

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

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26th
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

“Amen, I say you,
tax collectors and
prostitutes are
entering the
kingdom of God
before you.”

Matthew 21:31

MASSSES

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

Monday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

6:15 a.m. † Barbara Dold

8:15 a.m. † Helen Tippmann

6:30 p.m. † Michael Askins

Tuesday, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

6:15 a.m. † Oliver Schnelker

8:15 a.m. † John, Hildegard & Msgr. John Suelzer

6:30 p.m. † James Barta

Wednesday, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Helen Gochenor

8:15 a.m. † Arthur & Joan Klein

6:30 p.m. † Judy Auer

Thursday, October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Special Intention & Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:15 a.m. † Susan Dosdos

6:30 p.m. † Margaret Lynch Fortier

Friday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels, First Friday

6:15 a.m. † Arthur Wuttke

8:15 a.m. † Fred Tone

6:30 p.m. † Jerry Gill

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, October 3, Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Paul Echlin

Saturday, October 3, Vigil, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Carmela Saggese

Sunday, October 4, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Kathryn Current

9:00 a.m. † Stephen Forte

11:00 a.m. † Judy Auer

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27

Sun., September 27: Ez 18.25-28/Phil 2.1-11/Mt 21.28-32

Mon., September 28: Jb 1.6-22/Lk 9.46-50

Tues., September 29: Dn 7.9-10, 13-14/Jn 1.47-51

Wed., September 30: Jb 9.1-12, 14-16/Lk 9.57-62

Thurs., October 1: Jb 19.21-27/Lk 10.1-12

Fri., October 2: Jb 38.1, 12-21; 40.3-5/Mt 18.1-5, 10

Sat., October 3: Jb 42.1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10.17-24

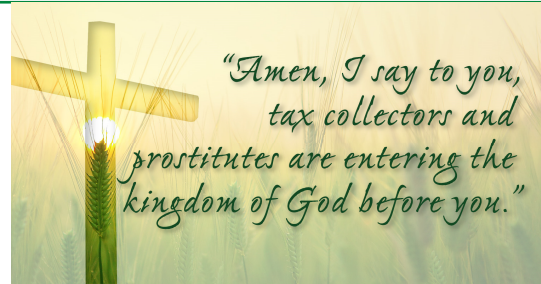


PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR AMERICA

At St. Charles

Saturday Mornings-10:00 a.m.

Parking Lot on the Corner of
Trier and Reed Roads



SEPTEMBER 27

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Challenge to Forgive

Reading I

Ezekiel 18.25-28
(Personal responsibility)

Reading II

Philippians 1.1-11
(Imitating Christ's humility)

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32
(Parable of the two sons)

Key Passage: A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, "Son go out and work in the vineyard today." He said in reply, "I will not," but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, "Yes, Sir, but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will. They answered, "The first."

Adult: When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

Child: Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

Saturday, October 3

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Barb Heil, Becky Kien, Mary Jane Steup, Laura Underwood (**1 Volunteer Needed**)
(C Carolyn Tyndall)

Lectors: Sarah Hunnefeld, Dr. Tom Ryan

Sacristan: Margo Ludwig

Sunday, October 4

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
James Langlet, Marijo Sliger, C.J. Steigmeyer, Larry Wellman
(C Susie Hague)

Lectors: Cece Dunderman, Carol Merkel

Sacristan: Cheryl Roy

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Stephen Shannon, Donna Wagner
(**2 Volunteers Needed**)
(C Kathy Vande Zande)

Lectors: Patricia Henry, Phillip Ottah

Sacristan: Amanda Scherschel

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Edwin Capuyan, Maria Ellinger, David Lonsway, Teresa Michel (C Darlene Simpson)

Lectors: Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Matthew O'Shaughnessey

Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Debbie Stevens, Judi Ueber
(**2 Volunteers Needed**)
(C Teresa Burke)

Lectors: Derek Pillie, Nathan Pillie

Sacristan: Volunteer Needed

HASA 300 CLUB 2019-2020

\$150.00 - September 21 **CARL & MARY FOWLER**



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Our Parish Council observed that we haven't had any parish social events for a long time. Since March, we canceled The Lenten Fish Fry, all of our coffee and donut gatherings, Cardinal Fest, and our Craft Show. The council came up with a simple idea: we are

planning an outdoor event the evening of Friday, October 9, with food trucks and a giant screen to watch a livestream of the Bishop Dwenger/Snider football game. The food trucks will open for business at 6:00 p.m. and the game will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring your own chair, and bring warm clothing. We will need masks as we gather around the food trucks and talk close to one another, but if we spread out a bit to watch the game, we'll have a chance to remember what each other looks like without a mask.

