jack Medlin	Teena Simmons	
Tiffany Foster	Bob Meller	Bernadine Smith	
Jennifer Freeman	Mary Milam	Jim Smith	



Our family and friends in the military...

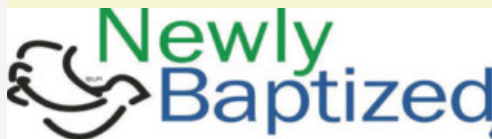
- Major Michelle Bannick Mendoza
- Major John Olshefski
- Major Gilbert Mendoza
- Michael A. Schrick
- Cpl Henry Lehr



Our family and friends who protect and serve...

- Major Greg Volker (Ret.)
- Sgt. Howard Scott, III
- Sgt. Shelly Volker (Ret.)

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE: 816-436-0880 TO ADD OR REMOVE LOVED ONES FROM THE LIST



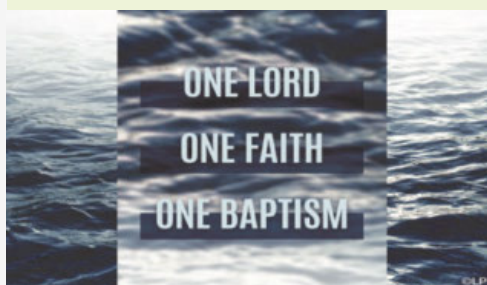
Let us pray for the newest members of our parish family:

Mia Frances Polito

and

Cecilia Cucchiara

Baptized January 8, 2022



PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.

I want to receive the fire of Your love as Your disciples did at Pentecost. Come with wonder and awe, with wisdom, understanding, and counsel, with courage and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, may my actions witness to Your presence in my life. Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness. In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Breathe new life into the world through me.

Amen.

STEWARDSHIP



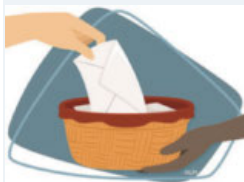
Marie's Promotion

She did it. After reading about Marie for the last couple months, perhaps you will be pleased to know that Marie has worked hard and received a promotion to supervisor. She will continue to work with the housing services and financial classes at Catholic Charities. She will put the skills to use by building a budget and a plan for the next year.

Congratulations Marie!

Read more about Marie. www.HelpMarie.org

January 15 & 16—Second Collection



There will be a second collection January 15th & 16th benefiting Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) and Black and Indian Missions Appeal.

Make all checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo

AMAZONSMILE & ST CHARLES BORROMEO

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St Charles Borromeo Parish" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

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1. Open the Amazon app on your phone.
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3. Select "St Charles Borromeo Parish" as your charity of choice for all your purchases.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.



2022 parish calendars are now available at the back of the church. Pick one up for your family, while supplies last.



Weekly Contributions

Date	Weekly Contributions Needed	Envelopes, Online, Plate, & Gifts	Excess or (Shortfall)
January 2	\$25,879	\$33,860	\$7,981
January 9	\$25,879		
January 16	\$25,879		
January 23	\$25,879		
January 30	\$25,879		
		January Sub-Total	\$7,981
		Year to Date Total	\$(38,503)

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

To date, Saint Charles Borromeo Parishioners have made 185 gifts/pledges totaling \$55,319 for the ACA.

This is 105% of our \$52,500 parish goal.



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Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have made a gift to this year's 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, *"To equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."* We want to remind you that the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is a united effort by our parish families which supports ministries that serve and evangelize the people in our diocese. Your gift will form seminarians and deacons, evangelize, and share Christ's love through acts of kindness, care for retired clergy, and protect God's most vulnerable—the hungry, homeless, elderly, unborn, sick, prisoner, and lonely. Please pray and discern in your heart a gift of love by responding to the letter sent to your home. Included is a pledge card that gives several options to assist you in giving.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Saturday, January 15 - Sunday, January 16

4:00 PM

Sacristan: Terry Vaughan

Lectors: Mary Bulman-Griggs - 1, Joe Griggs - 2

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon - EM,
Margaret Shannon - R1, Helen Benyo - R2

