The Nativity of the Lord  Christmas

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH
PARMA, OHIO
**Entrance Chant**

*Entrance Antiphon for Advent IV*

O heavens, open wide above;
rain down the Just One, all you clouds;
bring forth a Savior, mother earth.

*Let all creation know its Lord.*

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**Readings may be found beginning on page 42 in the Breaking Bread Hymnal.**

**Psalm 89**

*Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

**Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts**

#43 — Blessed and Holy

**Communion Chant**

*O Holy Mary*


**Sending Forth**

#40 — People, Look East

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**This Week’s Liturgy**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

Fourth Sunday of Advent
II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**Masses:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon

**VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS: Christmas Eve**
Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

4:00pm
6:00pm  Children’s Liturgy
8:00pm  Midnight

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Day
Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

**Masses:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon

***No evening Mass on Christmas Day***

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

St. Stephen
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

7:00 AM  † Int. of Gallagher and Cunningham Families
8:30 AM  † Bob Judson
7:00 PM  † Pauline Desch

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

St. John
I John 1:1-4; John 20:1a—2:8

7:00 AM  † Kevin A. Tagliaferro
7:00 PM  † Jeffrey Fitch

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**

The Holy Innocents
I John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

7:00 AM  † Rose Acanfora
8:30 AM  † Mary E. Moore
7:00 PM  † Dec’d of Bednar & Mlynek Families

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**

I John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

7:00 AM  † Ted & Florence Watt
8:30 AM  † Dorothy G. McNulty
7:00 PM  † Donald & Sally Bewley & Edward & Elizabeth Straus

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**

I John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

8:00 AM  † Timothy Galla
2:00 PM  † Wedding - - - Jennifer Lampert & Tomas Zuchowsky
4:00 PM  50th Wedding Anniversary - - - John & Jacqueline Tenerowicz

**VIGIL MASS: 4:00pm**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

10:00 AM  † John Izzo

**Masses:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon, 5:30pm
St. Charles Borromeo Church

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
Edith Chernek
Edward Osysko
Sophia Stevanski
June Parschen

On this Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, we mark the Fourth weekend of Advent. On Sunday afternoon, we begin our celebration of Christmas at 4:00pm.

For your convenience, this is the Christmas Eve/Day Mass schedule:

**Sunday December 24, Christmas Eve**
- 4:00pm  Father Ryan Mann
- 6:00pm (Children’s Mass)  Father Louis Thomas
- 8:00pm  Father John Carlin
- 12:00 Midnight (yes, at Midnight!)  Father Ryan Mann

**Monday, December 25, Christmas Day**
- 8:00am  Father John Carlin
- 10:00am  Father Louis Thomas
- 12:00 Noon  Father Anselm Zupka OSB

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS EVE:
- 4:00pm  Organ/Trumpet/Handbell Choir
- 6:00pm  Organ/Trumpet/Youth Choirs
- 8:00pm  Organ/Trumpet/Flute
- Midnight  Organ/String Quartet/Trumpet/Flute/Adult Choir

Musical prelude begins at 11:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY:
- 8:00am  Organ/String Quartet/Trumpet
- 10:00am  Organ/String Quartet/Trumpet/Harp/Flute/Adult Choir
- 12:00 Noon  Organ/Trumpet/Harp/Flute

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Dec 31)
- 4:00pm  Contemporary Group
- 8:00am  Organ/Trumpet/Flute
- 10:00am  Organ/Trumpet/Flute/Adult Choir
- 12:00 Noon  Organ/Trumpet/Flute
- 5:30pm  Organ/Trumpet

Our parish Music Ministry looks forward to having you celebrate the birth of Christ with the variety of musical accompaniment available at our Christmas liturgies.

I know that many parishes ask for a specific gift at Christmas (such as “one day’s pay” or “one hundred dollars” or whatever).

This is my thirty-second Christmas as your pastor. I have never asked, nor will I this year, for anything specific. People are especially generous at Christmas; so I will ask for you to be generous and then leave it at that. I promise that whatever you choose to give to St Charles Borromeo Parish for Christmas 2017 will be much-appreciated and will be well-used.

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Although we are known as “an Easter people,” there is something about Christmas that touches the heart. Beyond the memories and the traditions, more than gifts and festive foods and carols, Christian people celebrate their belief that God has chosen to dwell among us in His Son, Jesus.

Many of us have a favorite Christmas movie or television show. My Number One is the 1947 film “Miracle on Thirty-Fourth Street.” I try to watch it sometime during Advent. No it’s not exactly a “religious” movie; but it does portray, in its own way, the message of Christmas and how even a cynical world can be positively influenced by true belief and practice.

