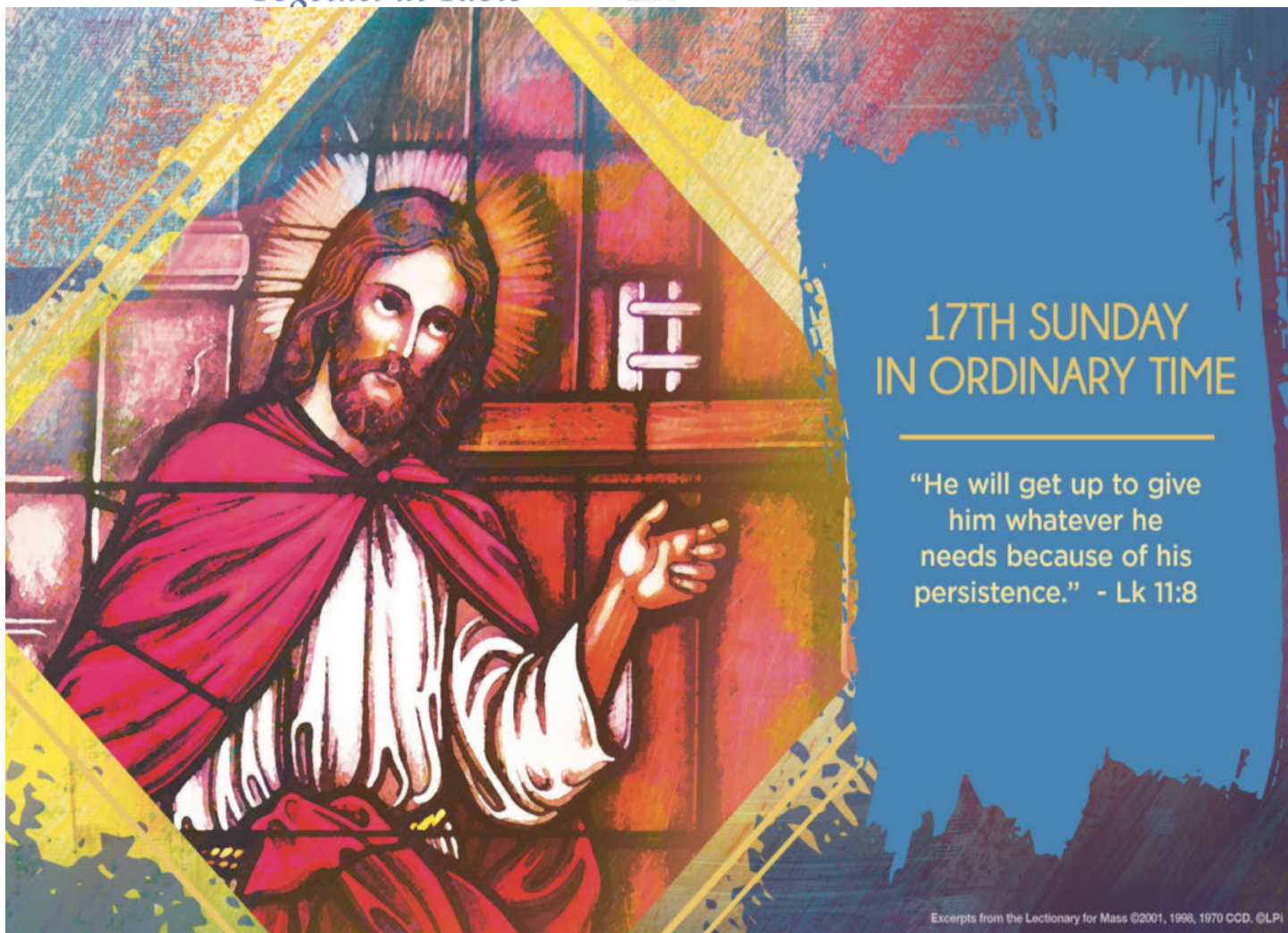


July 24, 2022



Welcome visitors and friends! We invite you to join us in worship:

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

Daily Mass Times: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM (Communion service on Monday)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 PM (or by appointment) 816-436-0880

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Office Hours:

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The Sanctuary is open from 7 AM to Sunset

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Principal: Candace Stracener

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My youngest granddaughter went from wonderfully one to the terrible twos before I was ready. I forgot about the unending string of why's that followed as her young mind tried to comprehend my first response. Was it persistence or a habitual reaction? It caused me to pause and reflect on my next response. One thing is certain, I am more patient with my grandkids.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells us to be persistent in prayer, to pray for something again and again even if we just did so. The story is about a friend in need who had visitors at an untimely hour. He looked to his friend for something to eat. At first, the friend refused because of the late hour. Though it was midnight, he conceded because of his friend's persistence.

Recall also, the parable of the persistent widow in Luke chapter 18. The widow wanted the judge to render a judgment in her favor. He was unwilling for a long time but eventually decided in her favor because she was relentless.

To be clear, even with persistence some prayers seem to go unanswered. Prayer is not transactional where every request receives the answer we seek. It is not a lottery either, where prayers are answered only for a precious few. The story of Abraham's conversation with God about Sodom and Gomorrah gives the impression that we can negotiate with God. Imagine this conversation, "God, if you answer this prayer, I promise to..."

Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones may have said it best, "You can't always get what you want."

That seems to contradict what Jesus said in Luke 11:9-10.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

This is a quandary. Some become disenchanted because the outcome didn't turn out as they hoped. They persisted in prayer, asked for prayers from their community, and called for the intercession of a Saint, to no avail. Some conclude that their prayers are not heard, so why bother?

This question often comes up in our Saturday morning TMIY (That Man is You) gatherings. The most prevalent response is that God always answers our prayers, sometimes the answer happens to be NO. In his

program on the Nicene Creed, Bishop Robert Barron explained that God answers prayers in his own time and place. We have a myopic view of our situation causing us to question the wisdom of God's response. God's vantage point, Bishop Barron explains, is quite different.

He gave the example of a military encounter. From the ground, the battle is fierce but the combatants have no way of knowing the outcome, while the commanders see the whole battlefield and direct maneuvers accordingly. So it is with the Lord. He is not restricted by time and space. His response can be immediate, or it can be generations later, recalling the covenant with King David from whose lineage the Messiah would come.

From his Wednesday weekly general audience, Pope Francis explained that there is a danger that prayer can become one-way conversations about requests or petitions in accord with our wishes with no consideration given to the will of God. We expect God to serve us and not the other way around. "Prayer is not a magic wand; it is a dialogue with the Lord."

Prayer is a conversation. It requires humility, sincerity, and a willingness to accept the Father's will. It needs time, for oration and silence. We have to stop talking to listen.

Luke, the evangelist, knowing that this subject was one for the ages recorded what Jesus taught. Jesus taught the perfect prayer. Meditate on its words the next time you pray. Here's a reflection on the Lord's Prayer.

Seeing ourselves as God's children we pray to **Our Father, who art in heaven**, not our earthly father. **Hallowed be thy name.** God, the Father, doesn't need us to make his name holy or sacred, we remind ourselves not to say his name in vain. **Thy Kingdom come**, God's Kingdom is at hand. **Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven**, align our will to His as with all the angels and saints in heaven. This first section is about our relationship with God. Then come our requests. **Give us this day our daily bread.** We rely totally on the Lord for all we need, He is the source of all goodness. **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.** Be merciful to us as we show mercy to others. Teach us to love as you do. **Lead us not into temptation.** Lost in translation, God does not tempt us; we ask God to keep us from the way of sin. **But deliver us from evil.** The devil seeks our ruin. Evil is also the absence of good which leads us away from God.