Hospitality Ministers: Mangold Family

Altar Servers: New schedule soon

8:30 AM

Sacristan: Richard Sayles

Lectors: Kristy Lockwood - 1, Gary Smedile - 2

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon - EM,
Fred O'Halloran - R1, Fran Cleary - R2

Hospitality Ministers: Carolyn & Chris Ross; Lori & Merle Caylor

Altar Servers: New schedule soon

11:00 AM

Sacristan: Marius Hubbell

Lectors: Mary Iske - 1, Jean Fitzpatrick - 2

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon - EM,
Eileen Berg - R1, Chris Berg - R2

Hospitality Ministers: Wasinger Family; Don Ammousou

Altar Servers: New schedule soon

*Please follow your ministry's established guidelines if changes are required to the schedule.

CAMP SAVIO
REGISTER TODAY!

Camp Savio is a week long camp full of faith, fellowship, and fun! Come encounter the Lord in an exciting way.

When: June 13—June 18, 2022

Where: Maur Hill-Mount Academy, Atchison, KS

Who: Rising 6th grade—Current 8th grade

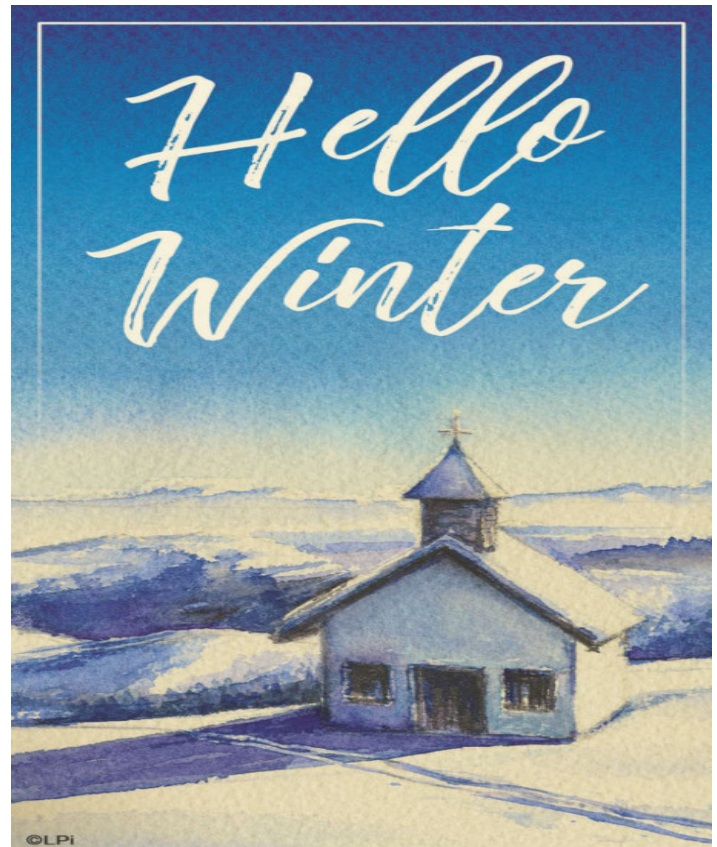
Cost: \$500/Student Chaperones Fee

Please do not let the cost keep you from joining. Scholarships and Fundraising are available to all.

For more details or to register:

Contact H Dorian at HDorian@stcharleskc.com

Registration ends 1/14/22. \$150 deposit at time of registration.



EDGE

Calling all 6th through 8th graders! Please join the Edge Youth Group and learn to grow your faith and spirituality in a fun and exciting way. The group is studying the attributes of various Marvel characters and learning how to apply their virtues to every day life.

Next Meeting is January 16th after 11am Mass
Character Study: Black Widow—What do I do when it is hard to do the right thing?

Contact H Dorian for more details: HDorian@stcharleskc.com

Scouts at St. Charles



There are two scout troops who are open for new members at St. Charles.

Troop 180 (grades 6-12) meets on Mondays at 7:00PM. For information about Troop 180 contact Pat Kelly at (816) 686-6070 or pmkelly13@icloud.com.

