

THIRD SUNDAY

OF
Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



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Mass Schedule:

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.



Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice always, Pray without ceasing.

—1 Thessalonians 5:16

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure. Offertory contributions for December 6th for St. Charles Church were \$7,146.00. Contributions from December 6th toward the Building Fund were \$642.00. Offertory contributions from December 6th for Christ the King Mission were \$941.00. Contributions for Christ the King Mission toward the Building Fund were \$27.00.

In Memory of Joey Lalonde (Birthday Dec. 15)
By: Raymond Lalonde & Family

The Light is On for You: Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 16 - 6:30-8:00 PM

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**. 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.

Retired Fund for Religious is December 13

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

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 and place under the Giving Tree. These gifts will be distributed in the Sunset/Grand Coteau area. **The Deadline to bring gifts to the church is Wednesday, December 16th.**

The **Healing Mass** will resume at **Christ the King Mission in Bellevue on Wednesday, December 16th**. A Rosary will be prayed at **6:00 PM** with the Healing Mass at **6:30 PM**

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!

Liturgy of the Hours

Join us for Morning Prayer in the Church, Monday-Friday at **7:30 AM** (or livestream on Youtube)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Christmas Eve—December 24th

4:00 PM - St. Charles Borromeo

6:00 PM - Christ the King Mission

7:00 PM - St Charles Borromeo

11:00 PM - St. Charles Borromeo

Friday, Christmas Day—December 25th

10:00 AM - St. Charles Borromeo 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

Thanks to all those who came to our Advent Mission Talk and to Msgr. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc for his talk on God's Mercy. His talk can still be viewed on our you-tube page.

CONFIRMATION (11th Grade)

On Sunday, December 6th, we covered our annual **Safe Environment Seminar** and the next **PURPOSE Lesson: Prodigal**. During the lesson we visited the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), dived deeper into salvation history, and were reminded of how God loves us and is continuously offering us mercy and forgiveness and that it's never too late to turn back to him. **Next Session: SPONSOR Sunday, December 13th | 11:45 - 1:15 PM, Religious Ed Building**

LIFENIGHTS - (9th & 10th Grade)

On Sunday, December 6th, we covered **LIFENIGHT: 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 Life Night: Sunday, December 13th**

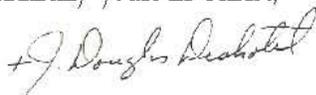


"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." Philippians 4:13

In Humble Gratitude

In honor of the 100th Anniversary in 2018 of the Diocese of Lafayette, families from St. Charles Borromeo Church parish generously participated in a historic Centennial Campaign: *Building our Future Together*. Your parish's involvement signaled its solidarity with our Catholic ancestors who sacrificed mightily to ensure a lasting presence for our faith and for our places of worship. Amidst the challenges of 2020, this kinship with those who sacrificed in the past is even more evident. Parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo Church joined thousands of Catholics across the Diocese of Lafayette to ensure a bright future for our diocesan faith community through continued contributions to the Centennial Campaign. At the mid-point of this campaign, I am happy to report that contributions have already activated the Priests' Retirement Trust so it can begin to provide for the health and housing needs of our "Silver Shepherds". The other causes within the Centennial Campaign are on track at 70% of the established targets. I am grateful for your loyal support and your commitment to the future of this Diocese and your church parish. May God continue to bless each of you, this parish and the entire Diocese of Lafayette family. Thank you for your devotion to preserving the legacy of our Catholic faith. With every good wish, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
 Bishop of Lafayette

LOCAL PARISH INITIATIVES	\$9,171,879
SEMINARIAN EDUCATION	\$7,872,423
PRIEST RETIREMENT	\$6,872,423
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTERS	\$3,751,803
CATHOLIC OUTREACH & SERVICES	\$3,398,855

Parish Centennial Total

(as of October 2020)

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO
CHURCH**

Goal:

\$465,000.00

Pledged to Date:

\$231,175.97

Families Participating

157

Centennial Campaign Diocesan Wide Results

Pledges:

\$43,002,003

Funded to Date:

\$31,067,383

Centennial Campaign: Building Our Future Together runs through 2022.

Questions: Call 337.261.5656

For more information, please visit <http://diolaf.org/centennial-campaign>



Minister Schedule for December 19-20

Vigil-Lector	Jim Burleigh
Communion	Deacon David Menard
Communion-Gym	Mary Ann
7:30-Lector	Renee Taylor
Communion	Patrick Guilbeau
Communion-Gym	Joe Landry
10:30-Lector	Pamela Norfleet
Communion	Pauline Richard
Communion-Gym	Denis Simon

Bible Study 2021

Matthew: The King and his Kingdom

This study is presented by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer of Ascension Press. This is an in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew. The course consists of 24 classes, which we will divide into two sessions.

Dates: Spring Session - January 6th-March 31st
Fall Session - August 25th-November 10th

Wednesday mornings from 10am-11:30am
St. Charles Borromeo Chapel/Education Building
Workbook fee is \$40.00

Register by calling or texting Paula Andrus at 337-296-4019 or by email at paula.andrus@hotmail.com. Please register by January 1st to ensure delivery of workbooks.

The Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held Sunday, February 14th, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, La.

This one Mass is designated for the recognition of couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of married life within the calendar year. All registered couples will be presented with a certificate in honor of their marriage anniversary. Due to COVID restrictions, reserved seating is only available for the couples being honored. Family & Friends are welcome to attend the Mass on a first come first served basis until max capacity has been reached.

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 must be completed & submitted by the 1st of the month, prior to the month of Baptism

Sacrament of BAPTISM February Schedule:

Baptism Paper work due: Monday, January 4, 2021
Baptism Instructions: Saturday, January 9, 2021
Baptism Date: Sunday, February 7, 2021

Pray for Vocations

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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.**

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 504 Adoration Hours)**
Check the bulletin for updates to our St. Joseph Celebrations.

If you are visiting our beautiful Church, *we welcome you!* If you have recently moved into the area and are new to our church community, we would like to assist in any way that we can. Please contact Mary Ann at 662-5279 to request a registration form or to seek out information about ministry participation and/or sacramental requests.

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*