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Mass Schedule

Daily Liturgy:

M, W, Th, F

8:00 am

YouTube Live or in-person

Weekend Mass

4:00 pm Saturday*

8:30 & 10:30 am Sunday *

Saturday 4 pm Mass is Live and then available on YouTube for viewing on-line

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm



Our church is equipped with a hearing-loop for hearing aid wearers. Switching your hearing aid to the "T-Mode" position should allow you to hear the service.

Parish Office Hours

Monday- Thursday

9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Congratulations!



PLACE TO WORSHIP

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

PEOPLE & PLACES WINNERS

In last Sunday's Rochester Democrat & Chronicle newspaper, the winners of the 2021 Official Community Choice Awards were announced. **St. Charles Borromeo Church** was named the "Best Place to Worship" by the community! This is such an honor and we are very humbled by this wonderful news....Thank you!

Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo Parish is a Christ-Centered, Catholic worshipping community which serves the diverse needs and celebrates the God-given gifts of our parishioners and the global community in a spirit of joy and generosity.

Masses**Sunday, December 19—4th Sunday of Advent***Mt 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45*4:00 pm (Sat.) Carmen Vacca—*Wife, Janet & Family*8:30 am Frances Rizzo—*Tina Mullen & Jerry Streb*10:30 am John Herrmann—*Wife, Rozanne & Family***Monday, December 20***Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-26-38*8:00 am Pasquale C. Trignani—*Claire & Bill Kelly***Tuesday, December 21***Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45***NO Daily Mass****Wednesday, December 22***1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56*8:00 am For Favors Received—*Tina Paternico***Thursday, December 23***Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66*8:00 am Nikola Trpceviski—*Mr. & Mrs. Richard Prem***Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve***2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Lk 1:67-79***NO Daily Mass**

4:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm For the People

9:00 pm For the People

Saturday, December 25—Nativity of the Lord*Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18*

9:30 am For the People

No 4:00 pm Anticipated Mass**Sunday, December 26—Feast of the Holy Family***1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24/Lk 2:41-52*8:30 am Ruth & John Flanigan—*Friend*10:30 am Doris Sopko—*Peggy Cooke*

*The Sanctuary Candle
will burn this week in Loving Memory of
Bunny Vahue
at the request of her Mom and Family*



Parish Stewards:
All of Us
- the People of Saint Charles
(Parish Office #: 663-3230)

Assisted by:Fr. John Firpo (x101) (fr.john.firpo@dor.org) - *Pastor*Fr. Pius Pathmarajah (x110) (fr.pius.pathmarajah@dor.org)
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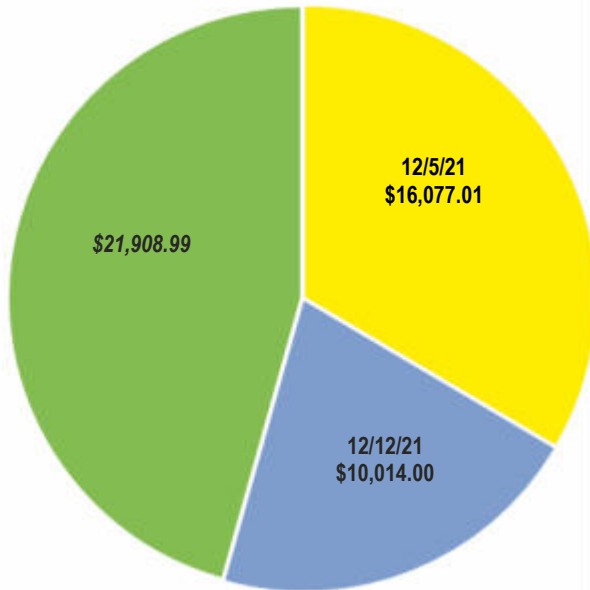
Sean Carnahan, Randy Cook, James Eckert, Mike Henry, Pattie O'Connell, David Steklenski

**We Welcome You to
St. Charles Borromeo Parish**

Thank you for joining us. We are glad you have chosen to worship at St. Charles this weekend. Are you interested in becoming a member of the parish? If you need more information or would like to register, contact: Joanie Bigham in the Parish Office at 663-3230 x108 or by e-mail at: Joan.Bigham@dor.org