The Cub Scout Pack 4180 (grades K-5) meets every other Monday from 6:30-7:15PM. The contact for the Cub Scout Pack is Shelly Hiegert at (816) 214-7903 or mommishelly@hotmail.com.

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Cursillo
An Encounter - Come and See for Yourself

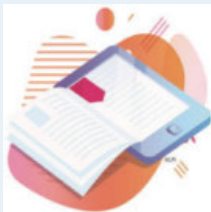
Cursillo.net
Kansas City - St. Joseph Missouri Diocese

Upcoming Weekends

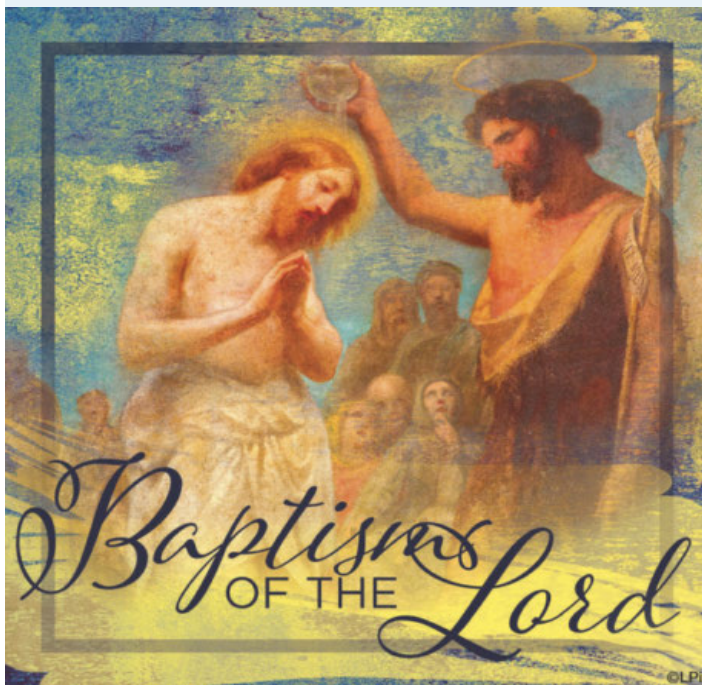
Men: March 3-6, 2022
Women: March 31-April 3, 2022
Location: Sisters of St. Francis
Contacts:
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**Make a Friend
Be a Friend
Bring a Friend to Christ**

Book Study - "The Case for Jesus"



Please join us Tuesdays at 6PM
in the Gathering Space.
January 11th through March 1st
For more information contact Marius
Hubbell at mariush@hotmail.com



90 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Angels Attic Thrift store, located at 6970 N Broadway, is in desperate need of volunteers (no experience necessary) who can give 2 hours a month or 2 hours a week or more as a volunteer. 90% of all profits go to help Catholic schools in the Northland. Please call Jaci at 816-820-9797 or Jaci.blinzler@gmail.com



SCRIP Cards

SCRIP Card sales will resume this weekend after all Masses

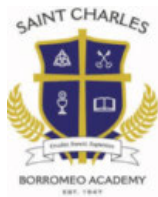
All proceeds benefit
Saint Charles Borromeo Academy
Thank you for your support!



The Scrip Program is back to help generate money for Borromeo Academy. Scrip Cards are gift cards that you purchase and proceeds from the gift card value comes back to us. There are a variety of gift cards available for purchase including some of your favorite restaurants and places you shop weekly. You can purchase gift cards in person after all the Masses on the first weekend of the month. You can also go online www.shopwithscrip.com and use the enrollment code: C84D834C44L9 to purchase your gift cards. E cards can be downloaded directly to your phone and used within minutes of purchase.