Have a blessed summer.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

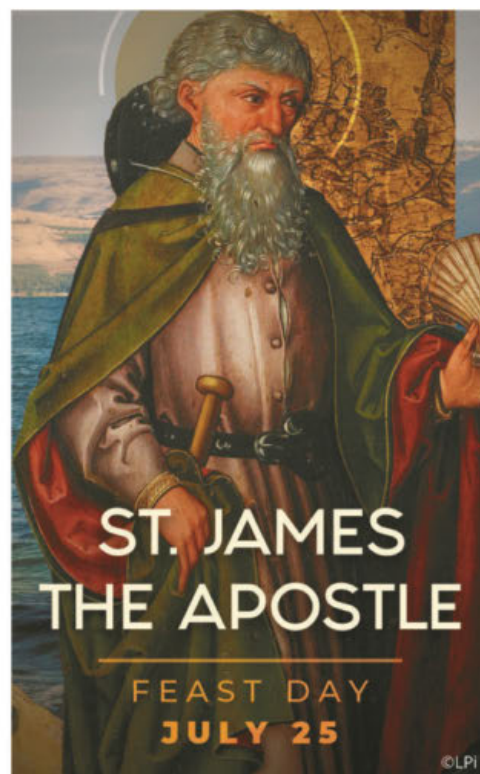
- Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
- Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest
- Monday:** St. James, Apostle
- Tuesday:** Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Martha
- Saturday:** St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that question is God. God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father, so perfect. It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, July 25

9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 AM Mass

9:30 AM Adult Faith Formation - Borromeo Hall South

Wednesday, July 27

9:00 AM Mass

2:00 PM Adoration

Thursday, July 28

9:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM 75th Anniversary Committee - Gathering Space

Friday, July 29

9:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM ReBuilt Meeting—Gathering Space

Saturday, July 30

3:00 PM Confession - Fr. Thomas

3:25 PM Rosary—Church

4:00 PM Mass: Summer Mission: Sisters of St. Francis

Sunday, July 24

8:30 AM Mass: Summer Mission: Sisters of St. Francis

11:00 AM Mass: Summer Mission: Sisters of St. Francis



Saturday, July 23

4:00 PM Harold & Elizabeth Williams - by Diane Matthew

Sunday, July 24

8:30 AM Paul & Regina Huhmann - by Eileen Hutchinson

11:00 AM Jack Zimmerman - by Suzanne & Mark

Monday, July 25

9:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 AM Augustin Thinh Nguyen

Bob Smith - by Silvia Torres

Wednesday, July 27

9:00 AM Fr. Charles Michael Coleman - Diocese

Thursday, July 28

9:00 AM James Tierney Sr. - by Loretta Temple

Frank Branca - by Linda Branca

Friday, July 29

9:00 AM Garold Tingler(+) - by Margaret Tingler

Saturday, July 30

4:00 PM Jerry Shields (+) - by Terry & Candace McGovern

Sunday, July 31

8:30 AM Victor & Elvira Franz - by Dave Klein

11:00 AM Vincent Occhipinto - by Rose Biondo

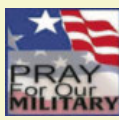


PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the repose of the souls of Warren Robertson, Dennis Robinson, Alan Adams, & John Underhill,

Those who are... homeless, jobless, addicted, imprisoned, physically and emotionally ill, hospitalized, and homebound, including:

Rita Abbott	Jennifer Freeman	Jack Medlin	Mark Siebke
Cynthia Allinder	Roxann Freeman	Bob Meller	Teena Simmons
Jacob Allinder	Santa Galate	Mary Milam	Bernadine Smith
Justin Allinder	Jane Grossman	Walter Mitchell	Mary Helen Sorrentino
Linda Beaubien	M & B Hackney	Dee Mitchum	Alex Sosa
Anthony Berls	Phillip Hernandez	Richard Mixon	Jacob Sparks
Skip Bollinger	Teresa Hendrickson	Elaine Moore	Lillian Squire
Maley Bruno	Luz Maria Heredia	Lynda & Bob Morris	Stephen Storts
Sherry Burns	Joan Hinds	Doris Mudd	Tim Svoboda
Carson Burroughs	Virginia Hladky	Milan Mulac	Lori & Stephen Taepke
Stephanie Cain	Jerum Hollows	Donna Najar	Pam Taibi
Dorothy Cacioppo	Olive Kelley	Kaye Noland	Peter Thompson
Melissa Chau	Marion Kern	Vernon Noland	Robert VanDyke
Simon Christofano	Elaine King	Rogelio Pena	Wayne Walker
Bruce & Marcie Corbitt	Dona Klein	Charles Perea	Jim Weyrauch
Anna Corless	Mark LeGault	Jule Pitts	Linda Weyrauch
Mary Danaher	Keith Little	Elaine Prieur	Madelyn Whiston
Josie Devine	Antonio Luna	Janet Pryor	Brionna Whitham
Carmen Ellis	Bryan Lundgren	Garhett Richards	Deacon Jerry Williams
Suzie Espinoza	Wanda Mackey	Marie Robinson	Mireya Youngers
Grant Feagles	Vera Mamie	Char Rosche	
Diane Ford	Teri Mahoney	Frances Saladino	
Tiffany Foster	D. Earl Mead	Doug Schuster	



Our family and friends in the military...

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Major John Olshefski

Major Gilbert Mendoza

Michael A. Schrick

Cpl Henry Lehr

Sgt. Tyler Gordon

Msgt. Amber Parker



Our family and friends who protect and serve...

Sgt. Howard Scott, III

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

Have a milestone birthday, anniversary, or event coming up?
Let Sarah in the parish office know so we can help celebrate YOU!

Please call or email two weeks prior to your big event.

816-436-0880 or ssimon@stcharleskc.com



A prayer for the healing of our nation:

Almighty God, our Rock and our Salvation, we beg you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon our fractured nation.

Heal the divisions that separate us and remove all obstacles to authentic unity. May you guide this great country of ours and lead our citizens to embrace one another as neighbors and fellow countrymen, created in your own image and likeness. Give us a fresh opportunity for renewal and true solidarity for the common good of our homeland. May we return to our true identity as a people of faith and charity. Help us to always remain One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Amen

STEWARDSHIP

Current Month Budgeted Income vs Actual

Date	Budgeted Weekly Tithe	Actual Weekly Tithe	Budget Net +/-
3-Jul	26,252	33,264	7,012
10-Jul	26,252	13,320	(12,932)
17-Jul	26,252	29,045	2,793
24-Jul	26,252		
31-Jul	26,252		

YTD Income vs Expense as of May 31, 2022

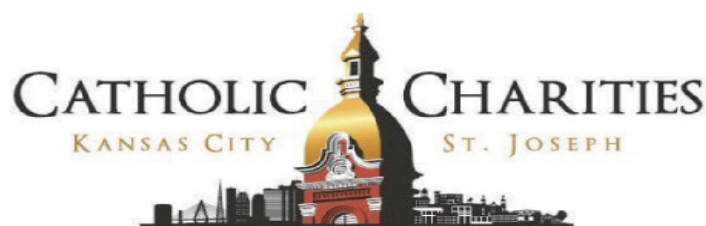
	Income	Expense	Net +/-
YTD	2,732,434	2,887,173	(154,739)

Capital Campaign Income

Goal	1,692,200	Raised/Pledged	1,826,631

Special Collections

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The **Social Butterflies Program** coordinates a series of interventions and activities designed to assess and support social and emotional development in children ages 2-5. The program reduces risk factors and improves family-functioning and stability. The program works toward improvement in two areas: (1) providing social-emotional learning activities for children in the client's home; (2) increasing parenting skills, knowledge, and confidence specific to their children's social and emotional learning.

