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Oh, that you would rend the heavens
and come down, with the mountains
quaking before you, while you wrought
awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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Saturday: St. Charles Church:

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 PM; Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church : 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon thru Sat 8:00 AM

Tues/Thurs 5:00 PM

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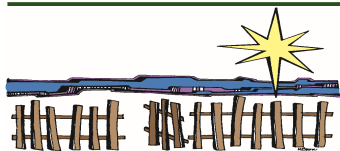
Sacrament of Baptism: Parents or guardians of infants or children to be baptized should call the church and schedule a meeting with a priest or deacon at least one month prior to baptism date. Instruction class is on the second Saturday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the following month.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Anytime during office hours. Call for an appointment.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the church office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM and any time during office hours. Please call the office for an appointment.



Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

Mark 13:33

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

Offertory contributions from November 22nd for St. Charles Church will be published later.

Contributions from November 22nd toward the Building Fund will be published later.

Offertory contributions from November 22nd for Christ the King Mission will be published later.

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mary Louise Ford Henry

By: The Henry Family



ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 2nd—6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday, December 9th—6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16th—6:30-8:00 PM

The Light is On for You

The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Advent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, our parish will be open on the first three **Advent Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM**. During this time, Adoration will be held. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession. Please also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again.

December 2, December 9, December 16.

The **Thensted Center** would like to **THANK** the many volunteers & Catholic Charities who are helping with the 120 Grab 'N' Go lunches that are served to our senior citizens and the disabled of our community.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

St. Charles Church will sponsor an **Advent Giving Tree** which is placed at the entrance of the Church. Please pick a tag of your choice, purchase the gift and return your wrapped gift with the tag attached to the church. These gifts will be distributed in the Sunset/Grand Coteau area.

On July 24, 1990 the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the U.S designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory to the College of Cardinals in the Catholic Church. He is the first African American to be elevated as of **November 28, 2020 in Rome**. Also, two commemorative dates fall within this month. Saint Augustine's Birthday (November 13) and Saint Martin de Porres' Feast Day (November 3). More importantly November not only marks a time when we pray for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, but also a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and African Diaspora.

ADVENT MISSION OF MERCY TALK

Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Missionary of Mercy by appointment of Pope Francis from Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette will give an **Advent Mission Talk on Wednesday, December 2nd at 5:30 PM** in the Church. Please join us for this special event and invite friends and family to join us.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is **Tuesday, December 8th** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at **8:00 AM and 5:30 PM** at **St. Charles Church**.

DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC POSITION AVAILABLE—PART-TIME

Saint Charles Church is accepting applications for the position of Director of Sacred Music (DSM). The ideal candidate must be proficient in vocal, piano, and organ performance and in conducting a church choir for Catholic liturgical services. For a full job description of the position, please visit our website at www.st-charles-borromeo.org. Interested applicants are asked to send their resumes to Fr. Mark Kramer, SJ at matte@st-charles-borromeo.org



WINGS—Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot fly.

CONFIRMATION - (11th Grade) This week we covered PURPOSE Lesson: Brokenhearted. The goal of the session was to introduce the idea of suffering and offer a lens through which students can view and better understand suffering in their lives and in the world. Class ended with the group praying the Litany of Trust together.
Next Session: Sunday, December 6 | 11:45-1:15 PM in the Religious Ed Building!

LIFENIGHTS - (9th & 10th Grade) - We had our first class on November 15th! Our first topic: BREATHE. The goal of this session was to help students to understand that they are created for a relationship with God and through this relationship, they will find fullness of life.
Next Life Night: Sunday, December 6th | 5:30-7:00 PM in the Religious Ed Building.



MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

Members of the **Children's Ministry** will be making **Christmas Cards** for our shut-ins and those in the hospital or nursing homes. Fill out their information on the form provided and place it in the box marked Children's ministry. **The Deadline is December 15th.**

Minister Schedule for December 5-6

Vigil-Lector	Debra Menard
Communion	Deacon David Menard
Communion-Gym	Mary Ann
7:30-Lector	Joseph Landry
Communion	Stephanie Richard
Communion-Gym	Murphy Riggs
10:30-Lector	Cathy Taylor
Communion	Janice Fox
Communion-Gym	Kurt Richard

Save the Date December 1, 2020



#iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday, our nation's first-ever Catholic day of giving!

Advanced giving began November 16th!

Our Goal is to raise \$7,000 to purchase a new mixer for our sound system and for other repairs. Gifts can be made either online www.iGiveCatholic.org or offline through a gift of cash or check directly to St Charles Church.

Orb and Cross

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King Sunday), I thought it was fitting to bring back our *globus cruciger* (cross-bearing orb) that sat atop our tabernacle for about 100 years. The *globus cruciger* consists of a round orb that represents the universe and is surmounted by a Cross. It is an ancient symbol of Christ's dominion over the world. In iconography, Jesus is often shown holding the *globus cruciger* in his hand. The original orb-and-cross that was constructed for our tabernacle was removed some time ago and has just recently been found and restored. Special thanks to Ned and Becky Smith for their skill and labor of restoration.

New Guidelines for Baptisms in 2021

Baptism Instructions will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The Baptisms will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the **following** month. The paperwork requesting a baptism must be submitted by the 1st of the month prior to baptismal instructions.

Sacrament of BAPTISM January Schedule:

Baptism Paper work due: December 1, 2020
Baptism Instructions: December 12, 2020
Baptism Date: January 6, 2021

St. Charles Borromeo Parish has a page on **Facebook** which has been created as a means of communicating with our church parish members as well as a way to share information with others. Please "Like" our page!

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

AUGUST 16, 2020-MAY 1, 2021

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated each Wednesday, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM during the Year of St. Joseph with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM.

A sign-up book will be located at the entrance of church. We need a minimum of 2 parishioners for each hour. You may also sign up by calling Deacon David Menard at 692-1035 to sign up or online on our website st-charles-borromeo.org (To date, we have prayed 447 Adoration Hours)

Check the bulletin for updates to our St. Joseph Celebrations.

A Day of Prayer for Women at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau, La.

"Walking in the Sandals of Mary, Poor Woman of Nazareth". Presented by: Fr. Lou McCabe, S.J. **Tuesday, December 8th** from 8:30 AM; concluding with Mass at 2:15 PM. Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required/limited capacity. To register, on website: www.ourladyoftheoaks.com. For more information, call the office at 662-5410.

Online Giving-St. Charles has set up an online giving account for anyone wishing to make offertory payments online. Please visit our website@ www.st-charles-borromeo.org.



**Welcome to Visitors and/or
New Parishioners**