I also try to catch a classic film version of Charles Dickens’s “A Christmas Carol.” Even though long-set in his mean and lonely ways, Scrooge is changed to a more loving and compassionate person when he realizes that he must someday account for his life. Scrooge comes to know that each one of us is called to “grow old doing good.”

Jesus was born in Bethlehem long ago; He is not “born again” each year; what we celebrate is His Birthday, in much the same way that we celebrate our own birthdays. Every portrayal of the Christ Child in the manger has His hands extended toward us, as infants do, urging us to “pick Him up.” But it is the adult Christ that we are called to embrace, along with His teachings, His way of life, and His commitment to the Father’s will. With the aid of Scripture, the Sacraments, prayer, and God’s grace, we prepare each year for the final day when we meet Christ the Judge. When that day comes, may our lives reflect His--so that Jesus can truly see Himself reflected in how we have lived and loved.
“Dear Young People, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ and spread that light wherever you are.”

- Saint Pope John Paul II

SUNDAY COLLECTION
December 17, 2017

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Many thanks!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Servers: New ministry schedules are available for pick up in the sacristy.
- Sign Up sheets are in the Church Sacristy for the Christmas and January 1st Solemnity of Mary Masses. You can also sign up at: www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/CharlesBorromeo

St. Charles Sports Boosters
A Night At The Races
Saturday, January 20, 2018
6pm, Corrigan Gymnasium

$25.00 Tickets
Contact Athletic Director, Kevin Leigh (crickleigh@gmail.com) to purchase tickets.

Chicken, deli trays and beer will be provided. If you would like, bring your own snacks and alternative beverages.
Returning again this year...

Chinese Basket Raffle

All proceeds support the Sports Program at St. Charles.
In response to the many requests from parishioners, you can now listen to St. Charles Advent homilies on the home page of our parish website: stcharlesonline.org

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

*We Need You!*

- Are you looking to become involved in a new parish adventure in the New Year?
- Do you like to bring people together in the spirit of parish community and friendship?
- Do you like to plan and organize fun & interesting food & refreshment menus?

Then we need you as a volunteer to staff upcoming parish events that require organizing, serving and clean-up. Our initial need is for our monthly donut socials after Sunday Masses.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number.

**MASS AND ROSARY FOR LIFE**

Be a witness to your Faith — come to the 8:00am Mass and Rosary for Life on the last Saturday of the month — December 30th, to pray for the protection of all Human Life from the moment of conception to natural death.

**PRE-CANA DAY**

Saturday, February 10, 2018
St. Charles Parish Activity Center
Engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage are welcome to participate. Please stop in the Parish Office and pick up a registration form.

**The Parish Staff extend best wishes for a Blessed Christmas Season**

**PASTOR**
Fr. John T. Carlin
**PAROCHIAL VICARS**
Fr. Ryan J. Mann
Fr. Louis H. Thomas
**PASTORAL ASSOCIATES**
Sr. Denise Marie Vlna, O.S.U.
Mr. Brian G. Pelcin
**WEEKEND ASSOCIATE**
Fr. Anselm Zupka, O.S.B.
**DEACONS**
Mr. John Talerico
Mr. Daniel M. Galla
**DAY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**
Mrs. Eileen M. Updegrove
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**
Mrs. Paula J. Leigh
**MINISTER OF MUSIC/BUSINESS MANAGER**
Mr. Thomas E. Holzheimer

**Daily Evangelization**

"Remember to share the joy of Christ with others year round"

**Merici Chapel...** We have waited four weeks to celebrate the most important birthday on earth. Try and set aside a few minutes to stop by Merici Chapel and thank Jesus for His coming to earth to be with us. He will give you a gift on His Birthday — His Love and Peace.

**OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers) are available at the Parish Office. Limited supply available.**
MARY QUEEN OF PEACE  (216-749-2323)
It can be one of the most difficult times...for those who have
a loved one who is incarcerated. That’s why our team that
facilitates our LEAF meetings felt it was important to meet
this week. LEAF provides support and assistance to those
undergoing the separation of a loved one who is in prison.
The next LEAF meeting will be on Wednesday, December 27th at 7pm in the Marian Lounge.

ST. LEO THE GREAT  (216-661-1006)
Mountaineer Casino Bus Trip to West Virginia, Tuesday, January 16th, cost $30 per person / Casino Bonus $20 free
slot play. Leaving 9am, returning 6:45pm. Meal stop
enroute on own. Call Joanne (440)526-3505.

ST. THOMAS MORE  (216-749-0414)
Come enjoy a night of Bingo at STM! Every Wednesday
doors open at 5pm, Instants at 5:30pm and early birds begin
at 6:30pm.

ST. CHARLES LADIES GUILD
LOTTERY
Lottery tickets for February 2018 are availa-
bale in the Parish Office for $5.00 each. The
winning 3 digit numbers come in from the
7:30pm drawing on Channel 5 and must be straight. If your
ticket is a winner, you will get a check for $100! This is one
of our big fundraisers so please help us out. Any questions,
please call Jacki (440)884-3030. Thank you!

