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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- 3:00 pm



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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### 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, January 2—Epiphany of the Lord**

1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**No 4:00 pm (Sat.) Anticipated Mass**8:30 am Mark Baltes—*Friend*10:30 am In thanksgiving for Peggy & Jerry Owen & Family  
—*Friend***Monday, January 3**

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17

8:00 am Kathleen Palmer —*John & Carol Leary***Tuesday, January 4**

1 Jn 4: 7-10/Mk 6:34-44

**NO Daily Mass****Wednesday, January 5**

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

8:00 am Vivian & Ralph Albano—*Sharon O'Brien***Thursday, January 6**

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

8:00 am For the People

**Friday, January 7**

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

8:00 am Robert & Madeline English—*Son***Saturday, January 8**

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

**NO Daily Mass**

4:00 pm Monthly Memorial

At this month's Memorial Mass your prayers are requested for: Ed & Connie Kram, Michael Kram, Aimee Richards, Len & Mary Viccaro, Dorothy Laco, Judy Switzer, Jeannette Wahl.

**Sunday, January 9—Baptism of the Lord**

Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ti 2:11-14,3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16,21-22

8:30 am Marion Toth—*Barb & Dennis Gorman*10:30 am Angela Rizzotti—*Friend, Molly*

*The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn this week for the  
**Health and Well-Being of Our  
Parishioners for the New Year***

**They were  
overjoyed at  
seeing the star.**

**Matthew 2:10**



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

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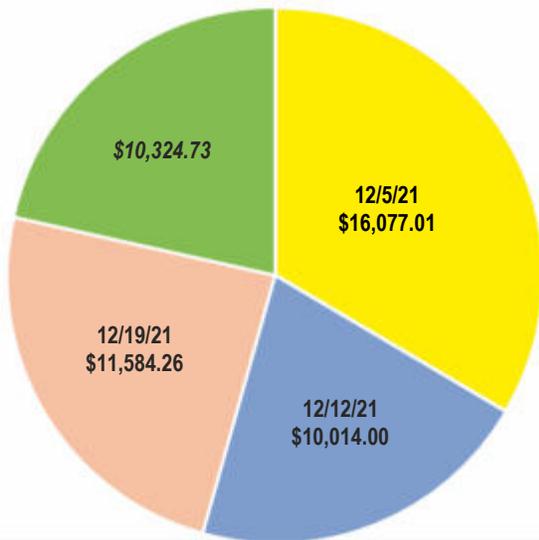
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**We Welcome You to  
St. Charles Borromeo Parish**

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 18 & 19, 2021**



Goal for this Month ..... \$48,000.00  
 Total Collected this Month ..... \$37,675.27  
 Still Needed for the Month..... \$10,324.73

YTD Goal ..... \$300,000.00  
 YTD Total..... \$291,157.37  
 Shortage for the Fiscal Year..... \$8,842.63

**ATTENDANCE AT MASS**

MASS ATTENDANCE	IN-PERSON	YOUTUBE VIEWS
4:00 (SAT.)	141	126
8:30 AM	117	
10:30 AM	<u>190</u>	
	448	

**TOTALS – 574**

(OUR FISCAL YEAR IS 7/1/21—6/30/22)

*Fr. John thanks you for your continued financial assistance!*



**\$125** went to **The Margaret Home** this past weekend. **St. Joseph's House of Hospitality** will be this weekend's Parish Sharing recipient.

Our parish sharing recipient for this weekend is **St. Joseph's House of Hospitality**. They have still cut back on their normal programs (homeless shelter, Foot and Hair Clinic) because of Covid. They are continuing their lunch program but as take-out. In addition, bags of groceries are given away each week, as well as clothing and hygiene products.



*We Have Reached Our Goal for the 2021-22 Catholic Ministries Appeal!*

*Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal this year for the CMA. Your generosity and support is much appreciated!*

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



**YEAR-END STATEMENTS FOR 2021**

In late January, letters will be mailed to each family in the parish indicating their record of contributions for the 2021 calendar year. Please make sure that all donations for 2019 reach us no later than **Friday, January 14, 2022**. Thank you!



**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)

On December 10, 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 January 2, 2022 • Epiphany of the Lord*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6)**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

**Psalm Refrain:** *Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord; ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord (Psalm 72)*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Ephesians 3:2-31,5-6)**

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

### **Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



### Come pray with us!

Here are our January #StrengthInNumbers prayers. It's only 3 minutes per day - and imagine the power of our many voices joined together! Here we offer a prayer and a scripture reading for the new year.

# 2022

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, we will all see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name. Amen.



#StrengthInNumbers



*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**

### Matthew 6:25-34

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## St. Charles Borromeo Parish Sacramental Preparation 2022



Are you considering **Sacramental Preparation** for your child this year? Here are the requirements to prepare for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation:

- Children prepare and receive sacraments at their home parish where their family is registered and attend Mass.
- Weekly Mass attendance in-person or on-line is an essential and spiritual part of your family's faith journey!
- ♦ Children need to be enrolled in either a Catholic School or be enrolled in St. Charles Home-based Religious Education or another Faith Formation program.
- ♦ Children do **not** prepare for the Sacraments in their Catholic School classroom or in Religious Education. Our preparation will include:
  - \* Textbooks, activities, and resources for children to complete with parents, guardians, and/or sponsors.
  - \* the child accompanied by a parent or guardian attends Sacrament meetings held on Sundays, after the 10:30 Mass is finished.
- ♦ Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older may be ready to prepare for:
  - \* **First Penance** (also known as First Reconciliation)
  - \* **First Communion** (also known as First Eucharist)
  - \* Preparation for First Penance must be completed before preparing for First Eucharist.
- ♦ Students 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older may be ready to prepare for the Sacrament of **Confirmation**:
  - \* This is the beginning of a **2-year process**, with immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation taking place in the spring of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
  - \* Formation continues throughout the two-years by attending religion classes at Catholic School or being enrolled in St. Charles Home-based Religious Education.

Registration forms can be found on our website ([www.stcharlesgreece.org](http://www.stcharlesgreece.org)) under Sacramental prep. For more information, please contact Amanuel Malik via email: [Amanuel.Malik@dor.org](mailto:Amanuel.Malik@dor.org) or call the Faith Formation Office at 663-8000, ext. 3

## **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.

Your St. Charles Borromeo Finance Committee

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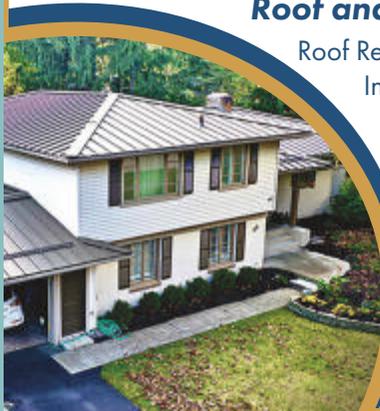
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