PARISH SUPPORT

SUNDAY PLATE FOR DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2021



Goal for this Month \$48,000.00
Total Collected this Month \$26,091.01
Still Needed for the Month..... \$21,908.99

YTD Goal \$288,000.00
YTD Total..... \$279,573.11
Shortage for the Fiscal Year..... \$8,426.89

ATTENDANCE AT MASS

MASS ATTENDANCE	IN-PERSON	YOUTUBE VIEWS
4:00 (SAT.)	101	104
8:30 AM	128	
10:30 AM	<u>171</u>	
	400	

TOTALS – 504

(OUR FISCAL YEAR IS 7/1/21—6/30/22)

Fr. John thanks you for your continued financial assistance!

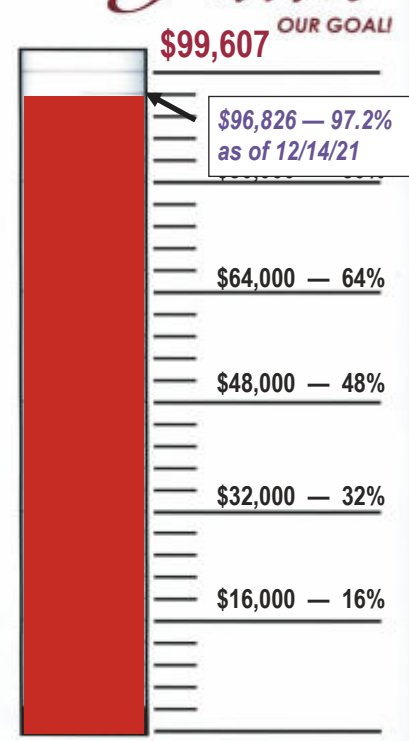


\$125 went to **Grandville Senior Living Community** this past weekend. **Birtheright** will be this weekend's Parish Sharing recipient.

The Christmas story of the birth of our Lord tells how His arrival presented a difficult situation for Mary and Joseph. **Birtheright** exists to help those of our time who may be facing challenges in preparing for the birth of their child. Since 1971, Birtheright of Rochester has offered free and confidential pregnancy support to any woman regardless of age, income or zip code. Birtheright mentors offer women non-judgmental support in a safe environment. They work to identify the local resources necessary to help clients meet their immediate needs and achieve their future goals. Follow-up continues during pregnancy and up to the baby's first birthday. Birtheright provides maternity clothes and childbirth classes. Birtheright's Brightspot program offers baby clothing and emergency formula and diapers.

They are located in East Rochester and are open two days a week. Birtheright (385-2100) will receive this weekend's parish sharing.

Forward in Faith



2021/2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

REMINDER: Items for publication in the bulletin are due in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Office at least 12 days before the date of the bulletin in which they are to appear. A contact name and phone number must be included for each item submitted, and this information will appear in the bulletin. Articles will appear at the discretion of the bulletin editor & staff members. Thank you for your help.



[Come Home to Mass! Updated Mask Guidance \(12/10/21\)](#)

Last week, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced a statewide mandate that will require masks to be worn in all indoor public places. This mask mandate went into effect on Monday, December 13. It will be in effect until January 15, 2022, at which point the state will reassess its effectiveness based on Covid-related public health conditions.

Beginning Monday, December 13, masks will be required for all people attending any indoor gathering at St. Charles Borromeo- this includes but is not limited to weekday Mass, weekend Mass, funerals, ministry meetings in the School, CYO functions in the gym, and when conducting any business in the Rectory and School offices.

As a reminder, masks must be worn properly- fully covering your nose and mouth and left on at all times.

We appreciate your cooperation in making sure we are in compliance with this mandate!

Readings for December 19, 2021 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading (Micah 5:1-4a)

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

Psalm Refrain: *Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and we shall be saved. (Psalm 80)*

2nd Reading (Hebrews 10:5-10)

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel (Luke 1:39-45)

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



Upcoming Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM,
and 9:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25: 9:30 AM

Holy Family Sunday

Sunday, December 26: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
*NO 4:00 pm Saturday mass or confessions

Solemnity of Mary Masses

Friday, December 31: 5:30 PM
Saturday, January 1, 2022: 9:30 AM

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 2: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
*NO 4:00 pm Saturday mass or confessions

Church Flowers & Environment Memorial Fund...

