

# St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

## Christ the King Mission



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*St. Charles Borromeo Church  
Grand Coteau, LA*

**January 25, 2026**

**Pastor:**

Rev. Aaron Melancon

**Deacons:** Deacon David Menard  
Deacon Wynard Boutte

**Parish Manager:** Darrell Burleigh  
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**Music Leaders:**  
Julee Lemon —Director of Sacred Music  
Stephen Joubert

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the Church and schedule a meeting with the priest one month prior to the baptism date. Instruction class is held the second Saturday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the following month.

**Thensted Center Outreach** 337-308-4025 or 337-351-0003

### The Month of January is devoted to The Holy Name of Jesus

**Saturday (Sunday Vigil)**

Anticipated Sunday Mass 4:00 PM

**Sunday Masses**

St. Charles Church 7:30 AM  
Christ the King-Bellevue 9:15 AM  
St. Charles Church 11:00 AM

**Weekday Masses (St. Charles)**

Mon thru Sat 8:00 AM  
Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**St. Charles Church:** Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 PM-4:45 PM Saturday, 3:15-3:45 PM;  
**Christ the King, Bellevue** on Sunday 8:50-9:10 AM

**Also, during office hours,** call the office to schedule an appointment.

**Thursday Holy Hour of Reparation**—5:PM St. Charles Church

**Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**  
9am-5pm St. Charles Church, South Transept (cry room)

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples wishing to get married should call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin marriage preparation. Please visit our website for more detailed information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call during rectory office hours to schedule an appointment.

**Communion to the Sick:** Please call the office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday:** Closed morning. Open 1:00 to 4:00  
**Tues-Thur:** 8:00 to 12 noon, and 1:00 to 4:00  
**Friday:** 8:00 - 12 noon

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# Parish Announcements/Schedules

## Catholic School Week is January 25th –31st

Our Catholic school is the heartbeat of our parish, serving as a sacred space where faith and intellect grow hand in hand. By choosing a Catholic education, you provide your children with more than just academic excellence; you give them a moral compass and a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. We are deeply grateful for this gift, as it allows our youth to discover their God-given purpose within a community rooted in Gospel values.

## January is Human Trafficking Awareness month

### Prayer for an End to Human Trafficking:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to you across the world in prayer to pray for the abolishment of human trafficking in all its forms. Save the victims, help them to receive the proper guidance, counseling, shelter, and healing that is needed for them to overcome this violent act, we humbly pray. Flood the hearts of those committing these acts, so they may come to know Your Grace. Thank you, Lord, for your angels here on earth who serve and protect these vulnerable peoples. Through the intercession of St Peter Claver, our Patron Saint of slaves, and St. Josephine Bakhita, Patroness of charity and patience, bring us the spirit of wisdom and love. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, be our protector. Grant us the courage, strength, and ability to fight successfully to end the scourge of human trafficking. We ask this through, Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary ...**

**St. Peter Claver, pray for us**

This weekend we take up a **Second Collection for the Church in Latin America!** Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [usccb.org/Latin-America](http://usccb.org/Latin-America).

**Vocation Cross** sign-up sheet is available on the black stand at the entrance of St. Charles Church. The Vocation Cross will be available to take home in 2 week intervals. Please consider signing up and praying as a family for vocations. *"A family that prays together, stays together"*.

## Sponsorship of Altar Flowers and Bulletins are now available for 2026.

Over the next two weeks, the **2026 Bishop's Services Appeal** kicks off under the theme "Holding the Faith: Decades of Prayer & Service." The BSA is a vital initiative that funds essential ministries and social services our Diocese provides throughout Acadiana. Please begin prayerfully considering how your gift can link hope to action, ensuring that we carry forward the work of Christ.

### MINISTER SCHEDULE –January 31-Feb. 1

**4 PM-Lector Jim Burleigh**  
**EMHC** Lolita Henry  
**EMHC** Wanda Simoneaux Sharp  
**Altar Servers** Evie Catrou & Mazie Catrou

**7:30 Lector Karen McCoy**  
**EMHC** Amy Lowery  
**EMHC** Brenda Kennerson  
**Altar Server** Darrell Burleigh & Murphy Riggs

**11:00-Lector Andie Czajkowski**  
**EMHC** Nancy Bourque  
**EMHC** Denis Simon  
**Altar Server** Gabe Lemon & Sebastian Lemon

