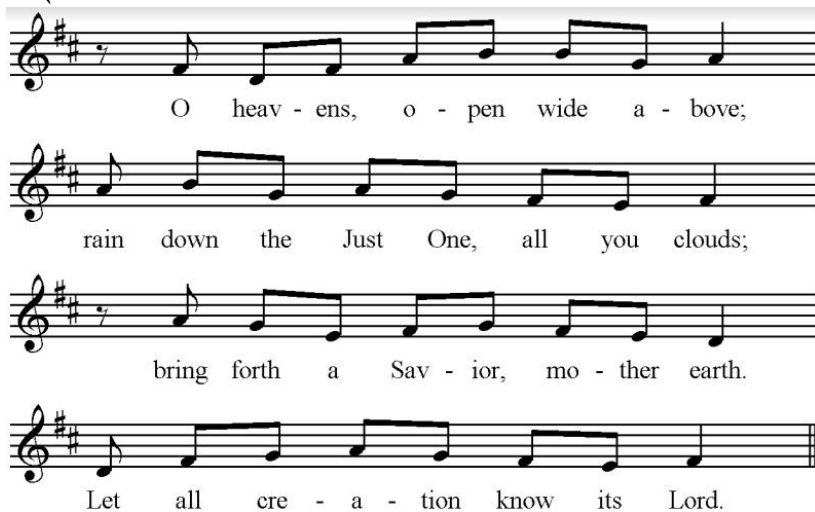


Deo
 Gloria in Excelsis



The Nativity of the Lord ✠ Christmas

SAINT CHARLES BORRROMEO PARISH
PARMA, OHIO

Entrance Chant

ACONDITOR ALME SIDERUM Setting by Normand Gouin.

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*Readings may be found on page 42 in the
Breaking Bread Hymnal.*

Psalm 24

Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

Universal Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, come

Presentation & Preparation of Gifts

#43 — Blessed and Holy

Communion Chant

#693 — O Holy Mary

Sending Forth

#40 — People, Look East

WEDDING BANNES

- III Elizabeth Lewis & Thomas Fritsche
- II Kaitlyn Kedzior & Joseph Garman

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Ruth Kaly
Jean Buser
Linda Nelson
Robert "Bobby" Coyle
Frances Kleinhenz
Kenneth Bombalicki

This Week's Liturgy**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

8:00 AM † Irene Grdosic

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon, 5:30pm**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

7:00 AM † Richard Izzo

7:00 PM † Raymond Torowski

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79

7:00 AM † Irene Zemba

8:30 AM † Irene Grdosic

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS: Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

4:00pm**6:00pm Children's Liturgy****8:00pm****Midnight****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25****The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Day**

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon*****No evening Mass on Christmas Day****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

7:00 AM † Rose Kosarko

8:30 AM † Bob Judson

7:00 PM † Jeffrey Fitch

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John

I John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8

7:00 AM † Betty Biscup

8:30 AM Living & Dec'd of Heil Family

7:00 PM † Pauline Desch

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents

I John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

8:00 AM † Walter S. Dembkowski

2:00 PM Wedding- - -

Elizabeth Lewis & Thomas Fritsche

VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21;

Matthew 2:13-15 19-23

5:30 PM Mothers' & Fathers' Confraternity

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon, 5:30pm

*Peace
on Earth*

Merici Chapel...As you hurry about on Christmas Day, let's remember what we are celebrating — Our King and Saviour, born as a baby, laid in a manger with the breath of animals to keep Him warm. Try to take a few minutes to stop in Merici Chapel — say "thank you, Jesus & Happy Birthday!"



SUNDAY COLLECTION**December 15, 2019**

Offertory Collection	\$19,726.75
ACH / Online / Credit Card	7,738.00
Total	\$27,464.75
Religious Retirement	\$2,656.00

Great collection!! Many thanks!!
**ATTENTION LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS
& GREETERS**

Sign-up sheets for the Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Masses are available in the church sacristy, altar server sacristy, greeter's sign-in area and online at rotundasoftware.com/ministry/CharlesBorromeo

Copies of the January/February Liturgical Ministry schedule are available in these same locations and the Parish Office.

