

### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, April 21

No Mass

Tuesday, April 22

5pm- St. Philip's- Special Intentions of Charmaine Owens

Wednesday, April 23

7am– St. Charles– Special Intentions of Fr. Arisman

Thursday, April 24

5pm- St. Philip's- Mary Dunlavy

Friday, April 25

7am– St. Charles– Andrew & Florence Kwinn

Saturday, April 26

5pm- St. Charles- Joseph Machado

Sunday, April 27

8:30am– St. Charles– Kai Lindsey 11am– St. Philip's– For the People of the Parish

5pm-St. Philip's-Conni Poulter

### **NOTES from Fr. Michael:**

Happy Easter, dear flock!

I was blessed to be able to spend about a month in the Holy Land in the summer of 2017. While I was there, I made a point to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher as often as I could. One time, as I was praying near the place of the crucifixion of Jesus, I noticed a man looking my direction. It looked like he wanted to ask me a question. So I made it a point to go over to him, introduce myself, and ask him if he had something on his mind. "What is this place?" he asked me. I explained to him that this is the church which contains the sites of Jesus's death and Resurrection. And I pointed to an area and said his tomb is right over there. Innocently, he asked me: "well where is he now?" And I had to smile because I got to proclaim the wild truth of the Gospel: "well, you see, here's the thing: he's not here!"

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the crown of all miracles. What a beautiful mystery Christians around the world contemplate on this holy Sunday, and truly every Sunday throughout the church year.

Blessed are we who believe that the Lord is Risen and alive.

-Fr. Michael

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

The collection amounts were not available at the time of printing. Check next week's bulletin for the figures.

St. Charles Borromeo Young Adults



April 21<sup>st</sup> at Joe and Catherine Porter's House Come anytime after 4 PM, Dinner at 6 PM

Contact Catherine Porter for details at 217-549-4054

Bring a lawn chair and a side dish BYOB



HAPPY EASTER! - As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world.

**TURN IN YOUR RICE BOWLS!** There are receptacles in the vestibule, or you may bring your bowl to the office. Checks with "Rice Bowl" noted in the memo and written to St. Charles will be accepted as well as cash and coins. 25% of the contributions will remain in our diocese. Thank you for supporting those in need both locally and abroad.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**— Each year, the Sunday after Easter is designated Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day (April 27) a special prayer ("chaplet") is offered, asking God to extend his mercy on all humanity. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in church on April 27, at 3:00 p.m. for the chaplet. There will also be an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

During Lent we were invited to reflect on the Paschal Mystery by our Lenten sacrifices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Now, during the Easter season, we are invited to reflect on Jesus' Resurrection and the gift of eternal life that he gives to us.



Come Hungry, Leave Happy! -Formation End of the Year Pancake Party is next weekend! Delicious sausage and fluffy pancakes will be available in Moriarty Hall after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 27. Your free will offering will help to support the Faith Formation Program here at St. Charles. Hope to see you there!

THE DEANERY PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE will be held at St. Mary Help of Christians Church in Green Creek on Thursday, April 24. Praying the rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Adam Prichard will be the celebrant for the 6:30 p.m. Mass. The business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served while current pro-life issues and events are discussed.

THE TRAVELING ROSARY GROUP will meet at the Villas of Hollybrook on Friday, April 25, at 3:30 p.m. to pray with our parishioners who are residents there. All are welcome.



Eucharistic EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - On Easter morning, the women found only an empty tomb. We know we can always find Jesus in the Eucharist, and He asks us to spend some time with Him there. Sign up for our monthly Eucharist Adoration scheduled for May 3. Contact Mike Metzger to sign up for your holy hour.



THE CHARLESTON FOOD PANTRY collection will take place May 3 & 4, and the suggested item is cereal. **Pantry** Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors here in Charleston.

Upcoming suggested items are:

June – Hearty Soups

July – 2nd Collection

August – Fruit and Fruit Juices

Monetary donations are also welcome.

PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS. As you pray your daily offering throughout April, please include this special intention of our Holy Father:

For the Use of New Technologies – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE **REQUESTED FOR:**

...all homebound & nursing home parishioners

...Ben Campanis, Paxton Johnson, Brittany, Mike Kuncl, Laura Howarth, Diana Carlisle, Deidre Oliver, Jim Russell, Michon Pals, Janet Dutler, Michelle, Alex, Andy Dale, Jackie Everett, and Ed & Nancy Bedwell who have cancer