### CHRIST THE KING MISSION 369 Christ the King Road, Opelousas, La.

Jan 25 Margie Guilbeaux  
 Gifts: The Benoit Family

Feb 1 Kalyn Guilbeau  
 Gifts: Carmen Jordan & Carlton Jordan Family


Feb 8 Donald Dugas & Frances Richard  
 Gifts: Donald & Patricia Lastrapes

### OFFERTORY- Collection for January 17-18

St. Charles Church \$4,390.00  
 Christ the King Mission \$1,433.00

### MASS INTENTIONS –Jan. 24-31

Sat 4:00 PM - Dillon John Stelly

Sunday   
 7:30 AM -  
 9:15 AM - Pro Popula Mass  
 11:00 AM - M/M Eldridge Schwartzenburg

Mon 8:00AM - \*Bevon Perron Family

Tuesday  
 8:00 AM -  
 5:00 PM -\*Patricia Sonnier Burleigh

Wed 8:00AM - Flo Guidry

Thursday  
 8:00AM - Keith Menard  
 5:00 PM - Simon Broussard

Fri 8:00AM -  
 Sat 8:00AM -

### CHURCH CLEANERS - January 31-Feb. 1

Kandy Boss Mavis Stelly Amy Juneau  
 Christine LeBlanc Clyde Lavergne



**What is OCIC?** The Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC) is available to all children aged 7-15, whether baptized or unbaptized. These classes are designed to teach children about the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments they will receive at the Easter Vigil. Whether your family is just entering the Church, returning to the practice of the Catholic faith, or has delayed your child's sacramental preparation, everyone is welcome.

**What ages participate in OCIC?** OCIC is a program for children aged seven and older who have not been baptized or were baptized in another Christian denomination. It is also for older children and even high school students up to age 15 who are baptized in the Catholic faith but were never prepared for Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation.

**What is covered in OCIC classes?** The program offers a thorough review of the essentials and key teachings of the Catholic faith, which include: the Sacraments, Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

**When will the children receive the sacraments?** All children who are prepared will receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night before Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026.

Those who are unbaptized (Catechumens) will be baptized during the Easter Vigil and will receive First Holy Communion. Those who have already been baptized, whether Catholic or from another Christian denomination (Candidates), enter the Catholic Church by making a profession of faith before receiving First Holy Communion. If the child is baptized at the Easter Vigil, they will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession/Penance) and Confirmation after Easter.

**How do I enroll my child?** Parents can register their children online by visiting <https://st-charles-borromeo.org>. They should click the Religious Education tab, scroll down to OCIC Children's Formation, and click it. The program costs \$40.00 per student for those attending public or non-Catholic private schools. If the student has already been baptized, parents are asked to provide a copy of their child's baptismal certificate. **Online Registration: Begins Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, & Ends Feb. 13, 2026. Session begins, Tues. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> and ends Tues. March 24, 2026.**

**Online Registration Procedure:** Go to <https://st-charles-borromeo.org>. Click on the Religious Education tab; scroll down to "OCIC Children Formation."

Complete **Registration Form** and Proceed to Payment.

# REGISTRATION - GRADES 6 & 7

## PRE-JOURNEY TO CONFIRMATION



The primary reasons for a two-year catechesis period before confirmation are to facilitate deeper formation in faith, to foster psychological and spiritual maturity, and to ensure readiness to live as a mature Christian. This extended period enables candidates to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our ***Pre-Journey to Confirmation Program*** is a vital step in your child's faith journey, strengthening their relationship with Christ and the Church through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The program incorporates the most trusted research on how young people learn, communicate, and grow in their faith. Its content is comprehensive and developmentally appropriate, and it allows for very flexible scheduling. Additionally, it conforms to the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church***.

**Online Registration:** Begins January 26, 2026, and Ends February 13, 2026

**Session Begins:** Thursday, February 19, 2026, and Ends March 26, 2026

# Parish Organizations/Ministries

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### MEMBERS

Nancy Bourque - President  
Tucker Lavergne - Vice President  
Melissa Stoute - Secretary  
LaSonya Boast  
Jonathan Brown  
Marilyn Dejean  
Vanessa Domingue  
Paula Hardy  
Casey Henry  
Paula Jordan  
Christy Whaley  
Corliss White

**Trustees:**  
David Fruge  
Stephanie Richard

## St. Ignatius School News

This week highlights the important role Catholic education plays in forming disciples, strengthening families and servicing our wider community.