The Knights of Columbus presented the parish with a check for \$3,622.00 as the profit from their recent garage sale. That has to be one of the most lucrative garage sales ever! It was also a good display of friendliness with the neighborhood and it represents an impressive amount parish donations and volunteer work from our Knights. We are grateful.

We are excited about the latest vocation development in our parish. Parishioner Austin Roy left last week for Vermont, where he is joining a Carthusian Monastery, the Charterhouse of the Transfiguration. The Carthusians are a religious order dating to the eleventh century, known for a very austere life of silence and prayer. The monastery website states that they don't accept visitors, but Austin's parents indicated that they will be allowed a yearly visit and Austin can write home four times a year. We are excited about this vocation. We benefit more than we will ever know from the prayer of our religious.

With the pandemic, many of our liturgical ministers have not yet returned to Mass and we find that we are short, especially at the two evening Masses and the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. We can use more **readers** to proclaim the Scriptures at Mass, **sacristans** to help organize vessels and books, and **extraordinary ministers** to help distribute Holy Communion. To help, you need to be a Confirmed Catholic in good standing in the Church. If you are interested, please contact Karen Hope at ministries@scbfw.org or 484-6570. We will be organizing a training session for each ministry.

I'm leaving on Monday for a little vacation time and I'll be gone through next weekend. After the Covid virus threw a wrench into previous plans, I decided on a solo trek in Pennsylvania with my backpack and tent. I will be out in the woods with no mask-- coughing, singing, and sneezing just like the good old days.

Fr. Tom

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 on **Monday, September 28**, for the second session entitled "Finding Right Direction", which reminds us to avoid looking for love "in all the wrong places", how to find help in the Church, and how to begin making a specific "survival plan". 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.

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

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	36,600.00
September 20 Collection	\$	43,544.71
This Week	\$	6,944.71
Deficit Year to Date	\$	(22,311.58)



"This Week in RCIA"

September 29

This week in RCIA, we will take a look at our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. Our Catholic understanding of Mary reflects our Catholic understanding of Christ. Why is it that we give Mary the titles: Mother of God, "Immaculate Conception" and "Virgin Mother"? We will attempt to understand more about Mary in an effort to understand more about Her Son. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates, Casey, Jacob, Graham, Brian, Todd, Julian, Ryan, Caleb and Jessica as they continue their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

RETREAT PLANNING TEAM

Wednesdays | 6-7 PM | The Youth Center

Teens on the planning team must have attended at least one retreat previously and be at least a sophomore.

The retreat is Nov 13-15 at St. Felix.

To join, contact youthministry@scbfw.org

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SCRIP NEWS



No Doubt About It! – Both the calendar and the weather tell us that autumn is here. We make room in our schedules for football, volleyball, cross-country, soccer, raking leaves, bonfires as well as apple and pumpkin picking. It's time to make room in our closets for coats;

do they need to be dry cleaned? We have **SCRIP** gift certificates for **Master Cleaners** and **Peerless Cleaners**. Need a new coat this year? Check out **American Eagle, JC Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, Target** or **Wal-Mart**. **Burlington Coat Factory, Carter/OshKosh** and **The Children's Place** can be special ordered. We place our order for gift cards on Monday mornings, so call before 9:00 a.m. Your gift cards will be available by noon the following Thursday.

Believe it or not, Thanksgiving is less than 60 days away and Christmas less than 90 days away! It's not too early to stock up on gift cards for your grocery budget and Christmas list so you are ready for these celebrations. Purchasing one or two extra gift cards each week can help take the stress off your budget as these holidays draw closer. **SCRIP** is your "one stop gift card source."

Volunteers – With COVID, we pretty much dismissed our volunteer schedule in an effort to social distance and keep all of you safe. That being said the 2019-2020 schedule ends this weekend. We worked on the 2020-2021 schedule this week. It covers October 2020 through and including September 2021. That being said, we thank Judy Smith for continuing to work with us during the past few months. If you have students in St. Charles, your schedule will come home with your student. If you do not have a student, your schedule will be mailed.