...Robert Montgomery, Nancy Jenkins, Barbara Buenger, John Buenger, the Acosta Family, Laura Cleaver, Marty & Justin Thomas, Kathleen Bates, Linda Coleman, Cindy Livingston, Dora Wheeler, Jacqueline Schaefer, Linda Miller, Joseph Furlong, Michael O'Brien, Dr. Whalen, Marjorie Hoedebecke, Stephanie Hamner. Carrie Dale, Barb O'Brien, and Deacon Jeff of our parish

...those who have Alzheimer's and their families

...All men and women serving in the Armed Forces; Patrick R. White, Special Forces Ranger Airborne 3rd Group who has been deployed, son of David White

...David Quinn requested by Cindy Livingston

...A friend's improved health, three special intentions, and for Chloe (her niece) requested by Katie Armstrong

...Mickey Miller, Rick and Loretta Morgan

...Glenda & Manuel Terronez, friends of Penny Clay

...Kathy Korosa, requested by Charmaine Owens

...Jim Russell, friend of Mike Ziebka

...Lee Malone, a parishioner, and Doug who have serious health issues

...Laurie Kolling Summerfield, cousin of Cay Kolling

...Jack & June Johnson, parents of Jacqueline Wehrle

...Larry Acton and Doug & Mary Lou Towner friends of the Jerry Bennett Family

...the Moser Family

...Doris Hamilton & Carrie Misner, requested by Shirley Rideout

...Jerry Knudson, friend of John Buenger, who has a blood disease

...Frank Larkin, brother of Judi Vaughn

...Travis Miller

...Debby McElewee, requested by Chris Sims

...Ivy, great niece of Cindy Sasco

...a friend of Barb Quinlan who needs prayers

...Sara Wilson, friend of Katie Armstrong, who has health issues

...Mike Toothman, friend of BJ & Sandy Reitmair

### MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR **NEXT WEEKEND:**

### April 26 - 5:00 p.m.

Reader - Ann Benson

Ushers - Carter Fehrenbacher

Troy Fehrenbacher

Servers – Allison & Samantha Fehrenbacher

EM - Cay Kolling

Charmaine Owens

Lexe Volk

Greeters - Kathy Clark

### April 27 - 8:30 a.m.

Reader – Tara Johnson

Ushers - Mark Bates

Lou Hencken

Kevin Hussey

Jim Littleford

Servers - Everleigh & Melaina Morrisson

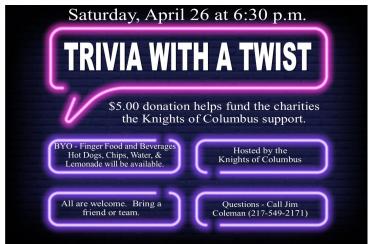
EM - Chris Bough

David Johnson

Karen Littleford

Greeters - Kathy & Megan Hussey





**Question**: How many men have walked on the moon?

## Daily Mass Scriptures 04/20/2025

Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 /
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Tue Acts 2:36-41 / Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 / Jn 20:11-18

Wed Acts 3:1-10 / Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 24:13-35 Thu Acts 3:11-26 / Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 24:35-48

Fri Acts 4:1-12 / Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a / Jn 21:1-14

Sat Acts 4:13-21 / Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 / Mk 16:9-15

Sun Acts 5:12-16 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) / Rv 1:9 -11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

### **Calendar of Events**

- 4/20 Easter Mass-8:30am-Church
- 4/22 St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser— 4-9pm— Mi Casa es Tu Casa
- 4/23 Rosary 9:15am Church
- 4/25 Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH Traveling Rosary– 3:30pm– Villas of Hollybrook
- 4/26 KC Trivia with a Twist– 6:30pm– MH
- 4/27 Faith Formation End of Year Pancake Breakfast— after Mass— MH Divine Mercy Chaplet— 3pm— Church
- 4/30 Rosary–9:15am–Church
- 5/1 St. Joseph's Dinner– after 5pm Mass– MH
- 5/2 Friday Morning Coffee– after Mass– MH
- 5/3 Fatima Devotions—8am—Church Eucharistic Adoration—9:00am-4:00pm—Church Food Drive
- 5/4 Food Drive May Crowning-during Mass



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY invites you to their annual St. Joseph's Table on Thursday, May 1, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Charles. Come and enjoy a delicious

Italian Dinner featuring meat or veggie entrée, salad, and garlic bread. A free will offering is requested and carry out is available. A Bake Auction will feature a variety of desserts for purchase. All are welcome. Funds raised will benefit the poor in the Charleston are. Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss it!

# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS TO PONDER GIVING OURSELVES PERMISSION TO BEGIN AGAIN:

Sometimes children mistake Christmas as the holiest day of the year. Without Easter, Christmas means nothing. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life (Jn 3:16). On Easter, we celebrate that eternal life. Jesus rose from the dead, not only in spirit, but in the flesh as well. Jesus was touchable, he ate and drank with the Apostles, and I am sure he laughed and cried with them. Then he did the impossible; he took his risen body into heaven with him. There he waits for everyone of us to join him if we only try.