***The Parish Staff extend best wishes
for a Blessed Christmas Season***
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We have counted down the days, now we are only hours away from Christmas 2019.

We will hear confessions after all our weekend Masses, except the Sunday 5:30pm. On Monday, December 23, we will offer three sessions of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:00am-12:00Noon, 3:00-4:00pm, 7:30-8:30pm.

Masses on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24**4:00pm: Father Lou Thomas****6:00pm: Children's Pageant, Father John Carlin****8:00pm: Father Chris Cox****12:00 Midnight:****(yes, St Charles Midnight Mass is at 12:00 Midnight!)****Father Chris Cox****Masses on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25****8:00am: Father Anselm Zupka, OSB****10:00am: Father Lou Thomas****12:00Noon: Father Timothy Roth****(son of St Charles, home from studies in Rome)**

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The final days of Advent focus on the events preceding the Birth of the Christ Child. We hear of Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, and the Angel Gabriel: each playing a part in fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament. We hear a great deal from the Prophet Isaiah; he frequently refers to the Promised Saviour. The Scriptures are clear: our world is in need of a Redeemer.

In biblical times, the hope for a Redeemer took many forms: some expected a powerful warrior who would drive out the occupying Romans and restore the Kingdom of Israel; others wanted a leader who would provide wealth, success, and earthly power; various others had even more dreams. Who would expect that the Redeemer would come in such a humble way, born of a peasant mother, in a stable, in a small village? Only the simple folk recognized Him when He did come: the shepherds and others who were not part of polite or formal society.

Our world is still in need of redeeming. We need a Saviour now—more than ever. It can be a sad and sin-sick world: mass shootings, corporate greed, focus only on material things, lack of respect for human life.

Christmastime reminds us that when we try, we can do better. There is greater care and generosity. We are touched by the stories of Christmas. We grow nostalgic as we count our blessings. No matter how cynical we some times may be, we have hope because of the Christmas story. God has come into our world; God has a part for us to play; God's way is the best way. God calls us to be faithful.

We see Jesus today in the people who need His love. Their arms seek our embrace as did the Child in the manger long ago.

Merry Christmas!

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Daily Evangelization

Do not be afraid to answer God's call



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Everyone is urged to join us in prayer on **Sunday, December 29th**, at 11:15am in the Merici Chapel. The knights will be praying the Rosary for our country. Pray with us!

If you are a male, eighteen years of age or older, and a practicing Catholic in union with the Holy See, contact:

Tom Armstrong at (405)-651-6655
(thomasralpharmstrong@hotmail.com)

for more information on joining the Knights of Columbus Council at St. Charles.

Merry Christmas to everyone from the Saint Charles Knights of Columbus!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 10:00am Mass



This program invites pre-school age children as well as those that have not received Holy Communion yet (essentially grades PreK-2), to experience the Word of God at their level with an age-appropriate Scripture lesson taught during the Liturgy of the Word. Following the lesson, which takes place in the Church basement, children rejoin their families at Mass.

St. Charles Sports Boosters



Save the Date...

Saturday, January 18, 2020

6:00pm | St. Charles, Corrigan Gym

Ticket information to follow.

Various levels of sponsorship are available, please email Linda Boots at Boots@mgfl-law.com

Need Stocking Stuffers?

The Parish Office has these \$10 gift cards:

Amazon.com;
Barnes & Noble;
Bath & Body Works;
Claire's; Speedway gas;
Malley's; AMC, Cinemark & Regal Theaters; Starbucks & Dunkin' Donuts; Target; Walmart and a variety of fast casual restaurants...
Something for everyone on your holiday list!