We invite parish families to learn more about SIS, our mission, our community, and our commitment to educating the whole child. If you or someone you know is interested in Catholic education, we welcome you to visit, tour, or ask a student or family what makes SIS such a special place!

At St. Ignatius School, we are grateful for the ongoing support of our parish and families. We invite you to keep our students, faculty, and staff in your prayers as we continue our mission to nurture faith-filled leaders grounded in academic excellence and service.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education and helping us continue to grow in faith, knowledge, and community!



This flag, which we honor is the emblem of our national unity as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation.

*Please pray that our nation will honor God and work for peace & justice in our nation and around the world.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Charles Richard - Director of Religious Ed**  
religious-education@st-charles-borromeo.org

### CCD Classes (Grades 1-5)

Classes are held on second Saturday of each month 8:30 AM-12:00 PM.

### CCD Classes (Grades 6-7)

Begins on February 18th thru March 25th

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Continued

### OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Cathy Taylor—[tandemtaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:tandemtaylor@yahoo.com)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the office at 337-662-5279.

### ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Melissa Stoute 337-277-8768

**ALTAR SOCIETY**—Debra Constantine  
337-519-2947

### BIBLE STUDY - Gary & Cherie Dubroc [dubrocc63@icloud.com](mailto:dubrocc63@icloud.com)

Meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 in Ministry Center.

### Romans: The Gospel of Salvation

Jan. 28-March 18

If interested, please register by January 11th.

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### BIBLE STUDY - COME LORD JESUS

Meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 3:30 PM** in the Offertory Room. Anyone interested in joining, contact Deacon David Menard at 337-692-1035.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - Amy Lowery

**Session held 9:00 -11:00 a.m. in the Chapel**

February 21 March 21 April 18

(Please consider a \$10 donation for supplies)

### CHOIR MINISTRY

#### Vigil Mass and 11:00 Mass

Choir practice on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Contact Julee Lemon at 337-277-2769

**7:30 Mass** - Choir practice on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

**9:15 Mass** - Choir practice on Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Contact Stephen Joubert at 337-945-2127

### FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Pauline Richard

337-962-5262

All are welcome on the 1st Sunday of each month for fellowship after the 11:00 Mass.

(weather permitting)

### Genealogical Research Policy

St. Charles Church can no longer process genealogical research requests, except in very limited situations.

We recommend that all requests be made to the Diocese of Lafayette which has our digital records and the staff to respond in a timely fashion.

See: <https://www.diolaf.org/genealogical-research>

# Parish Organizations & Ministries Continued

## Good Shepherds Security Ministry

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

## KNIGHTS & LADIES KPC-Grand Coteau

Grand Knight: Dwayne Henry

Grand Lady: Theresa Cormier

"Turn Out" is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

## ROSARY: Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies

Auxiliary Court #34 will pray the **Rosary** on **Monday, February 2nd** at **5:30 PM** in the KPC Hall.

## KNIGHTS & LADIES KPC—Bellevue

Grand Knight: Randy Tate

Grand Lady: Paula Jordan

## VOCATION PRAYER CROSS

Liz Marie Bourque [Lmbourque@att.net](mailto:Lmbourque@att.net)  
Margie Guilbeaux [Mmguilbeaux@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mmguilbeaux@sbcglobal.net)

## WELCOME COMMITTEE

Kurt Richard—[bbacadiana@yahoo.com](mailto:bbacadiana@yahoo.com)

Meetings are usually held on Tuesdays at 11 AM in the Ministry Building. Anyone wishing to get involved is invited to attend our next meeting scheduled **Tuesday, February 10th at 11 AM.**



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Charles Borromeo Conference  
which includes Christ the King  
Mission Chairperson: John Miller  
337-290-5463 [jhmpls@gmail.com](mailto:jhmpls@gmail.com)

Next meeting will be held **Monday, February 2nd at 5:30 PM.** Meetings are usually every 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 5:30 PM in the Ministry Center.

If anyone knows of someone in need, which includes; food, help with utility payments, rental assistance and/or services, please contact SVdP at **337-290-5463** so a case study can be conducted by two of our Fellow Vincentians in SVdP.

Our Website is LIVE! Check us out at <https://svdpgrandcoteau.org/>

You can also visit us on Facebook via our website.

An update on our activities during the month of November. We are currently working on neighbor in need case studies.

Thank you for your support!