- Do I think of Jesus in the physical sense or only in the spiritual?
- What can I do to be present as Jesus for those around me?
- How often do I pray for those wo have gone before me?

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## A View From the Deacon's Seat

Easter Sunday

"The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? ... How many times, Jesus, have I made you sad, mindlessly receiving you into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of your love? How many times have I treated you as a dead object? The Host that we receive is not a thing! It's not a wafer! It's not bread! It's a person! — He's alive!"

– Vinny Flynn

I cannot begin to express to you the very importance of the above quote. Now, I could go into a lengthy discussion about what the Eucharist is; but I will not. As faithful Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Through the hands of the priest, the Holy Spirit is called from heaven (the Epiclesis). A door opens between Heaven and Earth, and the Holy Spirit comes and sanctifies the bread and wine. As the priest speaks the Words of Institution (Anamnesis), the bread and wine transfigure into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord. This is why the bells are rung – to grab our attention (Wake up! A miracle just occurred!).

Belief in this fact is the very cornerstone of our faith. If you do not believe this, you can be an Evangelical or another Christian denomination, but you **cannot be** Catholic. I hate being this blunt, but this is the fact. The minister of the Eucharist is to wait to hear the person say "Amen" before handing the Eucharist to any one. Amen comes from ancient Hebrew and means 'verily' or 'so be it.' In other words, it means, "I believe."

Personally, I absolutely love giving the Eucharist to someone who has just become Catholic or to a young person just beginning to receive the Eucharist. Talk about enthusiasm! They approach with folded hands as in prayer for that is what they are doing. They bow and reverently hold their hands to receive Christ. They say 'Amen' with such conviction! They leave with hands folded as though their hands did receive God, which they have! They approach the chalice the same way and even bow to the chalice if they do not receive the Blood. Jesus is present there as well and should not be ignored!

If I have a chance, I always tell the people that immediately after receiving the Eucharist, they should go back to the pew and pray. If they have something troubling them, or have specific needs, this is the time to ask. They have been physically united with God himself! You may notice Father is doing the same when he returns to his chair.

Deacon Jeff Beals



**WOMAN OF DISTINCTION** – The St. Charles Women of Faith are delighted to announce that **Corrine Joyner** has been selected to represent the women of St. Charles Borromeo as the recipient of the "Our Lady of Good Counsel Award: Woman of Distinction." Corrine exemplifies the criteria by actively living her Catholic faith, displaying her spirituality and sharing her time and talents with a humble attitude by doing acts of service and leadership in her parish and community.

She will be honored at Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence St. (corner of Lawrence and 6<sup>th</sup> Street) in Springfield. The St. Charles Women of Faith extend an invitation to the parish community to attend this event honoring Corrine.

Following the Mass, a Recognition Luncheon will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield. The luncheon costs \$40 per person. Checks should be made payable to the S.D.C.C.W. and may be left at the parish office. **Deadline for reservations and payment is Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.** A sign up sheet can be found on the women's bulletin board in the vestibule. If you need a ride, please let the office know when you make your reservation.

**Congratulations Corrine !!!!** 

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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Those who are homebound and wish to receive Communion, please call the office at 345-3332.

**MARRIAGE:** Preparations for marriage begin at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Please contact the office to set up an appointment with Fr. Michael Berndt.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Faith Formation classes for grades kindergarten through 12th are offered on Sundays during the regular school year. Reconciliation will take place in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Eucharist and Confirmation will take place in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

OCIA- ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF **ADULTS:** Adults and children who wish to learn more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic or to help with the RCIA may contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

This sacrament offers the healing strength and peace of Christ to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized, or about to have surgery. Please call the office for arrangements.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** To register, please contact Fr. Michael Berndt at 217-345-3332 or by email at pastor@saintcharleschurch.org to set up an appointment.

**MORIARTY HALL**: If you wish to reserve the Hall, contact the parish office at 217-345-3332 or via email at office@saintcharleschurch.org to check on availability.

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### Rosary

Wednesday-9:15 a.m. – St. Charles

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday – 3:30-4:30 p.m. – St. Charles Tuesday / Thursday – 4:15-4:45 p.m. – St. Philip's Wednesday – 8:15-9:00 p.m. –St. Philip's

By appointment – call 345-3332 to schedule

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

1st Saturday: following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00-9:00 p.m. @ St. Philip's

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# Happy Easter

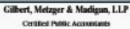
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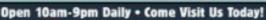
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