KING OF COLUMBUS
The St. Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of
Columbus #16137 will be hosting a
blood drive as part of the LifeShare Grant Program Blood Drive on
Sunday, December 31, 2017 from 9:00am to 1:00 pm, in the lower hall at St. Charles
Borromeo Church. For each successful donation Lifeshare will be giving donors a pair of socks. Helping
us will be LifeShare Community Blood Services, a 68-year-old Northeast Ohio community focused charity, committed to making sure that donated blood remains in
the community where it was given. LifeShare has been
selected by the hospitals of Northeast Ohio as a source of
blood and blood components for their patients. For more
information and to sign up online please visit
www.lifesharedonor.org, sponsor code: stcharles

Brother Knights, our business meeting will be on
January 2nd. Rosary at 6:45 pm, followed by the business
meeting at 7:00 pm in the Borromeo Room of the Parish
Activity Center.

Have you heard about the Shroud of Turin, and want to
learn more? The Saint Charles Knights of Columbus are
day to invite David Onysko to speak about the Shroud of
Turin at Saint Charles. Looks for future bulletin announce-
ments for more information.

Please Pray the Rosary.

IT'S BETTER TO GIVE
THAN TO RECEIVE ...
BUT WHY NOT DO BOTH?
We will DONATE $50 to the
school or church of your choice
when we finance your car with our
GIVING BACK AUTO LOAN!

We are donating $5,700 to 51
schools and churches in the
Diocese of Cleveland.
St. Charles Parish will receive
$900 because 18 people
financed with us!

Call 440-886-2558 or visit
unitycatholiccu.org to learn more.
REGISTER NOW

Time – Out !
An Experience for Men 25 - 45

Sunday, January 28th
Noon Mass – 5:00 PM

The Playground Sports Bar & Grill (Day Drive, Parma)

Time-out! for...

- Relaxation
- Inspiration
- Great Food
- God

Only $20/person

Register in Parish Office...space is limited.
Questions? Please contact Brian Pelein

SAVE ACME STORE RECEIPTS
Saint Charles School will once gain be participat-
ing in the Acme Community Cash Back Program
beginning August 2017 through January 2018.
Please tell your family and friends to save Acme
Store Receipts! The receipts can be dropped off
at the school or parish office and this is an easy
way for us to earn cash. WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL
YOUR SUPPORT!!

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY
ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY
We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book &
Directory for the church. This book will contain everything
pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations,
committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete
directory of all members. This book is being provided and
direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is
again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise.

If you do not want your telephone number listed in the
Directory, now is the time to call the Parish Office (440)
884-3030 and let us know. Please note that any changes
requested are included in this upcoming edition only.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
$100 WINNER
April Dugan

RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAYS
Are you looking for an easy way to help the
students of St. Charles Borromeo this holiday
season? Please recycle all of your Christmas
wrapping paper, cards, catalogs, packaging, and
boxes at one of our two convenient locations: the
Unity Catholic Credit Union parking lot on Alber
Avenue or the parking lot behind St. Charles School on Wilber
Avenue. Please remember to flatten all cardboard boxes! River
Valley recycling only takes paper products not Styrofoam, plastic,
or aluminum! If you have any questions or need assistance,
please contact Diane Ward at (216)559-1526. Have a very Merry
Christmas!!!

RETROUVAILLE
Retrouvaille is a three-month program to help couples struggling
in their marriages. It has three phases, starting with a weekend
experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication
and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a
couple. Post sessions are held over a period of 12 weeks to
further develop and enhance the techniques learned on the
weekend. A support group is available offering interaction with
other couples who are striving to improve their relationship. The
2018 weekends scheduled are: January 19-21, April 13-15 and
September 21-23. For more information go to their website
www.helpourmarriage.com, for registration or email Marce &
Liz Gliha at 3031@retrouvaille.org

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Give your child the **greatest** Christmas gift this year…

To: Our child
Love: Mom and Dad

a Catholic education from

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish School

What are the strengths of Saint Charles School?

- Hands-on learning, socialization, authentic assessments
- Rigorous curriculum from the Diocese of Cleveland
- Letters → Words → Sentences
- Numbers → Computation → Problem Solving
- Full-day kindergarten program (7:45 AM—2:40 PM)
- Music, Physical Education, Art, Computer Science, Library
- Technology: Smartboards, Active Panels, 100 iPads, 1:1 Chromebooks for junior high

Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future

Join us for our Open Houses

Sunday, January 28 from 10:30am-12:30pm
or Tuesday, March 20 from 6:30-8:00pm

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