



August 23, 2026

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Mass Schedule

Daily Liturgy:

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am

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Weekend Masses

4:00 pm Saturday*

8:30 & 10:30 am Sunday

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

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm



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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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, August 23—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time***Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20*4:00 pm (Sat.) Frank Malvaso—*Staff of**St. Charles Parish*8:30 am Richard (Dick) Keirsbilck—*Richard Farnand*10:30 am Bob & Betty Brennan—*Children***Monday, August 24***Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51*8:00 am Rudy Palmeri—*Kathleen Kapoor***Tuesday, August 25***2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26*8:00 am Bill Bianchi—*Family***Wednesday, August 26***2 Thes 3:6-10/16-18/Mt 23:27-32*

8:00 am For the People

Thursday, August 27*1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51*8:00 am Ettore Ranalletta—*Wife & Family***Friday, August 28***1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13*8:00 am Dennis Vile—*Margaret & Andy Gray***Saturday, August 29***1 Cor 1:26-31/Mk 6:17-29*4:00 pm Art Yockel—*Wife & Family***Sunday, August 30—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27*8:30 am Steven Burton—*Peggy Cooke*10:30 am Deceased Members of the
Cardinal Mooney Class of '76**Week Ahead****Sunday, August 23**

12:00 pm AA "Rebos" Group—BMC/2

Monday, August 24**Tuesday, August 25**

9:30 am Card Ministry Group—BMC/7

12:15 pm Al-Anon Group—BMC/10

1:00 pm Bible Journaling Session—BMC/Library

7:00 pm AA "Sober" Group—PC

Wednesday, August 26

1:00 pm Senior Fun Group—BMC/22

Thursday, August 27**Friday, August 28****Saturday, August 29****Sunday, August 30**

12:00 pm AA "Rebos" Group—BMC/2

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Contact the Parish Office for
more information.....*Thank you!**The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week
in Loving Memory of**Arthur Yockel**at the request of the Staff of St. Charles Parish.*

NOTHING
is far from
GOD

-St. Monica

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**AUGUST 15 & 16, 2026****(7TH WEEK OF FISCAL YEAR 2026/27)**

ATTENDANCE	174	4:00PM
	134	8:30AM
	229	10:30AM
STREAMING	10	
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	547	

Sunday Offering.....\$12,034.00**PLUS: ONLINE (ACH/Credit Cards) Giving..... \$4,476.00****TOTAL Collected.....\$16,510.00****WEEKLY BUDGET: \$13,175**

*Fr. John thanks you for your presence along
with your spiritual & financial support
throughout the year!*



\$125 went to **. Michael's Woodshop** this past weekend. **The Mercy Spirituality Center** will be this weekend's Parish Sharing recipient.

The **Mercy Spirituality Center** is a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, one of the last of their ministries in our area. In 1986, a house on Highland Avenue, just one block from Highland Park, was given to the Sisters of Mercy. It became the Mercy Prayer Center providing spiritual direction, hospitality, personal growth and guidance through God's teachings. Today, the Center has adopted an expanded presence, welcoming people of all faiths, backgrounds and lifestyles. With this shift, the Sisters approved renaming it the Mercy Spirituality Center. Their mission is to create a community of active contemplatives by providing lifelong growth opportunities, spiritual direction and retreats. Their website is: mercyspiritualitycenter.org. We will give them our parish sharing this weekend.



Come Be a Part of Our Music Ministry at St. Charles Borromeo Church

**Charley's Angels**

Our wonderful youth choir is for singers in grades 1—12. They are the music ministers for the children's liturgies held throughout the year. We rehearse on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:10 am (after the 8:30 Mass, before the 10:30 Mass) in the Music Room in Church. Rehearsals will resume **in September/October**. We have a great time!

Schola Cantorum (School of Cantors)

The Cantors meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm (before choir rehearsal). They serve as cantors for weekend Masses. You must contact Marcia to join!

Resurrection Choir

They serve as the music ministers for all funerals that take place at St. Charles Borromeo. Notification of a funeral is sent out and come sing if you are available. We meet 30 minutes before the funeral to rehearse.

Come Join the Sanctuary Choir!

Our Sanctuary Choir will begin it's upcoming season in early September. I would like to extend an invitation to come and sing with us. Our choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9PM. We typically sing for 3 services each month. The choir also sings at special services (including Christmas, Holy Thursday, and Easter). We sing a wide variety of music designed to enhance the message of each Mass. Basic music reading ability is helpful, but all are welcome! ***No audition is necessary.***

Our first rehearsal is **Wednesday, September 9**, at 7:30PM in the Church Sanctuary. Our first mass will be on **Sunday, September 13** at 10:30AM.

Please consider joining our choir family! If you would like more information, please contact me, Eric Trumpowsky at: etrumpowsky@aol.com. Thank you!

**For more information or any questions,
contact Marcia at 585-766-3940 or e-mail: mewsic2@aol.com**

Readings for August 23, 2026 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23)

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

2nd Reading (Romans 11:33-36)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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The Road Less Traveled

—Deacon Don Eggleston
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"He restores My Soul" (Psalm 23)

*This is the **fourth** in a series of reflections on the 23rd Psalm.*

There are seasons in every life when we become weary.

Sometimes it is our bodies that grow tired. Sometimes it is our minds, burdened by worry or uncertainty. And sometimes it is our souls. We become discouraged, disappointed, or simply worn down by the weight of life.

David knew those feelings well. He experienced failure, grief, betrayal, fear, and loss. Yet in the midst of those struggles he could still say of the Lord, "**He restores my soul.**"

Notice that David does not say, "I restored myself." Restoration is God's work before it is ours.

The word *restore* means more than to repair something that is broken. It means to bring it back to the condition it was created to enjoy. God does not merely patch us up so we can keep going. He renews our hope, strengthens our faith, and reminds us that we are His beloved children.

