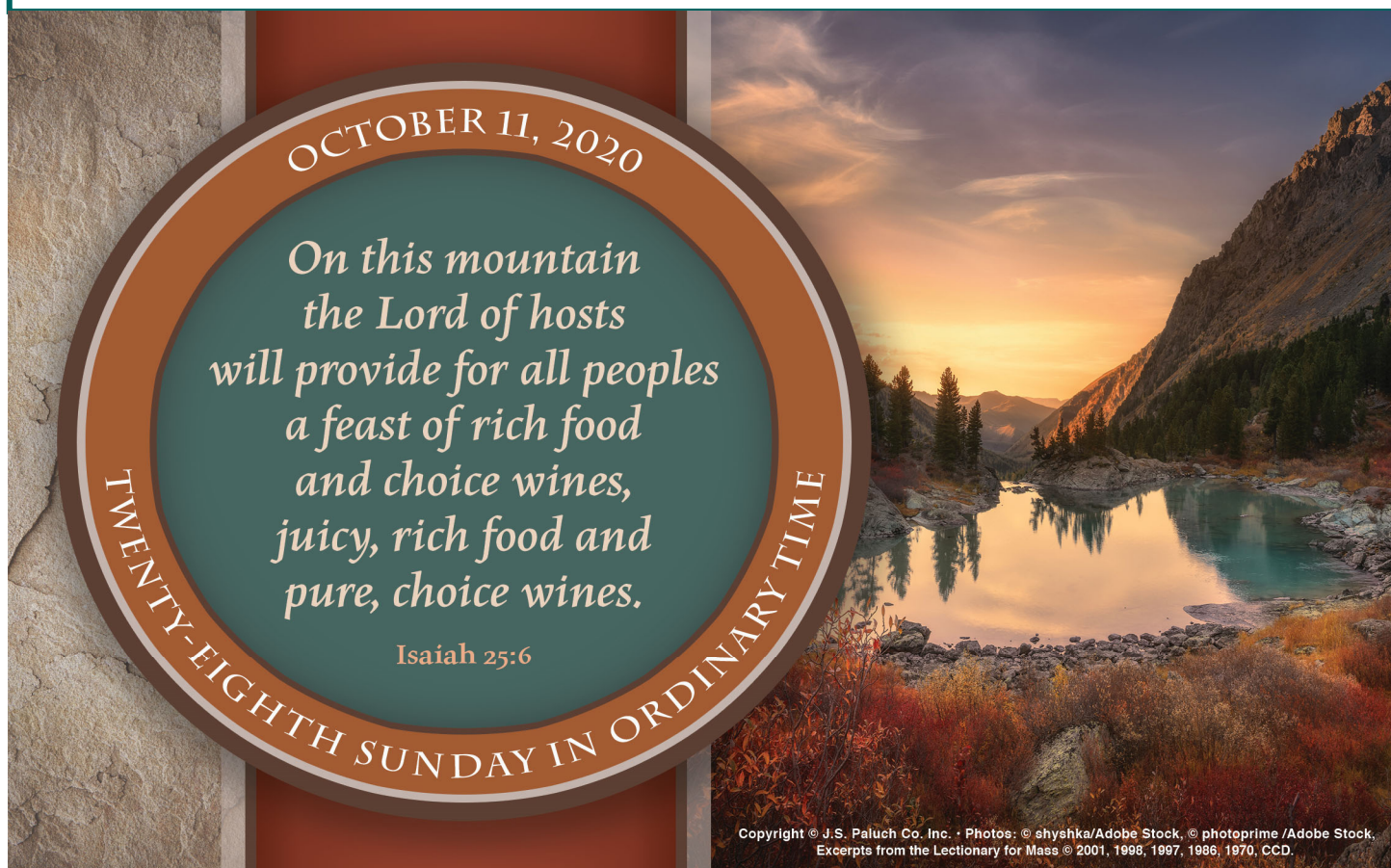


St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Parish founded in 1819 and Existing Church built in 1879

Christ the King Mission



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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 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.