Welcome! – **SCRIP** welcomes Bussick Orthodontics to the **St. Charles SCRIP** program. Dr. Bussick has offices at 9830 Auburn Road as well as 7207 Engle Road. He is offering a **\$150 rebate on Phase I treatment** and a **\$300 rebate on Phase II treatment**. We appreciate Dr. Bussick's support as well as all our professional merchants who support our program.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Planned Parenthood—2930 Lake Ave.

St. Charles Day is Wed., October 14. Join us for one hour from 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Sign up sheets will be on the tables in the back of Church. (Can park at Divine Mercy parking lot.)

Please come join the
2020 FATIMA Public Rosary Rally!
October 10, 2020 @ 12:00 Noon

St. Charles Catholic Church
north parking lot (corner of Trier and Reed)
Please bring your own chair for seating, blankets, etc...

For more information, please contact Loretta Russell at (260) 438-0724 or email Rlrussell85@gmail.com

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

In Case You Forgot

If you did not make your Annual Appeal pledge last weekend, please take time to do so today. We invite everyone to share a portion of God's blessings with others by supporting the annual appeal. No gift is too small (or too big). Please give from the heart. We hope for 100 percent participation of our parish this year. Thank you for your support of our diocesan ministries and services.



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

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE

The Bake Sale will be on **October 3 and 4** this year. It will be a little different from past years. All items will be priced at \$5.00 with limited selections and volume. This is due to Covid. Please remember to maintain distancing while browsing and purchasing.

Your support of our seminarians has been very generous in the past. Please continue to support them even with this change.

May God bless you all for your prayers for our seminarians.



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
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"It is a good and holy thought to pray for the dead."
(2 Maccabees 12)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Cynthia Maguire**.

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part II of II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles

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

Part I of the summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, considered the core principles that underlie Catholic engagement in the political realm. Part II is a consideration of the process by which these principles are applied to the act of voting and taking positions on policy issues. It begins with the general consideration of the nature of conscience and the role of prudence. The application of prudential judgment does not mean that all choices are equally valid or that the bishops' guidance and that of other church leaders is just another political opinion or policy preference among many others. Rather, Catholics are urged to listen carefully to the Church's teachers when they apply Catholic social teaching to specific proposals and situations.

How Does the Church Help the Catholic Faithful to Speak About Political and Social Questions?

A Well-Formed Conscience

The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

The Virtue of Prudence

The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage, which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. At times, Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build, through moral means, a more just and peaceful world.

Doing Good and Avoiding Evil

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion. Similarly, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, and other acts that directly violate the sanctity and dignity of human life including genocide, torture, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Nor can violations of human dignity, such as acts of racism, treating workers as mere means to an end, deliberately subjecting workers to subhuman living conditions, treating the poor as disposable, or redefining marriage to deny its essential meaning, ever be justified.

Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential. As St. John Paul II said, "The fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment."¹ The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights such as a right to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive—including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work.

Avoiding Two Temptations

Two temptations in public life can distort the Church's defense of human life and dignity: The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed. The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, environmental degradation, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care or housing, pornography, human trafficking, redefining civil marriage, compromising religious liberty,

or unjust immigration policies are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

Making Moral Choices

The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73).

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.¹

What Public Policies Should Concern Catholics Most?

As Catholics, we are led to raise questions about political life other than those that concentrate on individual, material well-being. We focus more broadly on what protects or threatens the dignity of every human life. Catholic teaching challenges voters and candidates, citizens and elected officials, to consider the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. In light of ethical principles, we bishops offer the following policy goals that we hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect **human life**—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies with the supports they need. End the following practices: the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability; the destruction of human embryos in the name of research; the use of the death penalty to combat crime; and the imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.
- Protect the fundamental understanding of **marriage** as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman

as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.

- Achieve comprehensive **immigration** reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- Help families and children overcome **poverty** and ensure access to and choice in **education**, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the policy areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.
- Ensure full conscience protection and **religious freedom** for individuals and groups to meet social needs, and so enable families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation.
- Provide **health care** while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.
- Continue to oppose policies that reflect racism, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of **unjust discrimination**.
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of **military force**—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost—with a special view to seeking a responsible and effective response for ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.
- Join with others **around the world** to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

Notes

1. *Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52.

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