Our parish Music Ministry looks forward to having you celebrate the birth of Christ with the variety of musical accompaniment available at our Christmas liturgies.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

4:00pm

Organ/Trumpet/Handbell Choir

6:00pm

Organ/Trumpet/Youth Choirs

8:00pm

Organ/Trumpet/Flute

Midnight

Organ/String Quartet/Trumpet/Flute/Adult Choir
Musical prelude begins at 11:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8:00am

Organ/String Quartet/Trumpet

10:00am

Organ/String Quartet/Trumpet/Harp/Flute/Adult Choir

12:00Noon

Organ/Trumpet/Harp/Flute

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Dec 29)

4:00pm

Organ/Trumpet

8:00am

Organ/Trumpet/Flute

10:00am

Organ/Trumpet/Flute/Adult Choir

12:00Noon

Organ/Trumpet/

5:30pm

Organ/Trumpet

NEWS from AREA PARISHES...

ANOINTING MASS -

Holy Family, Parma...the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the *Fourth Friday of each month - December 27th*, at the 8:30am Mass.



St. Leo the Great... Congratulations and Best Wishes to Fr. James Vesely as he celebrates his 65th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. A Mass was celebrated on December 16th at Mt. Alverna by Bishop Perez to commemorate this special occasion.

PRE CANA DAY

Saturday, March 14th, 2020



Engaged couples, do you still need to schedule your **Pre Cana** retreat day? Join us here at St. Charles Borromeo on **Saturday, March 14th**. Please stop by the parish office to pick up a registration form. Further information about Pre Cana can be found on the form.



St. Charles Class of 1970

50 year Reunion in 2020

Call Sharon Doyle
440-915-4731

PICKLEBALL

The fastest growing sport you've never heard of!

**Inviting all St. Charles Baby Boomers
50 years old to ??**

OPEN GYM

Saturdays from 5:30-7:30pm
St. Charles Corrigan Gym

...beginning January 11, 2020
(not scheduled January 18)



What is Pickleball? It's a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong — easy to learn!

If you have never played Pickleball, but would like to start taking "*baby steps*" toward learning a new and fun activity that can be enjoyed into the senior years, then join us as we master the skills of "*dinking*" and when "*to go in and out of the kitchen*".....no, not the gym kitchen!!

Players of all skill levels are welcome to help all of us learn this popular and fun sport! If you got a Pickleball racquet for Christmas, bring it, or we will have extras to share. Please submit the [Pickleball Survey](#) here or at stcharlesonline.org/pickleball, or pick one up in the parish office turnstile, so we can see how many "picklers" are interested and their skill levels.

Maybe you would just like to watch and cheer from the sidelines? All are welcome to play and/or watch and have fun! Any questions, contact Nancy in the Parish Office (440)884-3030 or email nwalsh@stcharlesonline.org

MASS AND ROSARY FOR LIFE

Be a witness to your Faith — come to the 8:00am Mass and Rosary for Life on the last Saturday of the month — December 28th, to pray for the protection of all Human Life from the moment of conception to natural death.

**Put the scissors away...**

BoxTops is phasing out the clipping and started the scanning. No more cutting out little rectangles from your products, just scan your receipt with the BoxTops app (be sure to choose Saint Charles in Parma as your school!)

Don't want to add another app to your phone or don't know how to scan? No problem at all – we can scan your receipts for you. Just drop off your receipts at the parish office and we will take care of the rest. Even if you are not sure if you bought anything that had BoxTops on it, we will scan to be sure. Thanks for supporting Saint Charles Borromeo Parish School.

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAM****\$100 WINNER****Bernadette White****Catholic Men & Women Connection of St. Charles Borromeo**

Are you ready to transform your life and renew your mind and heart in Christ? Connect with other men & women of faith. Join us as we study **First and Second Corinthians** through May 9, 2020. **Please note** that we now meet on certain **Saturday mornings** from 8:30am to 10:45am in John Paul II Room, 2nd Floor, Parish Activities Center. Cost \$20. Stop in the Parish Office to register.