Sometimes that restoration comes through prayer. Sometimes through the kindness of a friend, the love of family, or the quiet beauty of God's creation. We experience it in a special way through the sacraments. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Christ gently lifts the burden of our sins, offers His mercy without measure, and restores us to the joy of communion with Him. We also encounter His restoring presence in the Eucharist, where He nourishes us with His own Body and Blood. Sometimes God's restoration comes so gently that we recognize it only in hindsight.

The Good Shepherd knows when His sheep are exhausted. He does not scold them for being weak. He walks beside them, carries them when necessary, and patiently leads them toward healing.



Perhaps your soul needs restoration today. You may be carrying grief, regret, anxiety, or disappointment. You may feel as though your strength has been exhausted. *Believe me, you are not alone.*

If so, remember these comforting words: "**He restores my soul.**" The Shepherd has not abandoned you. He has not forgotten your name. He is still at work, quietly renewing your heart one day at a time.

Our hope is not found in our ability to restore ourselves. It is found in the One who never tires of restoring us.

May we place our weary hearts into the hands of the Good Shepherd, trusting that He will continue to restore our souls each day.

Thanks be to God.

St. Charles Social Ministry Committee

Summer Sock & School Supply Drive

We are grateful to be collecting NEW women's, children's & men's socks along with NEW children's and youth underpants.

The Greece Clothing Closet and Bethany House are two of the places where socks will be distributed. Collection boxes are at each entrance of church.

Also we will be collecting school supplies for Catholic Charities and area Greece schools. Donation Boxes are in the back of church for your convenience.

Both collections will continue through Labor Day weekend, September 6, 2026.

Thank you for your generosity!



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Chicken BBQ!

Knights of Columbus Council #3892 will host the last chicken barbecue of the 2026 Summer Season on **Sunday, September 13** from **3:00 PM** until gone in the St. Charles Borromeo church parking lot (3003 Dewey Avenue). ***This will be a drive-thru event.***

We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal. To place your order call or text Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. (*The last day to pre-order is **Friday, September 11***). People who pre-order are asked to pick up their meal(s) **by 4:30 PM** the day of the barbecue. The meal includes:

- HALF A CHICKEN
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Come and get a great meal for a great price!

Evangelization Ministry Summer Update

While many parish groups take a break during the summer months, the work of evangelization continues! The Parish Evangelization Ministry Team will not be holding regular meetings again until September, but our members will remain actively engaged throughout the summer as we continue researching, planning, and developing opportunities that help build faith, fellowship, and community within our parish.

Over the past year, we have been working to strengthen and support the many small groups that enrich parish life, including our Bible Studies, Bible Journaling Group, Card Ministry to Shut Ins, Quilting Group, Fun Seniors, and Social Ministry programs.. We are also exploring and developing several new opportunities, including a Faith Sharing Group, a Grandparents' Group, and other possibilities such as a Book Club, Family Game Night, Euchre, and more.

Small groups are one of the most effective ways for parishioners to grow in faith, form friendships, and become more connected to the life of the Church. Our goal is to provide welcoming opportunities for parishioners of all ages and interests to encounter Christ and one another.

As we plan for the coming year, we are seeking parishioners who may feel called to help facilitate or coordinate one of our current or future groups. You do not need to be an expert— simply someone who enjoys welcoming others, encouraging participation, and helping a group stay organized. Training, support, and resources will be provided. If you have an interest in helping with an existing ministry, facilitating a new small group, or sharing ideas for future opportunities, we would love to hear from you.

Please watch the bulletin for occasional updates throughout the summer as we continue our planning and prepare for an exciting fall season of faith, fellowship, and evangelization.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lynda Pleckan (weblynda@yahoo.com) or the parish office.

St. Charles Quilting Ministry Update

COME JOIN US! The St. Charles Quilting Ministry is looking for new members to join them. All levels of quilters welcome. It's an opportunity to express your creativity. We make lap-sized quilts which are donated to local organizations such as Birthright, Lifetime Assistance, local nursing homes, Veterans, dialysis centers, the annual Father's Day Baby Shower collection, and the homebound of our parish.

We have an abundance of donated fabric, batting and thread — all we need is YOU!

Our group meets from 6-7:30 pm the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (September to April).

For more information or any questions, please contact **Christine McNally** at **(585) 455-7198**.



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS A LIFESAVING NARCAN BOX

The Monroe County Department of Health (MCDOH) has installed a **Naloxone Box** by the steps in front of Bethany Presbyterian Church on Dewey Avenue (across the street from St. Charles Borromeo).

In the box are free doses of Narcan, the medication that counteracts opioid overdoses. This nasal spray will restore normal breathing to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing on opioid medications, heroin, or other drugs that have been laced with the opioid fentanyl. Slowed or stopped breathing can cause brain damage or death. Naloxone (Narcan) does not cause any harm to a person but may save a life!

MCDOH is grateful to Bethany to allow the placement of the Naloxone Box on their property, as it is the only box available to the public in the Dewey-Stone area. MCDOH will keep the box stocked as product is taken.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

Mission for the Week

I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

Sharing the Gospel

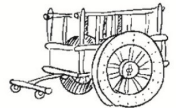
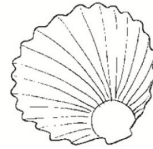
In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.

Now color
the picture!

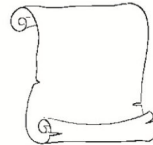


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Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

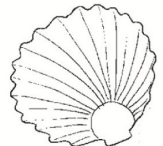
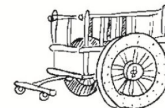
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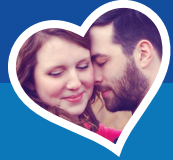
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