Staff provide a series of four (4) interwoven services to assist the household. Email CF@ccharities.com or call 1.800.857.4377 for more information.

Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry

The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph has an immediate opening at the Director level that will oversee and direct the ministry offices that serve young adults and students on college campuses within the Diocese. This is a new position, and duties include establishing a vision and implementing the strategy for both offices, managing Campus Ministry staff and collaborating with campus Chaplains, and developing leaders to help support these Catholic communities. This position is full-time and benefits eligible. For more information or to apply, visit www.kcsjatholic.org.



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To shop online, or through the mobile app, use the enrollment code: **L48DE35C44L9** to link your purchases to Borromeo Academy.

Thank you for your continued support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The New Digital Carillon System Is Installed



We are pleased to announce that the new Digital Carillon system is now installed. The system contains hundreds of Catholic music selections that can now be played from our parish tower and be heard throughout the Saint Charles campus.

This fantastic new system was made possible by a generous gift from parishioner Mary Crider in the loving memory of her late husband, George. Mr. Crider loved religious music his entire life. Each time the music plays, we honor his memory.

On behalf of the entire parish, we offer our deepest gratitude to Mary for this beautiful donation. This precious gift will be a great treasure to our whole Saint Charles community for years to come.



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Job Opening at The Chancery: Director of the Life and Justice Office

The Director of the Life and Justice Office for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is responsible for planning and facilitating liturgical, pastoral care, educational, and policy advocacy activities and events related to the Church's teaching on the sanctity of all human life and the dignity of every person.

For more information, or to apply, please go online:

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Apply/1152923/Available-Positions/Director-Life-and-Justice-Office>

Director of Life and Justice

The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph has an immediate opening at the Director level responsible for planning and facilitating liturgical, pastoral care, educational, and policy advocacy activities and events related to the Church's teaching on the sanctity of all human life and the dignity of every person. This position is full-time and benefits eligible. For more information or to apply, visit www.kcsjatholic.org.



Borromeo Academy

First Annual Back to School Mass

The staff of Borromeo Academy would like to invite school families and the parish community to attend Mass together at 11:00 on Sunday, August 14 to celebrate the start of the school year. Let's fill our church pews with scholars in their Sunday best!

We can't wait to see you!

	Upcoming Weekends
	Men: September 15-18, 2022
	Women: November 10-13, 2022
	Location: Savior Pastoral Center
	Contacts:
Judy Newkirk 816.806.1997 jknewkirk65@gmail.com	
James Newkirk 816.807.7700 james@ultreya.biz	
Make a Friend Be a Friend Bring a Friend to Christ	



The Saint Charles Respect Life Ministry extends a huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 3414 for their volunteer work at St. Mary's Home for Mothers. Members of the Knights recently built and installed much-needed storage shelving for St. Mary's. This work will be a tremendous asset to the home and its residents.

**Thank you, Knights of Columbus Council 3414!
We appreciate all that you do!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Team ReBuilt

Please consider joining Team ReBuilt at our next meeting on Friday, July 29th, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Space. All are welcome.

4th Annual "In His Real Presence" Eucharistic Congress



*"In that little Host is the solution to all the problems of the world."
~St. John Paul II*

Saturday, September 10, 2022

St. James Parish in Liberty, Mo
Daytime Session @ 8am-2pm
Youth Night @ 6pm-10pm
with Adoration, Praise & Worship Music
For registration and more information, please visit:
kcsjatholic.org/eucharistic-congress/