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Offertory contributions from October 4th for St. Charles Church were \$6,998.00.
Contributions from October 4th toward the Building Fund were \$1,456.00.
Offertory contributions from October 4th for Christ the King Mission were \$1,057.00.
Christ the King Mission Building Fund Contributions were \$115.00.

Bulletin Sponsor: In Loving Memory of Russell Stelly

By: Delores Stelly & Family

Altar Flowers: In Memory of George Richard & Mabel Richard Jacqueline & Shameka Johnson

By: Shaterral, Saderia, Surlay & Grandchildren



We wish to announce that Fr. Clyde Leblanc's father, **Clyde Joseph Hoâ LeBlanc**, passed away last week, at the age of 93. Please keep Fr. Clyde and his family in your prayers.

Clergy Appreciation Day is Sunday, October 11th.

Fr. Mark, Fr. Clyde and Deacon David, thanks for all the ways you lead and guide our church. We appreciate you!

Care and Cleaning of Altar Cloths

Thank You to Mrs. Amy Lowery & Mrs. Denese Copeland who have volunteered to launder the altar cloths. If anyone would like to participate in this ministry, please call the church office.

Mass Overflow in the School Gym

In case we reach church occupancy capacity we have decided to set-up an overflow room in the school gym. If and when the Church reaches capacity, the ushers will direct the faithful to the gym where they can participate in the Mass via livestream. This will assure that no one who comes for Mass will have to be turned away. Communion will be brought to those in the gym by an Extraordinary Minister of Communion at the regular time.

Winners of the Christ the King Calf Raffle:

Calf - Butch Shuman

TV—Garry Singleton

Hand Made Quilt - Charles Dugal

\$100 Gas Card—Patsy Dugas

Thanks to everyone for your generous support!

The **Healing Mass** will resume at **Christ the King Mission in Bellevue** on **Wednesday, October 21st**. A Rosary will be prayed at **6:00 PM** with the Healing Mass at **6:30 PM**



**Happy Birthday to Darrell Burleigh
on Tuesday, October 13th!!**

Worship Commission Meeting is scheduled for **October 13th at 9:00 AM** in the Rectory.



Attention All Veterans

In honor of **Veterans Day**, we will be awarding several **Quilts of Valor** to our veterans. If you would like to enter the drawing for a quilt, please fill out a drawing slip located on the back table of the church and put it in the box at the back of church. The drawing will be held on November 1, 2020. If you have questions please contact Debra Menard at 337-308-7756.

CONFIRMATION - Week #3 was spent completing student interviews, diving into the Sunday mass readings, and the **PURPOSE** Lesson:

Reasons. We learned different ways to read and understand Sacred Scripture (aka The Holy Bible) better and why Catholics use both Scripture and Tradition and not just the bible alone. No class this weekend.

Next Session: Sunday, October 18th at 11:45-1:15pm in the Religious Ed building

LIFENIGHTS—LifeTeen for 9th and 10th grade will be on Sunday evenings: 5:30 PM-7:00 PM starting on Sunday, November 8th. Parent Meeting & Student Orientation will be the first week of November. Registration forms are available to download and print on our parish website. *NOTE: These classes will be replacing Six Steps to Easter and will be required for students who wish to make their Confirmation at St. Charles in 11th grade.*

Voting and the Abortion Issue

As Bishop Deshotel mentioned in his letter on voting, the Church does not endorse any candidate or political party. Each person must weigh the moral issues and positions of the candidates and vote according to his or her conscience. Whatever choice we make, however, must give sufficient weight to the preeminent human rights issue of our generation, the right to life for the unborn. In order to remember the unborn who can be easily forgotten because they are not seen and have no voice, I offer the following reflection.

Over 61 million babies have been legally killed in this country since the infamous *Roe Vs. Wade* decision of 1973. According to the latest data, there are about 860,000 abortions every year in this country, which calculates to 16,538 abortions every week, and 2,363 abortions every single day.

It is not surprising, then, that the U.S. Bishops in their 2020 document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* [hereafter, FCFC], have repeated that “[t]he threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority” [FCFC, Introduction, *bold added*]. The Bishops go on to explain:

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called “**intrinsically evil**” actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia.” [FCFC, Introduction, *bold added*]

Most political issues do not involve intrinsically evil acts, but rather involve prudential judgments about which people of good will can disagree. For instance, policies on the proper level of taxation, on the best way of providing healthcare, on the appropriate regulation of immigration, and on the most effective way to increase jobs and wages are all examples of issues about which men and women of good will can have a disagreement of opinion.

