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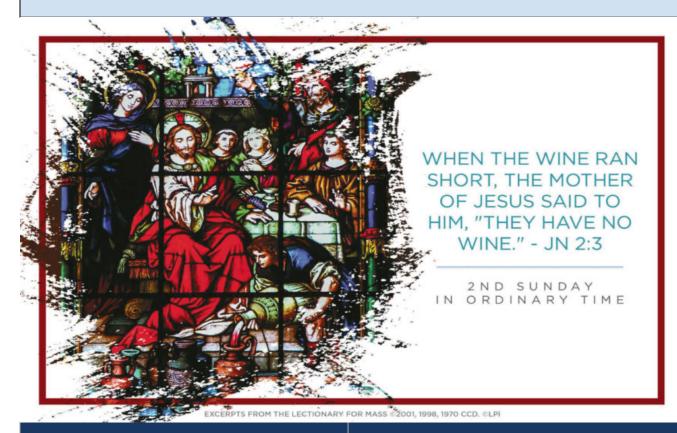
Disciples

Week of Jan 16th-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Disciples are On the Go with the Risen Christ,

learning to relate with trust, care and compassion as He did, inviting all to join The Journey of life with Peace, Joy, and Love.

- Jesus: Encounter Him, Again.
- Say YES to following Him, Again.
- Again and again, Be His Witness.



## **SCHEDULE**

MASSES Saturday Vigil | 5 pm.
Sunday | 8 am, 10 am (Live Streamed), 12 pm.
Daily mass Monday-Friday | 9 am mass
PERSONAL PRAYER Monday-Friday in church |
9 am - 4pm.

RECONCILIATION - Saturdays from 3 - 4 pm.
Or call for appointment.
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday from 9-4 pm in the SCB Church

## **PARISH OFFICE**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Open Monday–Friday

9 am - 4 pm. Call (253) 564-5185

7112 South 12th Street; Tacoma, WA 98465

saintcharlesb.org parishinfo@stcharlesb.org

Main: (253)564-5185

Emergency (after hours): 253-677-9827 Prayer line: prayerline@stcharlesb.org Dear Parishioners,

It has been a busy few months for us at the Parish.

#### **Our Parish Offices**

We are finally somewhat settled here in the Nursery, in the Chapel area and in part of the Parish Center. The Parish Office is open daily from 8 30am until 5 00pm. The Office is located through the Nursery door, the one closest to the Church under the colonnade. Our phones have been restored. Call us at 253-564-5185.

Due to the continued spread of the Omicron variant we ask that you continue to wear a mask at Church and sit in the designated pews. We are reserving the far West side of the Church, the school side, for those who desire to maintain full social distancing. Because more and more parishioners are returning to Mass if there is a need to fill in the pews normally left empty, that is alright.

For the past two weeks, due to the weather and the many flight cancellations, our bulletins, which are printed by a Company in Las Vegas, have not arrived in time to be distributed. We have just received our copiers and so are prepared with a backup plan.

#### **Old Office Building**

Due to the presence of asbestos in the floor tiles and around some piping, getting permits for the leveling of the building has been complicated. Finally the Archdiocese, the legal owners, the Insurance Companies, the City and the Demolition Contractors have sorted most matters out. We expect demolition to take place by the end of January.

We were able to retrieve and restore our most important files and records as they were in fire cabinets.

#### **Next Steps**

Our Parish Steering Committee, which advises me with regard to our Parish Master Plan and construction will begin regular meetings as we move to rebuild. We are currently in the process of selecting an Architectural firm. Once we develop some concepts about where and what to build, we will invite comments and suggestions from parishioners. Then final plans will be drawn up and we will begin the construction process. I suspect between developing the plans, permitting and construction we will be looking at two years before the new offices will be ready for occupancy.

#### **SYNOD**

Our plan is to begin the Synod discussions in February. Hopefully by that time the Omicron variant will become much less threatening and no other variant will take its place. This will be our focus during Lent. Our discussions will aid our Parish, Archdiocese and Universal Church. More information will be coming in a couple of weeks.

#### **Our Prayers**

As we enter into this short period of Ordinary Time before Lent, I ask that you join Fr. Val, I, and our entire parish staff in praying for the members of our own families, our fellow parishioners and members of our entire Church family that we might be faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

## FROM THE PAA

Good News! Our new phone system is now up and operating. The phone number is (253)564-5185 for both the school and the parish. Thank you for your patience while we got the lines open and working. We hope the Christmas Season brought rejoicing and hope in the coming of our Savior.

# **FAITH FORMATION**

St. Charles offers several opportunities in the area of Faith Formation.. We are off this weekend for the MLK Holiday weekend and plan to resume In-Person learning on January 23. We have year round registrations and still have room in many grades. Our children's Religious Education program is both family and age level organized. It is offered on Sundays for children ages 4 (Pre-K) to 12 (6th Grade). Note: Families expecting children to participate in First Eucharist and Penance should be enrolled in Religious Ed by their First grade year if not attending a Catholic **School.** We also have a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd experience for children ages 3-6. We are meeting both in person and occasionally virtually. We practice social distance and children **must** wear masks.

To learn more about Faith Formation and get a taste for what we are learning, visit our website at <a href="https://www.saintcharlesb.weebly.com">www.saintcharlesb.weebly.com</a>

Our phones are now up and operational but we are still learning how to use them. Please be patient. For questions call or email Jodie Clark at 253.564.5185 Ext. 3036 or <a href="mailto:iclark@stcharlesb.org">iclark@stcharlesb.org</a>

## HELP US STREAM

We're looking for volunteers who are tech savvy and love the idea of bringing Mass to those who are unable to join us in person. If you're interested in joining the streaming team, contact Jessica at <a href="mailto:iquan@stcharlesb.org">iquan@stcharlesb.org</a> or call 253-564-5185 ext. 3013.