The schedule is as follows in 2020:

Jan 4, 18, Feb 1, 15, 29, Mar 21, Apr 4, 18, 25 & May 9

**ST. CHARLES****LADIES GUILD LOTTERY**

Lottery tickets for February 2020 are available in the Parish Office for \$5.00 each. The winning 3 digit numbers come in from the 7:30pm drawing on Channel 5 and must be straight. If your ticket is a winner, you will get a check for **\$100!** This is one of our big fundraisers so please help us out. Any questions, please call Jacki (440)884-3030. Thank you!

**Sunday, January 19**

Doors open 5:30pm | Tip off 6:30pm

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Why Saint Charles School?

"Saint Charles is a school where you can learn about Jesus."

~ Andrew, grade 2

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"Everyone here has a positive attitude." ~ Helyna, grade 6

"I like that the school is Catholic and everyone prays for each other." ~ Brandon, grade 4



State Scholarships available:

Traditional EdChoice—if your child is currently attending Renwood, Thoreau Park, Ridge-Brook, Parma Park or Shiloh Schools in Parma (or is an incoming kindergartener who would be attending those schools)

EdChoice Expansion—based on income (200% or below poverty level)

Jon Peterson—for those who qualify for special education services

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CHARITABLE GIFTS TO ST. CHARLES PARISH FOR OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS



During December, many parishioners contact our Parish Business Office asking about end-of-year charitable gifts. To answer your questions, our Parish Finance Council has assembled the suggestions given below.

■ **Cash:** Write a check, payable to St Charles Borromeo Parish, and send it to the parish before December 31 2019. You may be entitled to a charitable deduction; check with your tax adviser.

■ **Long-term Appreciated Securities:** Appreciated Securities you have held longer than one year can be transferred from your brokerage or custody account to St Charles. You receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction of the full market value of your contribution; most important, any capital gains tax to you is eliminated. Again, check with your tax adviser.

■ **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD):** If you are 70 ½ years, you may be expected to make a RMD from your IRA. You can make a QCD of up to \$100,000 of your RMD to St Charles Parish without including the distribution in your income. The rules are specific; consult and see if it is right for you.

■ **Bequests:** A bequest is a written instruction in your Last Will and Testament or Trust document to distribute cash, securities, land, or any other asset controlled by that document, to a charity. The bequest must be written and the gift can be expressed as a dollar amount, a specific number of shares of a security, a specific asset, or a percentage of your estate. Specify “St Charles Borromeo Parish, Parma, Ohio.”

■ **Beneficiary Designation for IRA, 401K, 403B, or other Retirement Plan:** The above retirement plans allow you to name a charity as a beneficiary of the plan assets at the time of your death. Contact your IRA custodian or Plan administrator to obtain a “beneficiary designation form.” The allocation can be a dollar amount or a percentage. Beneficiaries have no rights until your death, and all payments must be made as you directed. Again, consult with your tax adviser.

■ **Beneficiary Designation**

for Life Insurance and Annuities: The recipients of insurance and annuity proceeds will be those persons listed as the beneficiaries. Contact the company issuing the insurance or annuity to obtain a “beneficiary designation form.” Beneficiaries have no rights until your death and all payments must be made as you direct.

■ **Other Planned Gift Options:**

A “Payable on Death” designation is a written instruction to a bank providing the name or charity to receive the balance in the account on the death of the depositor.

A “Transfer on Death” is similar but it applies to brokerage accounts, individual securities, bonds, mutual funds, or motor vehicles.

A “Transfer upon Death Affidavit” is a sworn document recorded in the county recorder’s office naming the person or charity to receive real estate upon the death of the owner.

Since 1988, St Charles parishioners have been most generous and have directed gifts to the parish in all of the ways listed above. Because of their generosity, we are blessed to provide a large number of helping ministries. Those who came before us have done so much; now it is our turn to provide for those who will follow us.

*In addition to **St Charles Borromeo Parish**, gifts from the sources described above may also be specifically directed to:*

St Charles Borromeo Education Foundation

St Charles Borromeo Vocation Scholarships

St Charles Borromeo Youth Group Trust

***St Charles Borromeo Sanctuary
Memorial Fund***