In this same light, the Bishops go on to remind us that “it is essential for Catholics to be guided by a well-formed conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose policies promoting intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions.” [FCFC 32]. In fact, the Church has made clear that if a candidate promotes an intrinsically evil act, such as legal abortion, this may legitimately disqualify a candidate from receiving support. [FCFC 42].

The Bishops do acknowledge, however, that there may be times when a catholic who rejects a candidate’s unacceptable position on promoting an intrinsically evil act like abortion, may nevertheless decide to vote for that candidate for other *morally grave reasons*. The Bishops make clear though, that “voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil.” [FCFC 35]

The question then becomes: what other truly grave moral reasons would be proportional to outweigh the direct and legal killing of 2,363 innocent unborn children each and every day in this country?

Archbishop Chaput has commented on what a ‘proportional reason’ might be when it comes to the abortion issue: “It’s the kind of reason we will be able to explain, with a clean heart, to the victims of abortion when we meet them face to face in the next life – which we most certainly will. If we’re confident that these victims will accept our motives as something more than an alibi, then we can proceed.”

In this important election year, let us prayerfully discern our choices, inform our consciences, and weigh the moral issues under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, remembering to include in the balance the weight of the least among us, the hundreds of thousands of unborn children who are legally killed every year in our country.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Mark Kramer, S.J.
Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Church

Week 12



Please, Remember Me When You Vote



Minister Schedule for October 17-18, 2020

Vigil-Lector	Melissa Stoute
Communion	Corliss White
Communion-Gym	Mary Ann
7:30-Lector	Renee Taylor
Communion	Brenda Kennerson
Communion-Gym	Murphy Riggs
10:30-Lector	Kurt Richard
Communion	Pauline Richard
Communion-Gym	Denis Simon

Anyone with IT experience who is willing to assist in helping us set up the equipment for our Saturday Vigil or Sunday 10:30 AM Mass, is asked to contact Fr. Mark at 662-5279, ext. 3.

CEMETERY: We request there be **NO GLASS** vases put in the cemetery. There have been complaints of broken glass in various parts of the cemetery causing numerous problems. If glass vases are placed on the tomb, they will be removed and discarded.

Children's Ministry Sessions begin on **October 17th from 9-11AM**. All sessions are held in St. Charles Chapel. There is no cost for this ministry.

St Ignatius School will sponsor a **FISH FRY** on **Sunday, October 11th**: 3-Piece fried catfish w/corn & Cajun rice. Cost is \$12 each. Pickup from **11am-1pm** at St. Ignatius School. Call the office for tickets at 662-3325.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Explore more about the Catholic Faith in order to make a decision about entering the Church more fully through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Consider joining our RCIA Program for a weekly study of the faith and journey into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. The program began on **Wednesday, October 7th** and will continue until Holy Week in April of 2021.

Late registrations will be accepted on our website at www.st-charles-borromeo.org or email religious-education@st-charles-borromeo.org

Sacrament of BAPTISM is scheduled for **November 7th**. The Instruction Class is scheduled for **November 1st**. Please call the office by **October 19th** if you wish to sign up for November Baptisms. As a reminder, parents are required to attend an instruction class and Godparents are encouraged to attend as well.

GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

Liturgy of the Hours

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

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 264 Adoration Hours)**

Check the bulletin for updates to our St. Joseph Celebrations.

Thensted Center will be offering **Grab-N-Go Lunch Meals for Seniors** in the local community, beginning **October 13, 2020 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

It is required that the participants be 60 years of age or older, disabled or homebound. Everyone will be required to wear masks to insure the safety of participants and staff. The delivery process will be grab and go. The staff will package the meals and deliver to your car. For additional information, please call the Center at 662-5838.

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 Darrell or Mary Ann at 662-5279 to request a registration form or to seek out information about ministry participation and/or sacramental requests.