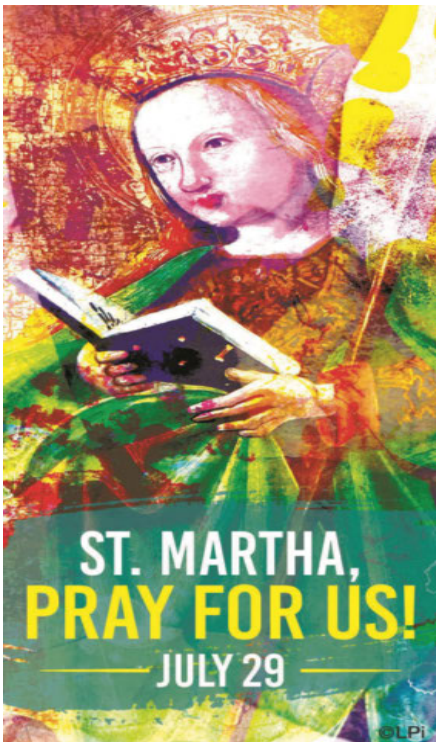
The special welcome reception for Father Thomas hosted by the St. Joseph Table Ministry was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the delicious homemade Italian cookies, candy treats, beverages, and fun conversation. Father Thomas snagged an entire tray of cookies!

Special thanks to Carmella Pollina for baking the cookies (they were incredible). Her service is available for other events. Her contact info is below.

Homemade Italian Cookies & Chocolate Candies

HOLIDAYS - WEDDINGS - EVENTS - GIFTS

**Contact: Carmela Pollina (816) 436-1271
Member of the St. Joseph Table**



Sacrament of Confirmation Registration

If your child has not yet been confirmed, the sacrament of Confirmation will take place on September 24. Confirmation is available for all parish children (14 and older), including children who attend public school or are homeschooled. This requires attending a few preparatory classes to give the necessary instruction and formation for the child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in a holy and sanctified manner.

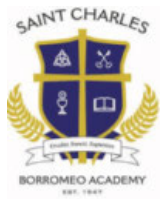
The first 3 confirmation classes are as follows:

Sunday, July 31st @ 9:45am
Sunday, August 7th @ 9:45am
Sunday, August 14th @ 6:45pm

Classes will take place in Borromeo South.

Please register by July 25th.
Contact Liam Connelly at
L.A.Connelly@hotmail.com
or call the parish office
at 816-436-0880.





BORROMEIO ACADEMY and the EARLY EDUCATION CENTER



Photo of the Borromeo Academy window and door replacement work on the back side area facing the Early Childhood activity deck and play area.



Photo of the new Borromeo Academy Early Childhood front entrance installation.

Contractors are busy installing new windows in the 1st and 2nd grade rooms and doors that will go out to the new activity deck and patio from the classrooms on the east wing and teacher's lounge. This work includes preparation for the new activity deck. These new windows and doors will significantly enhance the Academy's appearance, as well as classroom comfort and safety. Window installation is also taking place in the Academy office, principal's conference room, and the sacristy hall.

Construction of the new Early Childhood Center entrance canopy and north school entrance canopy is also underway and is progressing as expected. Upon completion, this will provide full canopy-covered front door access to the school and Early Childhood Center. All Academy improvements are scheduled to be completed before the start of school.

Other Capital Campaign improvements in progress include remodeling of the Borromeo Hall Kitchen and the construction of a parish storage area (back of gym).

All Saint Charles 2021 Capital Campaign projects are in process and on schedule. As always, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated or pledged towards this effort. Your loving gift is making this incredible work possible!

 **PUZZLE**

Circle the group in each row that has **more**.
Then color in all the pictures.



 **MISSION**

I will help my family find items that they have lost.

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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. Sunoj Thomas at 816-436-0880 or the Parish Office 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.

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PASTORAL VISITS

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact Fr. Sunoj Thomas at (816) 436-0880 x503 or the parish office to begin the funeral arrangement process. Funeral planning packets are available in the parish office.

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



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

prayers@stcharleskc.com



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
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



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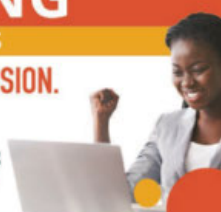
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