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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving message of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments,

Prayer and Service to others.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

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MASSES

Saturday, September 19, Vigil, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. † James Sproat

Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

For Our Parish Community 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. † Carl & Anna Eppich

11:00 a.m. † Judy Auer

† Arnold & Adelaide DeJong 5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 21, St. Matthew, Apostle and **Evangelist**

6:15 a.m. Special Intention (J.S.)

8:15 a.m. † Donna Quandt 6:30 p.m. † Paul Sturm Tuesday, September 22, Weekday

† Deceased Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred 6:15 a.m.

Heart

8:15 a.m. † Fr. James Koons

6:30 p.m. † William & Lee Ann Gladieux

Wednesday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

† Living & Deceased of the Castleman 6:15 a.m. Family

8:15 a.m. † Sandra Lauer

6:30 p.m. † Judy Auer

Thursday, September 24, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Peter & Alma Stewart 8:15 a.m. † Bud Marburger 6:30 p.m. † Kathy Banahoski

Friday, September 25, Weekday

† Dr. James & Rita Berghoff 6:15 a.m.

† Living & Deceased of the Storch Family 8:15 a.m.

6:30 p.m. † Frank Tratnyek

Adoration and Benediction 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, Weekday, Sts. Cosmas and

Damian, Martyrs

† For the Intentions of the Priests at St. 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, September 26, Vigil, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. † Donald & Helen Wirth

Sunday, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Yolanda Foster 9:00 a.m. † Robert Tippmann

11:00 a.m. † Ric Stoner

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

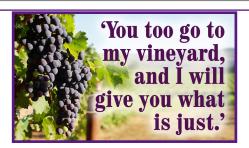
Sun., September 20:ls 55.6-9/Phil 1.20c-24,27a/Mt 20.1-16a Mon., September 21:Eph 4.1-7,11-13/Mt 9.9-13 Tues., September 22:Prv 21.1-6,10-13/Lk 8.19-21 Wed., September 23:Prv 30.5-9/Lk 9.1-6 Thurs., September 24:Eccl 1.2-11/Lk 9.7-9 Fri., September 25:Eccl 3.1-11/Lk 9.18-22 Sat., September 26:Eccl 11.9—12.8/Lk 9.43b-45



PATRIOTIC ROSARY **FOR AMERICA**

At St. Charles Saturday Mornings-10:00 a.m.

Parking Lot on the Corner of Trier and Reed Roads



SEPTEMBER 20 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's Generosity

Reading I Isaiah 55.6-9 (Seeking the Lord)

Reading II Philippians 1.20-24,27 (Spreading the Gospel)

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

(The laborers in the vineyard)

Key Passage: The landowners said, "Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"

Adult: Which has deepened your faith more-being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Who needs you to treat them with care this week?

Child: Think of a time when you were very fair, then think of a time when you were very generous. Which felt better?

Saturday, September 26

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Chris Hartman, Edward Koors, Roby Kaufman, Andy Stauffer, Tom Yaggy

(C Carolyn Tyndall)

Lectors: Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell

Sacristan: Gerry Brubaker

Sunday, September 27

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

David Pierre, Max & Anne Tinkel, Grace

Webster

(C Jane Relue)

Lectors: Justín Braselton, Susie Hague

Sacristan: Volunteer Needed

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Patricia Henry, Jan Hoy, Colleen Jacobson, Colleen O'Leary

(C Kathy Suever)

Lectors: Bev Péters, Dennis Redding

Sacristan: Kate Sweigert

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sarah Brust, Carole Fuller, Beth Miller, Cindy 11:00 a.m.

O'Shaughnessey, Tes Sanderlin

(C Tom Auer) Lectors : Beńjamin Franke, Beau Strack

Sacristan: Darlene Simpson

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Sara Bentz, Gene & Marilyn Tippmann, Jerry

Tippmann (C Jill O'Sullivan)

Lectors: Debra Rorick, Nicole Scott

Sacristan: Jill O'Sullivan

HASA 300 CLUB 2019-2020 \$150.00 - September 14 DARLENE SIMPSON



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This is pledge weekend for the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The appeal is the main source of income for our local Catholic Church—for the bishop and all of the many ministries which take place through diocesan efforts. We will have pledge cards in the pews this weekend and we encourage everyone to be as generous as you are able. A lot of good

works are possible because of the appeal, and any gifts over our goal are given back to the parish. If you aren't ready to make a decision this weekend, take a pledge card and return it later, or make your pledge on the diocesan website, diocesefwsb.org.

