

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2017

ST. CHARLES BORRROMEO PARISH

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The mission of the faith family of St. Charles Borromeo Parish is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, to praise the name of Jesus and follow Him by loving God & our neighbor.

INFORMATION ON SACRAMENTS

Baptism for infants and Adults: Contact our Director of Religious Education to schedule a preparation session.

Confirmation preparation is part of our Formation process. Contact the parish office for information.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated at the following times:
Lord's Day: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Weekdays & Holydays: See the weekly Bulletin for times.

Reconciliation is available Saturdays 3:45-4:45 pm or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the home-bound can be arranged by contacting our Parish Office.

Marriage ceremonies are scheduled only after the required preparation process has begun. Please contact our priest at least six (6) months prior to your desired wedding date to begin the process.

Holy Orders and vocations to religious life. Interested individuals should contact our priest or Director for Vocations, Rev. Father David J. Hasser at 765-513-1800 for more information.

Prayer Line: contact our Parish Office if you or someone you know needs prayers.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our Parish we welcome you and invite you to register by calling or visiting our Parish Office.



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9 a.m. Monday mornings unless otherwise noted.

To schedule parish facilities, please call the Parish Office during normal hours.

Parish Activities This Week

Sunday, October 1st Respect Life Sunday

Our Parish Tithe this month is to St. Vincent de Paul Society

- 8:00 a.m. K of C Breakfast, gym
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life led by the K of C, church
- 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, school rm 11
- 12:00 p.m. EDGE
- 2:00 p.m. Life Chain, Main & Broadway
- 6:00 p.m. Life Teen

Monday, October 2nd

- 1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, school rm 8
- 5:30 p.m. Altar/Rosary Society pitch-in dinner & meeting, gym
- 6:30 p.m. Book Club & Discussion group, school rm 8

Tuesday, October 3rd

- 1:00 p.m. Rosary for the Sick, church
- 6:00 p.m. Mission of Mary leading the Rosary, church
- 6:30 p.m. Mission of Mary, school rm 11
- 7:00 p.m. Open Inquiry, library
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA, school rm 8

Wednesday, October 4th

- 9:00 a.m. Parish Staff meeting, library
- 1:00 p.m. Prison Ministry at MCF
- 6:30 p.m. Daughters of Isabella dinner/meeting, gym
- 6:30 p.m. Jesse Tree Ornament coloring, school rm 11

Thursday, October 5th

- 1:00 p.m. The Quilters/Seamstresses, school rm 8
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officer's meeting, school rm 2

Friday, October 6th

- 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, church

Saturday, October 7th

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Helping Hands sponsored by the K of C
- 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions
- 3:45 p.m. Confessions before Mass
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary for Life led by the K of C

Sunday, October 8th

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life led by the K of C

Parish Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 1, 2017

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32

9:00 a.m. Mass: † Ann Saddlemire

Monday, October 2, 2017—The Holy Guardian Angels

Readings: Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Mass: † Theresa Sommers &

Richard Funkhouser

Tuesday, October 3, 2017—Weekday

Readings: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

5:10 p.m. Evening Prayer

5:30 p.m. Mass: † Loraine Devine Shaffer

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 - St. Francis of Assisi

Readings: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Mass: † Charles Thibeault

Thursday, October 5, 2017—Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

10:00 a.m. Mass: Poor Souls

Mass is at Miller's Merry Manor. All are welcome.

Friday, October 6, 2017—St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Readings: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m. Mass: † Jane Watkins

Saturday, October 7, 2017—Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

9:00 a.m. Mass: † Lenore Gunderson

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9;

Matthew 21:33-43

5:00 p.m. Mass: † OJ Chandler

Sunday, October 8, 2017

9:00 a.m. Mass: Our Parish Family



Fall SCRIP Raffle

Our fall SCRIP raffle is underway and the drawing will take place on October 31st. Please come in and purchase your gift cards through our Parish as we get a percentage of every card sold. You get a ticket for every \$20 of SCRIP purchased. First place will win \$100 Free SCRIP of their choice and Second place will win \$50 in free SCRIP of their choice.