## PRO LIFE MINISTRY

Stephanie Barry—[stephbret7983@gmail.com](mailto:stephbret7983@gmail.com)

**Respect Life** topic for the month of **JANUARY**  
**Protection of the Unborn:**

Human life must be respected and protected absolutely **from the moment of conception.** From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

## Pro Life Rosary & Patriotic Rosary

Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am, (after 8:00 AM Mass). **Patriotic Rosary on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays**, for the needs of people of every state of the U.S. and for all who lead. **Pro Life Rosary on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays**, for an end to abortion and for healing of mothers and fathers of aborted babies.

# Parish Prayer Requests

## FOR THE SICK

Tim & Janice Briggs	Wilda Marks
Val Eakin	Barren Singleton
Vincent Jones	Thomas Soileau
Katie Fontenot	Anna Mae Taylor
Mary Francois	Brian Williams
Carole Jones	Anastacia Woods
Dorothy Menard	



## FOR THE DECEASED

Joe Senegal    Marvel A. Smith    JoAnn Meche

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

**For prayer with the Word of God.** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

# OTHER INFORMATION

The **Thensted Center** is a Social Outreach Program that our Parish supports. **NEW PHONE #337-308-4025 or 337-351-0003**

**Office Hours: Mon - Wed and Fri 8 AM-3:30 PM**  
**Senior Days at 10 AM / Jan. 30th PoBoy Sale 11 AM**

## SENIORS HELPING SENIORS BINGO

A **Luncheon and Bingo** is scheduled for **Fridays, February 6th & 20th** at the Community Center in Sunset from **10am-Noon.** Seniors 60 and older are invited.

# Other Information & Notes



## Online Giving

Did you forget your checkbook or cash? Scan the **QR Code** for a Quick path to ONLINE GIVING.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Evangelization & Integration

Andy Chautin 337-308-7179

## Management & Facilities

- Tucker Lavergne  
tuckerlavergne@gmail.com  
Next meeting will be scheduled in February at 6:30 PM in the Ministry Center.

## Social Justice & Charitable Works

Nancy Bourque - eyamar@centurytel.net  
Next meeting date to be announced.

## Religious Education Commission

Marilyn Dejean—mkdeje@yahoo.com.  
Next meeting will be scheduled in **February, 2026** and will be held at Brent's Café.

## Worship Commission

– Corliss White  
corlissbw@yahoo.com  
Next meeting is scheduled **March 10th at 8:45 AM** in the Offertory Room.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE AROUND THE WORLD.**



**ALERT! Beware of TEXT & EMAIL SCAM using Fr. Aaron's name.** A scammer is sending texts using names from the Church Clergy. Please be advised that such texts are scams. Please do not respond!

**ROSARY-** We continue to pray the Rosary before the **Vigil Mass** starting at **3:25 PM** and **On Sunday Morning** at **7:00 AM** prior to the 7:30 Mass. All are welcome to join us.

**St. Charles Borromeo Parish** has a page on **Facebook** which has been created as a means of communicating with our church parish members as well as a way to share information with others. Please "Like" our page! Go to our web page, click on Facebook.

## A Stewardship Moment

In today's gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us his way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace his teaching. Good stewards of Jesus' teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open or resistant to the gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God's glory to others?

**On every 3rd Tuesday of the month, Thensted Center** will be preparing and delivering a hot meal to the local homebound residents. If you know of someone from our local area in need, please contact Thensted Center at 337-308-4025 or 337-351-0003



**Pregnant?** If you are in an unplanned pregnancy, we are here for you.

Email: [pregnancysupport@st-charles-borromeo.org](mailto:pregnancysupport@st-charles-borromeo.org) or call the parish office to be put in contact with a representative from St. Charles Borromeo Pro-Life Apostolate. You will receive kindness and compassion in a non-judgmental atmosphere. We will listen, and we will do our very best to help you find the resources you need.

## Guidelines for Baptisms in 2026

**Baptism Instructions** will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 5:00 PM. Please call ahead if you plan to attend.

The **Baptisms** will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the **following** month at 12:00 PM. The application must be completed & submitted by the 1st of the month, prior to the month of Baptism.

### Sacrament of BAPTISM Schedule:

Baptism Application Due: Monday, February 2, 2026  
Baptism Instructions: Saturday, February 14, 2026  
Baptism Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026

## Welcome Parishioners and Visitors!

*If you are new to the area, we welcome you and want you to be part of our Church family! Registering begins by visiting our website, calling the parish office or using the registration forms found at our welcome table. Visit [www.st-charles-borromeo.org](http://www.st-charles-borromeo.org).*