

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Christ the King Mission

*Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026*

Second Chance

*The Withered Fig Tree
What does Jesus see?*

March is Devoted to St. Joseph

Pastor:

Rev. Aaron Melancon

Deacons:

Dcn. David Menard
Dcn. Wynard Boutte

Parish Manager: Darrell Burleigh

Administrative Asst: Mary Ann Matte

Religious Education 337-662-5279

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Director: Charles Richard

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Kalyn Guilbeau

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Altar Server Contact

Melissa Stoute 337-277-8768

Music Leaders:

Director of Sacred Music: Julee Lemon
Stephen Joubert

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: St. Charles Church: Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church: 7:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:15 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon thru Sat 8:00 AM
Tues/Thurs 5:00 PM

Thursday Holy Hour of Reparation - at 5:45 PM St. Charles

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday

4:00 PM-4:45 PM St. Charles Church

Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM St. Charles Church

Sunday 10:15-10:45 AM St. Charles Church

OR: Anytime by appointment

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

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.

Holy Days of Obligation

Masses at 6:30 & 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

P. O. Drawer A (174 Church Street) Grand Coteau, La. 70541

Email: matte@st-charles-borromeo.org

Parish Announcements/Schedules

This Sunday, the Teche Men's Acts Community will be present at our **11 AM Mass** as they conclude their weekend retreat which began on Thursday and ends with our 11 AM Mass. Please pray for these men as they complete this gifted experience and welcome them back into their families and their church as they continue their journey as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 6:00 PM

We welcome into our Church Parish and the Life of Christ the children Baptized on Sunday, March 1, 2026

Ann-Marie Louise Baker
James Anthony Wilton McCollough

George Tucker LaVergne
Qua'Liyah D'Yanni Smith

Feast of St. Joseph's Altar: The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver, along with the Junior Daughters invite you to share in a fellowship celebrating the **Feast of St. Joseph's Altar** on **Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 PM** in the **KPC Hall**. Covered dishes or fruit/vegetable/pastries are welcomed. Please no meat dishes. Memorial Candles for the altar are also welcome. For more information, please contact Helen Henry at 337-668-4675.

St. Ignatius Catholic School is pleased to announce that registration for the 2026-27 school year is now open. We invite prospective families to learn more about our school community and the values that guide our mission. Families interested in joining our school community are invited to apply online at siscardinals.org and click "apply now".

St. Ignatius School would like to express its sincere appreciation for the contributions made February 8th in the amount of **\$1,465.00** by the church parish. Your support allows us to continue our tradition of providing catholic education to our students.
Mrs. Cindy Prather, Principal

Catholic Relief Services: Next week, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services** collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Catholic Relief envelopes may be placed in to the regular Offertory collection. If giving by check, please clearly mark in the memo that it is for Catholic Relief.

MINISTER SCHEDULE –March 14-15

4 PM-Lector Corliss White
EMHC Linda LeBlanc
EMHC Jim Burleigh
Altar Servers Sebastian Lemon, Mazie & Evie Catrou

7:30 Lector Stephen Fruge
EMHC Debra Constantine
EMHC Prinella Fruge
Altar Server Darrell Burleigh & Murphy Riggs


11:00-Lector Andie Czajkowski
EMHC Stephanie Richard
EMHC Pam Norfleet
Altar Server Houston Guidry, Louis & Baxter Saucier

OFFERTORY- Collection for March 1st

St. Charles Church \$ 7,626.00
Christ the King Mission \$ 1,440.00

MASS INTENTIONS–Mar. 7-14

Sat 4:00 PM - Rebecca Marcantel

Sunday 
7:30 AM - Pro Popula Mass
9:15 AM - Leander Guillory, III
11:00 AM - Oscar Pitre Family

Mon 8:00AM - Herbert Martin Guillory, Jr.

Tuesday
8:00 AM -
5:00 PM - M/M Loyd Conner

Wed 8:00AM - Flo Richard

Thursday
8:00AM - Patrick Neal Richard
5:00 PM - Lori Ann Broussard

Fri 8:00AM - *Families/Employees of Schilling Distributing

Sat 8:00AM -

CHRIST THE KING MISSION

369 Christ the King Road, Opelousas, La.

Mar. 8 Yolanda Wheeler
Gifts: Tonya & Faith Anderson

Mar 15 Margie Guilbeaux
Gerald & Shelia Malbrough

Mar 22 Kalyn Guilbeau
Lionell & Cynthia Melancon

CHURCH CLEANERS - March 14-15

Becky Richard Carolyn Jean Stepanie Richard
Theresa Barker Sandra Marks Domi Jimenez



LENTEN LITURGIES AND EVENTS

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent at 6:00 PM

Christ the King Mission Lenten Mission: Deacon Ignatius Joseph

Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 PM

Palm Sunday: March 28-29 Regular Mass Schedule

Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday Mass: April 2nd 7:00 PM

Good Friday: April 3rd Good Friday Liturgy 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil: April 4th 8:00 PM St. Charles Church

Easter Sunday: April 5th 7:30 AM St. Charles Church

9:15 AM Bellevue Mission

11:00 AM St. Charles Church

**St. Charles Borromeo Church
& Christ the King Mission will hold a**



Baby Bottle Campaign



**Baby Bottles will be distributed on
March 14th & 15th**

**Baby Bottles with contribution enclosed
will be collected on March 21st & 22nd**

All proceeds will go to the Opelousas Pregnancy Center. The center aids Moms and their babies offering pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, diapers, wet wipes, classes, online educational videos and mentoring. It also houses a baby boutique. All services are free.

Baby Bottles will be placed at each entrance of the church at all masses. Thank you for you generosity!

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

Our St. Ignatius Elementary and Jr. Beta Clubs were "Wired for Success" at the Louisiana State Convention!

Both groups competed in a variety of academic, creative, group and club events. We are proud to announce that SIS Beta brought home an impressive five awards!

Elementary Beta:

Savannah Johnson - 3rd Place, Onsite Painting
Adalyn Schexnayder - 3rd Place,
Digitally Enhanced Photography
Lila Mouton—4th Place & Premier Performer
Performing Arts Vocal Solo

Jr. Beta

Noah Boudreaux—Champion, Recycled Art
LJ Legros—4th Place, 7th Grade Language Arts
These members each have the opportunity to compete at the National Convention this summer



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)

Began on February 19th and ends March 26th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Continued

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Cathy Taylor—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

Meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 in Ministry Center.

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation

Jan. 28-March 18

If interested, please contact Cherie Dubroc.

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

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, April 6th** 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

Margie Guilbeaux Mmguilbeaux@sbcglobal.net

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Kurt Richard—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, April 14th 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

Next meeting will be held **Monday, March 16th 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

Respect Life topic for the month of **MARCH**

People with Disabilities

Please join us in prayer for those whose bodies fail them and whose minds are crippled by the ravages of disease. May God surround their caregivers with love and strength. Amen.

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 Briggs
Patricia Burleigh
Vincent Jones
Mary Francois
Carole Jones
Dorothy Menard

Wilda Marks
Brady Richard
Brunetta Meche
Paulette Sibille
Brian Williams
Anastacia Woods



FOR THE DECEASED

Barbara Meche

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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 are March 13 & 27 from 10 AM-Noon

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS BINGO

A **Luncheon and Bingo** is scheduled for **Fridays, March 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 March 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 **March, 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

Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?

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 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, March 9, 2026
Baptism Instructions: Saturday, March 14, 2026
Baptism Date: Sunday, April 12, 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.