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Week of August 31, 2025 | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### St. Charles Borromeo

#### Mass Schedule

##### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sunday 8am; 10am (livestreamed); 12:00pm

##### Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 9am

##### Reconciliation

Saturdays 3-4pm or call for appointment

##### Personal Prayer

Monday through Friday in Church 9am - 4pm

##### Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:30am-4pm in Church



### St. Leo the Great

#### Mass Schedule

##### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sunday 10am (livestreamed)

##### Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:10pm

##### Native American Mass

4th Sunday of the month - 1:30pm

##### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4-4:30pm  
or call for appointment

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St. Leo Parish  
Parish Tacoma

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## Upcoming Events



### Oktoberfest

The St. Charles Borromeo and St. Leo Parish community is invited to come and participate in a delightful Oktoberfest Celebration sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **October 11, 2025, after the 5pm Mass**, in Feist Hall. Dinner will feature a variety of German foods and beverages to please all. Entertainment will include German music, a silent auction and a live auction. All net proceeds go to Knights of Columbus programs that support seminarians, pro-life, youth activities, St. Charles Borromeo school, our parish foodbank and our greater parish community. See you there!



To Purchase tickets use the QR code or visit:  
<https://stcharlesoktoberfest.maxgiving.bid/>

### Mass for the Faithfully Departed

On the first Saturday of each month, St. Charles will offer a 9 AM Mass. This Mass will be of the special intention of praying for our recently departed loved ones. A Book of the Dead will be present before the start of Mass to write in the names of those who have recently departed, and these names will be offered in prayer during the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. Please come and pray with us for those who have gone to meet the Lord before us!





## Building Project Update

### A message from the Pastor

Thank you, Fr. Mike,

I am so grateful to Fr. Mike for all amazing the work he has put into the construction of our parish office building. The fire that destroyed our old parish office building in 2022 forced our parish to respond and Fr. Mike led the design and fundraising process that laid the groundwork for our new office building which has been under construction since summer of 2024.

On Schedule, so far

We thank Hilger Construction and the team managing the project for keeping the project on schedule. Windows are installed, siding is going up and so is drywall. We have targeted January 2026 for the completion of construction and that target is still within reach. To keep that schedule:

- We really want to clear the temporary fencing in the parking lot (or as much of it as possible) by the time school starts. However, some of the asphalt in the parking lot needs replacement and that could require some of the construction fencing stay up for a bit longer.
- We eagerly await the arrival of the elevator needed for ADA compliance.
- We anticipate rough-in installation of the HVAC system within a week or two.

On Budget, so far

This isn't just an office building. It includes four meeting rooms and much needed storage space. The Archdiocese of Seattle's Property and Construction office approved for the plans for the \$8.4 million project in 2024. \$6.9 million of the project cost has already been paid, including \$3.6 million covered by insurance. The remaining \$1.5 million is covered by a loan from the Archdiocese at a favorable interest rate. Our contingency has absorbed some expenses like AV equipment, security and parking lot lighting. We will continue to closely monitor expenses in the closing months of the project.

Thank you for your support

Fr. Mike and I appreciate the generosity of the parish in funding this project. It's really encouraging to see construction proceeding well. If you want to take a closer look check out the video on our St. Charles Facebook page.

One last request: please pray for the success of the project and the safety of all those working on it.



# SCB Food Bank

Our Food Bank is stocked and staffed by the parishioners of St. Charles. Your weekly donations of food and finances make this tangible outreach possible. Our Food Bank carries and is always in need of the following items:

Canned Soup  
Canned vegetables  
Canned Beans  
Pork n Beans  
Mac and Cheese  
Rice Pasta  
Chili  
Ketchup  
Canned Fruit  
Cereal/Oats  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Peanut Butter  
Tuna



Canned Meat  
Tuna Helper  
Hamburger Helper  
Jiffy mix  
Jam/Jelly  
Mayonnaise  
Ramen  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste  
Bar of Soap  
Dish soap  
Laundry soap  
Toilet paper

You can also purchase and donate Fred Meyer SCRIP to help us purchase items that are low in our pantry.