This Wednesday Redeemer Radio will have their Tune-in for All-in event, a pandemic replacement for the fall Sharathon. Tune in to the radio station, FM 106.3, or go to their website, redeemerradio.com, for some interesting events on Wednesday. Bishop Rhoades will be featured at noon, and at 7:00 p.m. there will be a program with games, surprise plans announced, and interesting video clips of the hobbies of various priests. (You won't see the videos on the radio; you'll need a screen for this.) You can also find this on Facebook at http://bit.ly/tuneinFB.

The St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor will take place next weekend. Bishop Rhoades, Fr. Thomas and I will be joining our local St. Vincent de Paul workers and other parishioners to walk a few miles and accept pledges to help the poor. If you would like to pledge, go to www.fopwalk.org and follow the directions for the Fort Wayne walk. Our parish St. Vincent de Paul does a lot of good work in helping those in need.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL Pledge Sunday for the Annual Bishop's Appeal

By giving to the Annual Appeal today, you answer God's call to discipleship by supporting His work throughout our diocese. Your gift has a two-fold effect: it supports the work of the diocesan services, ministries and programs, and offsets our parish goal. Any overage will stay in the parish to fund the church renovations.

Please complete a pledge card this weekend, or go online to make a gift. Thank you for your prayerful and generous response.

DIVORCED/SEPARATED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

St. Charles Church is pleased to announce the return of the DVD series to men and women who have suffered from divorce: The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide.

Please join us for our first session on *Monday, September 21*. The topic is "Getting Your Bearings." The topic reveals how God can bring full healing to the initial shock, worry and fear when it seems overwhelming. The program begins promptly at 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Join us in the Community Room off of the Gathering Space. (Second session will be held on Monday, September 28)

For more information, contact Casey, www.stcadulted.scbfw.org.



The St. Charles Council of St. Vincent dePaul Society will meet on **Monday, September 21**, 2020 7:00 p.m. in the **Hession Center, Room B.** This will be an in person meeting only. Our organization does many different corporal works of mercy, such as feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. If that is something that is important to you please

plan to attend our next meeting to find out how you can lend a hand.

Thank YOU. The SVdP Society would like to thank all of the generous parishioners that have contributed to us to help the needy. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021 SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Budgeted Collection Needed \$ 36,600.00
September 13 Collection \$ 28,383.01
Deficit This Week \$ (8,216.99)
Deficit Year to Date \$ (29,256.29)

Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves—by wise use of their time and talents—in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.



"This Week in RCIA"

September 22

A JOURNEY IN FAITH This week in RCIA, we will take a look at Saints and Angels. How

can we have a relationship with those who have gone before us? Can we pray to saints? What is their role in our life? We honor the Saints not based on their own merit but based on what they allowed God to do through them. They are a reflection of the love of God. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates, Casey, Jacob, Graham, Brian, Todd, Julian, and Jessica as they continue their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.



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SCRIP NEWS

We're Back, hopefully! At least as we write this, we are planning to be back for **SCRIP** sales and in the office this week. We did have a bit of a COVID scare; but by taking the necessary precautions and lots of prayers, we seem to have come through it okay. Thank you for your patience, prayers and understanding. We will do all we can to keep you safe. Please continue to wear your masks, wash your hands and stay safe.

A Word of Thanks – A very special thank you to our *Knights of Columbus*, particularly, *Doug Baisinger, Dennis Redding and Bob Current* for the safety shields they installed on our sales tables in the Gathering Space. We truly appreciate your efforts to keep us safe as we work through this pandemic.

Success is in the Numbers – The St. Charles SCRIP program started nearly 20 years ago thanks to a small group of parents from our school. At that time, it was mostly groceries and gas; and the parish received all the profit. SCRIP programs spread and grew in other parishes, throughout the city and across the country. Our program really took off when Msgr. Suelzer made the decision to share the profit with the families who participated. School families could earn tuition credit with their SCRIP profit; parishioners who didn't have students, could make a tax deductible donation to the church with their credit by choosing from a list of various parish needs.