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Family Religious Education

Trunk-or-Treat



If you haven't already started stock-piling candy for Trunk-or-Treat, now is the time! It will be held in the school again from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31. The Knights of

Columbus will be providing hot dogs and warm drinks in the kitchen. Call the office (473-5543) to reserve a table in the hallway. Feel free to dress up in costume and/or decorate your table. We have over 800 trick-or-treaters and people who share their time and candy often run out. When that happens, they refill their buckets from candy that has been donated. We were completely out of candy by about 6:30 p.m. last year, so **donations are greatly appreciated!** Drop it off at the parish office any time between now and then. THANKS!

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

The first meeting for parents whose children are making their First Reconciliation is on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m. in room 8. The two Reconciliation meetings and two First Communion meetings for parents are required if you want your child to receive their sacraments this year.

FIRE

The next FIRE class is a Specialized level class called *Primary/Elementary Learner*. It will be next Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 8.

Jesse Tree Ornaments

It may seem early, but we'll be putting up the Jesse Tree before you know it! We need several children, teens, or even adults to color ornaments **this** Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. in room 11.

Ronald McDonald House

Help is needed to prepare soups (vegetable, potato, and chicken noodle) and dessert (apple crisp) for the Ronald McDonald House. We will be doing the food prep on Monday, October 9 at 5:00 p.m. in the kitchen. **Give Rita Cook a call at the parish office if you are able to help.** Also, don't forget to drop off your pop tabs to the DRE office by Oct. 11.

RCIA for Children

RCIA for Children will be meeting on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in room 12.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 7, 2017

Reader: Angie Braden

Communion Ministers: Elaine Swander, Bill Wood, Christine Ebert, Bob & Doreen Holler

Hospitality: David & Janet Smith, Brian Stoneking, Aaron Siders

Altar Servers: Ellie & Leon Crist, Aliyah Acuna

Bell Ringer: Oliver Goodwin

Cantor: Kathy Lamb

Accompanist: Jacob Minns

9:00 a.m. Sunday, October 8, 2017

Reader: Tom Webster

Communion Ministers: Joe Finnerty, Brian Gabriel, Nate Hagan, Diana Hand, Millie Burchett

Hospitality: Todd & Debi Hagan, Steve Hagan, Mike Chandler

Altar Servers: Finley Dobbs, Phillip Finnerty, Dillon Orr

Bell Ringer: Kenneth Wilkinson

Cantor: Rachel Douglass

Accompanist: Contemporary Group



Stewardship Report 09/24/2017

Regular Sunday Collection:

Adult envelopes and loose.....	\$5,739.00
Grade school collection envelopes.....	\$0.00
High School envelopes.....	\$1.00
Total.....	\$5,740.00

Monies sent out from our Parish

Haiti envelopes.....	\$182.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$5.00

Church Interior Renovation Debt

As of August 30, 2017.....\$115,806.89



Liturgical Ministry Schedules are available. If you participate in a ministry, please pick up your copy.

The Daughters of Isabella, St. Charles Circle 273, will meet Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the St. Charles school, 80 W. 5th St., Peru. The Worthy State Regent will install the new officers for the next two-year cycle. There will be a regular pitch-in supper. The Charity for October is items for Helping Hands. For more information, contact Rose Keller, Regent.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry



You still have time to turn in your M&M containers! Toss them in the collection bin or the Green Box marked 'NCYC' in the back of church this weekend. Thank you for your contribution!

It's that time of year again—fall is upon us! With that we are beginning to think about the youth's participation in Trunk-or-Treat. Any High Schoolers who wish to help out in planning, join us at 6pm Sunday Night (Oct 1) as we brainstorm ideas. Maybe the lives of the martyrs? Tour of the catacombs? Did you know that Jesus' cousin, John, was beheaded because of his witness to the faith? That is some spooky stuff! As far as zombies & ghosts go, I think John takes the cake!



Young Adult Reflection:

The readings this Sunday provide an interesting reflection on the days of old as we pray in the psalm, "The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not." Often when thinking about the past, I consider the foolish words I spoke, the ways in which I've hurt a friend, or the times I skipped out on an event because I considered it below me. These occasions are for me, times when I've neglected the gifts God has given me to serve a selfish end. Thank the Lord for his merciful ways, that the times of the past are in fact that, passed. Though I strive to grow each day in trying to use the many gifts God has granted me to serve something outside of myself, I nonetheless fall short of perfection. But we hear, "good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way." Lord, continue to guide us in your merciful way, so that we may serve you rightly.



Greenery Sale

It's that time of year again. The youth are taking orders for Christmas greenery. We are utilizing a new company, Sherwood Forest Farms from Washington State, who offers garland!