**"The chief service I
owe you, O God, is that
every thought and
word of mine should
speak of you."**

St. Hilary



BORROMEIO ACADEMY and the EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

January 12

Smoothie Day

January 13

SCBA Mass—9:00AM

January 17—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

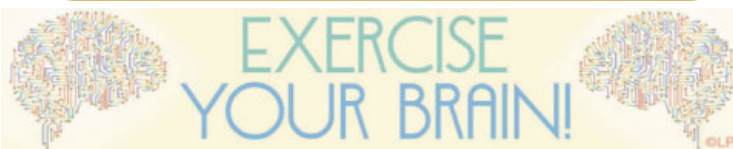
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Bookmark Contest

SCBA is having a bookmark contest. The winning bookmarks will be printed and given to scholars during Catholic Schools Week. Please see your latest email newsletter for the form. All entries must be submitted in the library by Wed. January 12.

See online flyer for more details



Trivia Night

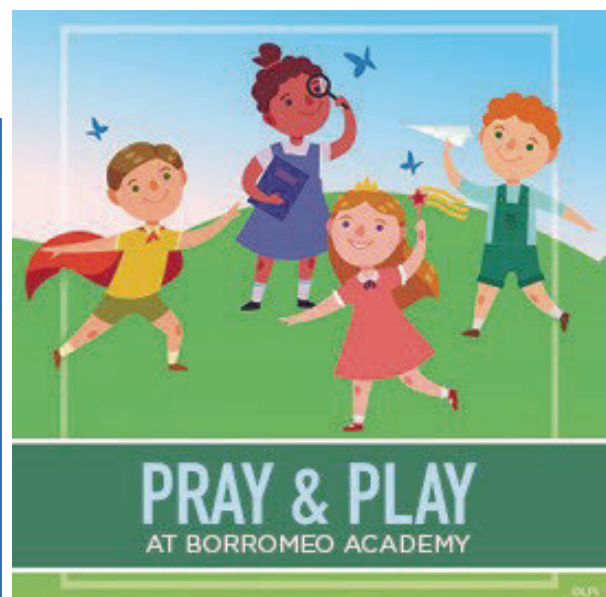
Mark your calendars! Trivia Night is back January 29th. Come enjoy a fun filled adult only night. Hope to see you there!

Registration is online only—please see the weekly email for the link or contact Brandy Riney at briney@stcharleskc.com

Registration is NOW OPEN

GOSPEL

When you were baptized, a priest sprinkled holy water over your head. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." God said, "This is my child in whom I am well pleased." Tell God you are glad you are his child. Tell him you will obey his laws. Tell him that you love him with your whole heart, soul, body, and mind.



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN
MESSIAH
BAPTIZING

WATER
POWERFUL
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT
FIRE
JESUS

A	J	T	U	A	R	B	Y	W	E	N
H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	O
E	H	A	I	T	O	S	U	F	A	M
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MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

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Baptismal Preparation

Infant - 6 Years: Parents of children under 6 years of age, or expectant parents who are registered parishioners and actively participating in the practice of Catholic faith and desire to have their child baptized need to attend one Baptism Preparation Class. Classes are offered every other month. **7 - 17 Years:** Participate in a special process, the Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children. **Adults:** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), a faith journey that includes the teaching of the Catholic Church while focusing on each individual's formation in a life of discipleship and commitment to Jesus Christ. For more information, contact the parish office at 816-436-0880.

Marriage Preparation

Please contact Fr. Don Farnan at 816-436-0880 or dfarnan@stcharleskc.com when you become engaged. We prefer at least nine month's notice. For more information, please call the parish office or visit our website: stcharleskc.com/matrimony.



For requests for the Prayer Chain, or to join our email Prayer Chain, please email:

prayers@stcharleskc.com

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If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit from our parish visitors, please call the parish office at (816) 436-0880.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Devices are available and may be checked out for use during Mass. Please see a Hospitality Minister prior to the start of Mass.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin items (as space allows) are due by 10 AM on Fridays (8 days prior) to the following weekend's bulletin. Items may be edited for content. Please submit to ssimon@stcharleskc.com.

Food Pantry.....(816) 436-8000
Hours: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM, M/W/F

St. Pius X High School.....(816) 453-3450

Blog- chargedwithstcharles.blog



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
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