Food donations can be brought to the collection bins in the church.

If you're donating food from your pantries, please make sure to check expiration dates. Thank you for your continued support!

**Do you know someone in  
Pierce County who could  
benefit from our food bank?  
Have them call  
253-565-7655.**

## Happening This Week

8/31: Mass 8:30am, 10am, Noon

9/1: Mass 9:00am; Rosary 9:30am

9/2: Mass 9:00am; Rosary 9:30am; CIR meeting 6pm; Family Reconciliation 5:30pm; KofC business meeting 6:45pm

9/3: Mass 9am; Rosary 9:30am; Mexican Martyrs Relics at St. Leo 6pm

9/4: Mass 9:00am; Rosary 9:30am

9/5: Mass 9:00am; Adoration 9:30am

9/6: Mass of the Faithful Departed 9am; Quilters 10am; Confessions 3pm; Mass 5pm; Altar Server Event following Mass

For more details on any of these events, please contact the Parish Office.  
253-564-5185

## Take Note!

Beginning in September the Noon Mass time will be changed to 12:30pm.



## Labor Day Hours

In honor of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st.

## Prayer Requests

To submit prayer requests for the St. Charles Prayer Line, call 253-564-5185 ext. 3011 or email: [prayerline@stcharlesb.org](mailto:prayerline@stcharlesb.org).

If you have a prayer intention for the sick to be read during the Prayers of the Faithful at weekend Masses, call Cathy in the Parish Office, at 253-564-5185 ext. 3011.

## Mexican Martyrs Relics

Knights of Columbus are hosting the Mexican Martyrs Relics on Wednesday, September 3, at 9am Mass at St. Charles, and 6pm Adoration, Litany of the Saints, and Rosary with a reception at St. Leo. Contact: [mmanning@stleoparish.org](mailto:mmanning@stleoparish.org)



## Bundles of Joy Quilt Club

Join this wonderful ministry as they make baby quilts to encourage mothers who choose life and to support families in need, donating over 100 baby quilts each year. Come once or come regularly – no experience or special equipment is needed, everything is provided. All are welcome!

The Quilt Club meets the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. – 1 pm. Please contact Cathy in the parish office for more information. [clamet@stcharlesb.org](mailto:clamet@stcharlesb.org) or 253-564-5185 ext 3011.

## Saint Vincent de Paul

If you know someone living within our parish boundaries who needs help with resources or referrals, please have them call our number and leave a message. The phone number for the SVdP Help Line is 253-426-3977. Parishioners may also use this number to ask questions or to speak to one of our officers.

## Anointing of the Sick

If you or your family member have been Baptized Catholic, and are in need of an anointing please call Cathy at 253-564-5185 ext. 3011. If you are in need of an anointing for someone who is actively dying (outside office hours), please call the emergency line at 253-564-5185 and press 3.

## Honduras Mission Group (Amigos de San Carlos) Fundraiser

Join us for our annual Build-Your-Own Taco Dinner & Fundraiser—an evening of great food, fellowship, and support for our Honduras Mission!

### Event Details

- Tickets: \$25 per adult | \$55 per family (children 17 & under)
- Purchase: After Mass on Sept. 6–7 & 13–14, at the door, or with the QR code below.
- Donations: Can also be made using the donation QR code.

### Your Support Matters

Each mission team member covers their own airfare, lodging, and ground fees. Ground fees help pay for Honduran staff, transportation, security, and essential supplies such as medications, toiletries, and hygiene products. These resources allow us to serve about 1,300 people in just 5 days.

### Fundraiser Highlights

Along with dinner, enjoy:

- Dessert Dash
- Silent Auction & Live Auction featuring:
  - Hand-sewn appliquéd quilt (61" x 58")
  - 2-night stay at White Pass Village Inn (sleeps 4) – includes Carnival Weekend, Feb. 28–Mar. 1, 2025
  - Diamond Club tickets at T-Mobile Park (Sept. 25, 2025) – behind home plate with VIP food, drinks & parking
  - Gift baskets, fresh organic produce, local artwork, and more

### Fund-an-Item Giving Options

If auctions aren't for you, consider sponsoring a direct need:

- Hire a Honduran doctor/pharmacist – \$400/week or \$80/day
- Hire an interpreter, bus driver, nurse, or guard – \$250/week or \$50/day
- Room & board for staff – \$35/day
- Laundry for staff – \$12/week
- Tube of toothpaste – \$0.87

Your generosity makes this mission possible. Thank you for helping us bring care and hope to Honduras!