Donations are being accepted for our church flowers & environment for *Christmas 2021*. Flower envelopes were included with your regular Sunday envelopes. If you did not receive one, donation envelopes are available at all the Church entrances or in the Parish Office. Simply fill out the information on the envelope, enclose your donation and return it via the donation wells in church or directly to the Parish Office by **Monday, December 20**. A list of loved ones names will be available at the Christmas liturgies and will be inserted in the **December 26** bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.



Sign Up for Our Weekly Parish E-mail to stay up-to-date with what is going on in the parish....



Come pray with us!

Here are our December #StrengthInNumbers prayers. It's only 3 minutes per day - and imagine the power of our many voices joined together! Here we offer prayers for the 4 weeks of Advent.

Week of 11/28
Week 1



Christ our Light, shine in our lives with hope and promise. Give us right vision so that we remain attentive to this holy season. Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love. We await your coming with wonder.

Week of 12/5
Week 2



Christ our hope, illuminate our hearts with your grace. Enlarge our vision so that we recognize our kinship with all the people of the world. Help us to give to others in ways that meet their deepest needs. We await your coming with gratitude.

Week of 12/12
Week 3



Christ our joy, brighten our homes with your presence. Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish. Make every holiday activity an opportunity to spread your light and love. We await your coming with delight.

Week of 12/19
Week 4



Christ our peace, glow brightly in each moment. Enlighten our vision so that we see beyond the trappings of the holidays. Relieve us, if just for a moment, of our worries and stress. We await your coming with serenity.



The prophet says: "I will pray, and then I will understand." This is the way we can easily overcome the countless difficulties we have to face day after day, which, after all, are part of our work.
-St. Charles Borromeo

#StrengthInNumbers

Donating from an IRA to St. Charles Borromeo Church: *Supporting our Parish and Getting a Tax Break*

For those of us over 70½ and required to take the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from our IRA accounts, the new Tax Law may change the way we want to make our donations. For several years now, we have been able to make gifts directly from our IRAs to charitable organizations, and this provision has been preserved in the new law.

The gift from an IRA directly to a charity is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If we use a QCD as opposed to a standard donation (from our savings for example), we gain in several ways. The QCD counts toward the Required Minimum Distribution. In addition and more importantly, the amount of the QCD *does not count as income* thus lowering the adjusted gross income on which our taxes are based. The result is that for all of us over 70½ who have IRAs, the QCD provides a potential path toward significant tax savings. There is no downside – at the worst, it has no effect.

The requirements for the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) are the following:

- The donation must be made from a traditional or Roth IRA
- The donation must be sent directly to St. Charles Borromeo by the bank or brokerage who manages the IRA
- The IRA owner must have reached 70½
- The receiver of the donation must be a recognized charitable organization – St. Charles Borromeo certainly qualifies!
- **NOTE:** If you would like to do the QCD for your **CMA** donation, please contact the parish office to speak with the Business Manager

Each of us has a different tax situation so it is important that we consider how the information above applies. In the *vast majority* of our cases however, making our donation to St. Charles Borromeo through a QCD will preserve, and perhaps enhance, the tax benefits we currently get from supporting our Parish. To get more information, we would suggest that you contact your financial advisor or the bank that holds your IRA's. There is also a significant amount of information from a variety of banking and financial firms on-line. We encourage you to look into this potential source of tax savings.

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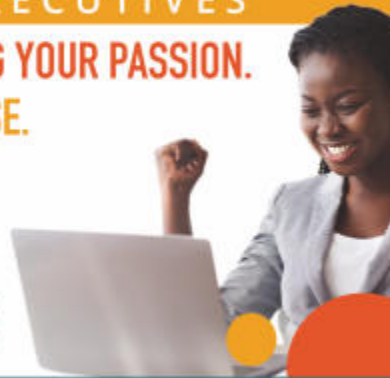
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