

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Parish Founded in 1819 Church built in 1879

December 3, 2017

Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 8, 2017

*"And
Blessed*

*is she who believed that there
would be a fulfillment of what
was spoken to her from the Lord."*

≡LUKE 1:45≡

Pastor:

Rev. Derrick Weingartner, S.J.

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See Parish Website for more information!

Mass Schedule

Saturday: St. Charles Church: Reconciliation 3:15

PM; Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

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

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon & Fri 6:15 AM;

Wed 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 first Sunday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the following Saturday.

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.



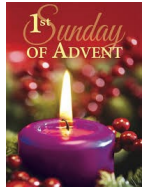
1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

*Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time
will come.*

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Our Offertory collection for the weekend of November 29th was \$7,331.50.
Our Offertory collection for this past weekend was \$5,731.00.

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Sandy Richard
By: Leroy, Gerry & Family



CHURCH MAINTENANCE

During the past several months, the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Facilities Maintenance Commission have been evaluating the long-term maintenance needs of the St. Charles Church building and rectory. After many meetings, discussions and evaluation, we recently sent a proposal to Bishop Deshotel, asking permission to begin a major maintenance/renovation project that will address the following issues:

- Exterior preservation and repairs to the church building, rectory, and connecting hallway including repair of deteriorated wood, as well as cleaning, painting, and waterproofing the exteriors of the buildings.
- Repairs to the church steeples and bell tower.
- Minor renovations of the rectory and public restrooms.
- Various improvements to the facilities that will address safety concerns and physical access.

Bishop Deshotel has accepted this proposal and given us permission to continue developing the project. We hope to begin work in early 2018.

I will keep you informed as we move forward. For now, I ask that you please pray for the success of our project. We want to ensure that the church is in good shape for future generations of Catholics to enjoy!

If you would like to help by contributing to the St. Charles Building Fund, you may do so online through the church's website or by placing a donation in a Building Fund envelope located in the rear of the church or the church office.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Fr. Derrick, S.J.

Friday, December 8th is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 6:15 AM and 8:00 AM (School Mass)

ADVENT GIVING TREE

St. Charles Church will sponsor an *Advent Giving Tree*, which is placed at the entrance of 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 and to a Nursing Home.

Please Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent

"The light is on for you" is a Diocesan wide event which will be held at St. Charles Church and all the Catholic parishes in the diocese scheduled each Wednesday during Advent; **December 6th, 13th and 20th from 6:30-8:00 PM**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession. Please also reach out to Catholics you know who have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again.

A "Sign-Up" sheet will be placed in the minister closet for anyone wishing to sign-up to serve as **Eucharistic Minister** or to serve as an **Usher** for the regular Masses on **December 23 & 24** and the Christmas Masses on **December 24 & 25**.



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.

Building Fund Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance of Church.



DECEMBER

Minister Schedule - December 9-10

Vigil-Lector Jim Burleigh

Communion Janice Kilchrist, Theresa Cormier/
Shirley Young, Lou Santillo
Melissa Stoute

Altar Servers Jake Domingue & Bethany Stoute

7:30-Lector Christina Baker

Communion Deacon Guy Kilchrist
Katherine Aycock, Lolita & Paul
Henry, Juanita Comeaux

Altar Servers Darrell Burleigh,
Lucy & Samantha Baker

10:30-Lector Lydia Boxie

Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau
Nancy Bourque, Marie Campbell
Barbara Broussard, Amy Taylor

Altar Servers Leah Bourque, Carson Taylor,
Logan Myers

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

Ladies Auxiliary Court #34 will pray the **Rosary** on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 PM in the KPC Hall. Everyone is invited.

Thensted Center is in need of donations to fill Christmas Baskets. Gift items and monetary donations may be dropped off at the Thensted or you may call 662-5838.

God's Housekeepers - December 9-10

Shirley Marks Shirley McKinney
Vernon & Amy Lowery
Perry & Brenda Kennerson
Allen Charles Karlene Dugas



If you walk one step toward Jesus, He will run ten steps towards you.

Thensted Center will soon be accepting applications for **Christmas Gift Boxes**. We encourage all low-income (both employed & unemployed) to apply. It is required to submit proof of residency, proof of income and expenses. Applications will be accepted December 1st, 4th and 6th from 10AM-Noon; 1PM-3PM. And on December 8th from 5:30-6:30 PM. For further information, contact Thensted Center at 662-5838.

Coming Events

T	5	6 PM Chimes Choir Practice
W	6	8 AM Mass
		8:30 AM Patriotic Rosary
		6:30-8:00 PM "The Light is On For You"
F	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
		Masses at 6:15 and 8:00 AM School Mass
M	11	5:30 PM Ladies Aux. Rosary in KPC Hall
T	12	6 PM Chimes Choir Practice
W	13	8 AM SIS School Mass
		9 AM Pro Life Rosary
		6:30-8:00 PM "The Light is On For You"
SA	16	10 AM First Reconciliation



Angola Bus Trip Scheduled for Sunday, **December 10, 2017**. The bus leaves at 7:30 AM From St. Paul's Church. Call the Office of Justice & Peace at 261-5545 to reserve your seat. Please note the following rules:

- ◆ Bring a current pictured Louisiana issued driver's license or current I.D.
- ◆ Name must be on inmate's visiting list, if over 14 years of age
- ◆ If over 14 years of age, must also have a current La. Issued ID Card
- ◆ No /shorts, sleeveless shirts or T-Shirt
- ◆ Ladies no purses, wallets only
- ◆ No blue jeans

For more information, contact Stephanie Bernard Program Coordinator at 261-5545.