# OUTREACH THROUGH PRAYER

"Where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I among them." – Matthew 18:20

To submit prayer requests for the St. Charles *Prayer Line*, call 253-564-5185 or email prayerline@stcharlesb.org.

If you have a prayer intention for the sick to be read at the *Prayers of the Faithful* during Mass, call Jessica Quan in the Parish Office, at 253-564-5185. This must be requested by an immediate family member.

If you would like to request a *Mass Intention*, visit the Parish Office.

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please keep our children preparing for sacraments in your prayers this week. Many will be making their First Reconciliation in the coming week.

## **NEW BOOK CLUB BOOK**

To extend our holiday a bit, the book club book for our next meeting is entitled, *The Characters of Christmas-The Unlikely People Caught Up in the Story of Jesus.* It is by Daniel Darling. As you slow down, engage your imagination, and enter into the stories of these men and women, you'll see the most important character - Jesus Christ - with new eyes. We will meet at 5:30 pm on Wednesday January 26th, most likely in the parish center. For more information contact Jodie Clark at <a href="mailto:iclark@stcharlesb.org">iclark@stcharlesb.org</a>

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

Virtual: Feb. 18-20, 2022 (Pacific Standard Time) Spokane - Immaculate Heart Retreat Center: March 11-13, 2022

For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact:

Jeff and Sandy Corneil at 360-930-2321. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage

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# RACHEL'S CORNER

#### Hope and Healing After Abortion

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# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

# Happy New Year!



# **Baptisms**

We continue to celebrate baptisms, even on the Sunday that the fire occurred, we celebrated two. Celebrating this sacrament was a sign of hope and light in the midst of shock and sorrow.

Left: The Jones' Family celebrated their sons' Wyatt (center) and Eli (to the right of Wyatt) Baptisms this past Sunday.

Welcome Eli and Wyatt into the Body of Christ.

# **Atrium News**

Because we needed to create temporary offices in the Parish Center, it was necessary to move our Atrium from its former space into part of the Parish Center Chapel. Thank you Knights of Columbus for your help moving.

Due to the increase in the Covid rates we have decided to cancel our Atrium sessions for the next 2 weeks. Hopefully we will be able to safely resume with our young (and most vulnerable) children.

Parents, I will be sending out another email keeping you updated on our plans. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



# Sacraments for older Children (7+ years old)

We prepare children who are over the age of 7+ for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) and baptized children for First Reconciliation and First Communion. For more information, please contact Debs Pokos at <a href="mailto:dpokos@stcharlesb.org">dpokos@stcharlesb.org</a> or (253) 564-5185 x3047.

# SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER MINISTRY BEGINS THIS MONTH!

Please join us as we pray for pregnant moms and their babies. This weekend (1/15 & 1/16) and next (1/22 & 1/23) we kick-off our 10-month prayer cycle of Spiritual Adoption. The plan is simple: say the prayer of Spiritual Adoption every day, now through October.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

To focus your prayer, we recommend that you name your baby. There is space on the prayer cards (available in the main vestibule) to add a baby name. If you want to share your baby's name, we will have small, paper hearts available in the main vestibule on which to write your baby's name. We will collect the hearts and add them to a special poster to display each month during Spiritual Adoption weekends from February through October. Thank you for your past and current support!

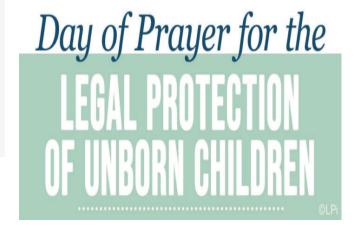
**Prayer is Powerful!** 

# THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE IS BACK IN SESSION! GET CONNECTED AND STAY INFORMED.

The State legislature began its 60-day session on January 10. As Catholics, we are called to advocate for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the public square. The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) carefully tracks federal and state legislation of interest to the Catholic Church and its communities in WA state. The WSCC advocacy network makes it easy to contact your public officials and keep up-to-date on important legislative issues facing us today.

Join the WSCC advocacy network located at the link below.

https://www.wacatholics.org/be-an-advocat e/current-legislation



# MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Middle School youth group will be starting up January 4, 2022 and continuing to meet weekly from 6:30pm-8:00pm. We have officially transitioned back to SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO! We are meeting weekly in the Parish Hall. This semester we will be diving into topics of virtues. We will talk about the difference between a good person and a virtuous person. while also taking a deeper dive into the hidden secrets of the mass.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation classes will continue to meet weekly Thursday nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Holy Cross in the parish center. We will have a Confirmation retreat on Vocations February 12, 2022 from 9am-3pm at Holy Cross. Father Justin Ryan the vocation director of the Archdiocese and Father Paul, OSB will be guest speakers for the retreat. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on April 30, 2022 at the 5pm mass; the mass will take place at Saint Charles Borromeo.



# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The High School youth group will be starting up January 5, 2022 and will continue to meet weekly from 7:00pm-8:30pm. We are still meeting at the Saint Patrick Parish Office - enter through the side door, up the stairs, by the parking lot entrance. We will be collaborating as a co-ed group and ending the night in a small group to dive deeper into discussion. We will be going through a series called "The Search". In this series we will search to answer the fundamental questions of every human; who are we; why are we here; and is God real?

#### Daily Scripture Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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