Adults \$25



Families \$55



## Ministry Spotlight: Adoration

In the Catholic Church, Adoration refers to spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, where the consecrated Host (the Body of Christ) is displayed in a monstrance. It is a time of quiet reflection, worship, and love for Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. At St. Charles, Adoration takes place weekly on Fridays in the church from 9:30am until 4pm. You are welcome any time.



## Adult Bible Studies

We will be holding three different adult Bible Studies this year to meet the needs of many parishioners. Below are details for each group.

### A study of the Book of Isaiah

Mondays 7:00–8:30pm

Facilitators Nancy and Paul Rising

Begins September 8th

### Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible

Tuesdays 7:00–8:30pm

Facilitator Wayne Carter

Begins early October

### A study of the Book of Acts

Wednesdays 9:45am–Noon

Facilitator Barbara Cathcart

Begins September 17th

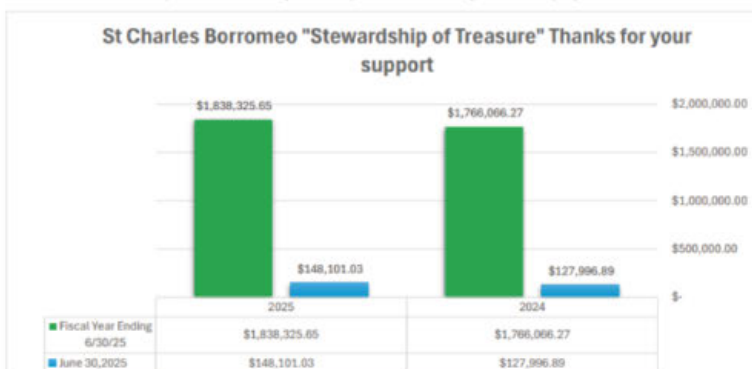


Please email Amy Orm [aorm@stcharlesb.org](mailto:aorm@stcharlesb.org) if you are interested in joining a group.

## Parish Financial Report


### St Charles Borromeo "Stewardship of Treasure"

	2025	2024	
	Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/25	Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/24	Difference
Collection Revenue	\$ 1,838,325.65	\$ 1,766,066.27	\$72,259.38
	June 30, 2025	30-Jun-24	Difference
Collection Revenue	\$ 148,101.03	\$ 127,996.89	\$20,104.14





**CONFIRMATION**  
February 2026



# ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult in need of **First Holy Communion or Confirmation**, please connect to take the next steps!

CLASSES WILL BE ON  
SELECT DATES IN  
DECEMBER – FEBRUARY



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September 28th

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## Gabriel Project

When we are contacted about a pregnant woman who needs help, we set up a meeting to get to know her situation. We explain that we can furnish all she needs for herself and her newborn baby. On the first visit we give her a St. Charles quilt and a book, "Angel in the Waters", about the baby and his/her Guardian Angel. We offer transportation, help in applying for financial assistance, locating a doctor, education about pregnancy, stages of a baby's development after birth, and family issues. We offer friendship and take our cues from how much the client wants us to be involved.

Gabriel Project: Karol Mauss 253-307-8542

## Success Story:

*Molly contacted us when she was two months pregnant. She was in college and 21 years old. Her mother was forcefully pushing her for an abortion. The father of the baby was not involved. Molly was conflicted but didn't want to abort her baby. We partnered with New Beginnings as a Christian adoption agency who is very supportive and offered alternatives to an abortion. Molly decided toward the end of her pregnancy to raise her baby. Today, she is married with three children.*



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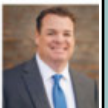
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