Sales are due by **NOV 1st** in order for you to receive them before Thanksgiving. Orders will be taken by our youth or in the parish office. Don't miss out!

A Pro-Life Prayer

God of all goodness, you have entrusted us with the gift of life. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moment of conception to the last breaths of old age. Send your strength to all those who defend the unborn, the weak, and the dying against attempts to cut short their lives. May your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those who are tempted to choose the way of death rather than life. Grant that your people may always be a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

Sunday Stewardship Reflection Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians in the Second Reading. Paul writes, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." Doing that is a challenge for most all of us. Yet, that is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live.

To truly live that way requires a dramatic conversion. All of us know people who are so self-centered that they often are not even aware that they are totally unwilling to compromise or to even recognize the value of those around them. Achieving this kind of self awareness, of what kind of a person we are, is a significant step on our faith and life journeys.

Screenwriter and playwright William Nicholson once wrote, "God does not necessarily want us to be happy. He wants us to be lovable, worthy of love, able to be loved by Him. What makes people hard to love? It is called selfishness. Selfish people are hard to love, because so little love comes out of them."

That is our challenge, to love others in such a way that we become lovable as well. Christ told us over and over that the secret to being His disciple and the secret to being a good steward is to "Love your neighbor." That is how to be the kind of person Paul calls us to be as well.

The bazaar this year was fabulous! Millie and I can not fully express how thankful we are for the booth chairs, co-chairs, volunteers, Father Adam, Kelley, and Darren! It is because of all of you that this year's bazaar was so wonderful! We look forward to working with you again next year. - Terri McCain and Millie Burchett



National Life Chain

Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday afternoon, October 1st from 2:00-3:00 p.m., rain or shine. Participants will stand along Main and Broadway in downtown Peru, holding nongraphic signs furnished at no cost. Those who can't stand are welcome to bring a lawn chair. The signs can be picked up at the Old Fire Station located at Main and Cass at 1:45 p.m. on October 1st. For more information, go to www.nci4life.org.



Who Am I?

All too often we pass by the face of yet another stranger, not knowing where they are going, or where they are from. Many of us have boxes and closets full of photos such as these. But do you know who this young woman is?

She would enter the convent when she was only sixteen, and she died when she was only 24 years old. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works, but within 28 years of her death, the public demand was so great that she was canonized.

Interested in learning more about St. Therese of Lisieux (one of my favorite Saints)? I would encourage everyone to read "The Story of a Soul", the autobiography of this young woman who died obscurely, but who has inspired countless men, women and children to personal holiness by what has become known as her "Little Way".

"Each prayer is more beautiful than the others. I cannot recite them all and not knowing which to choose, I do like children who do not know how to read, I say very simply to God what I wish to say, without composing beautiful sentences, and He always understands me. For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus." ~St. Therese

Ask the Apologist

Dear Apologist, how do you respond to someone who says belief in God is the result of wish fulfillment?

In the movie Inception, the character Cobb accidentally gives his wife an obsession about the world actually being a dream. This doubt eventually drives her mad. Our culture can do something similar to our belief in God. Rather than presenting real arguments for Atheism, it simply introduces a doubt into the mind of the Christian; "God is a comforting fairy tale we tell ourselves."

The problem with this doubt is it can cut both ways. Sure, the Christian faith can be comforting, fulfilling, and make us happy. But you know what? So can Atheism! Go online and look up an article called, "Five Reasons Why I'm Happier After Leaving My Religion." In it you'll find a man explaining how Atheism has allowed him to lead a more robust sex life without the fear of Hell – and has helped him more fully appreciate life. The internet is filled with other such testimonies of people claiming the comforts of Atheism far outweigh those of religion. Thus, the doubt can be turned around. Is their Atheism a result of wish fulfillment? Did they trick themselves into believing there is no God so they could more easily live as they please? Ultimately, it is useless to wonder whose beliefs are a product of wish-projection. Instead the conversation needs to be moved to whether there are good reasons for believing in God. And there are plenty.

As the saying goes: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Expose your children and godchildren to the many arguments for the existence of God before our culture can sew doubt in their minds. Do not delay!

Steven O'Keefe (the ACTS Apologist)


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Juanita Nino, Mary Boone and Richard Holley, who were called to Christ's heavenly banquet. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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