As the program became more popular, a talented and dedicated **SCRIP** team reached out to local merchants and found new ways to make the program more accessible to our parishioners. The program thrived! At its height, a little over <u>20% of the parish</u> supported our program resulting in <u>\$4 million</u> in gift card sales, which netted nearly <u>\$100,000</u> in profit for the parish. This helped the parish reach a lot of goals. Additionally, parishioners earned nearly <u>\$100,000</u> in tuition credit and donations.

Unfortunately, our numbers have decreased a little each year. Parish participation dropped to about <u>13%</u> last year, with sales at about <u>\$2.4 million</u>, netting approximately <u>\$40,000</u> in profit for the parish. While this is still a very nice profit, we know the potential is there to reach those higher numbers again - IF we can just increase our participation.

We know that the pandemic has had a profound effect on many families across the nation with the loss of lives as well as their economic well-being. However, parishes also felt the economic pinch when the churches were forced to close. They are open again but they are operating at a minimal capacity while maintaining their full operating budget. Participation in the SCRIP program could really help our parish. Besides helping the parish, SCRIP can be a great budgeting tool and put money back into our pockets as we earn rebates on all our purchases. SCRIP is a wonderful program where everybody wins!

Thanks to all our faithful supporters. Let's work together to build those numbers back up. The parish and each of you will feel the *success* of the increased *numbers*.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING MASS 5:15 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church

Fr. Daniel Whelan has graciously invited 40 Days for Life participants to celebrate Holy Mass on Wednesday, September 23, beginning with Adoration at 5:15 p.m. Benediction will follow right before Holy Mass at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Annemarie Deville, 260-797-3144 (annemariedeville@gmail.com)



THANK YOU

The recent *St Charles Knights of Columbus "Big Boys Tools and Toys"* garage sale was a great success. On behalf of St Charles K of C Council 451, we wish to thank all who generously donated items and or otherwise supported the sale. Due to your overwhelming generosity and support the Knights were able to raise over \$3600, 100% donated to St Charles Parish to assist the donation shortfall in these difficult times.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our fall parish blood drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held **Saturday, October 10**, in the school cafeteria. We therefore ask that the usual generous blood donors from St Charles "save their arms" and **not** donate anywhere else **after** August 10!

Save your blood for St. Charles!

Go to American Red Cross website to schedule an appointment...left side of the homepage...
fill in zip code "46815",
scroll down to the date, October 10.
Look for St. Charles Catholic Church



Signup to receive digital communication from St. Charles

visit: eva.us/stcfw

Select how you want to receive notifications: text or email, or even link to twitter or Facebook



ST. CHARLES YOUTH MINISTRY

YDISCIPLE

WEEKLY YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS ARE STARTING SOON!

DO YOU HAVE A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL TEEN READY TO DIVE DEEPER IN THEIR FAITH & FRATERNITY WITH THEIR FRIENDS?

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR LEADERS & PARENTS TO ACCOMPANY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT STACEY HUNECK YOUTHMINISTRY@SCBFW.ORG OFFICE (260)484-7307

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is the teaching document of the Catholic Bishops of the United States on the political responsibility of Catholics. It provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.

Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good. In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [Gaudete et exsultate], Pope Francis writes:

Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. . . . You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.²

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and

become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena." The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. ⁴

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The Compendium continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (Gaudium et Spes, no. 27).

Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society."⁵

Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth. The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.⁷

The Common Good

The common good is comprised of "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily." §

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to care for God's creation, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si'* as "our common home." We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an "ecological debt" (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an "ecological conversion" (no. 219), by which "the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us]". Indeed, this concern with "natural ecology" is an indispensable part of the broader "human ecology," which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity

Solidarity is "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible *for all*." It is found in "a commitment to the good of one's neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to 'lose oneself' for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to 'serve him' instead of oppressing him for one's own advantage." ¹¹

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes

- 1 Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1913-15.
- 2 Gaudete et Exsultate, no. 25.
- 3 Evangelii Gaudium, no. 221
- 4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 185.
- 7 Centesimus Annus, no. 48; Dignitatis Humanae, nos. 4-6.
- 8 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 164
- 9 Laudato Si', no. 77.
- 10 Laudato Si', no. 217.
- 11 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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