



JANUARY 19, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO CHURCH

Mission Statement: As St. Charles Borromeo Parishioners, "We are called to act with justice, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with God." Micah 6:8

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO CHURCH

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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS
Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM
9:00 AM, Family Mass
11:00 AM, Choir
1:00 PM, French/Creole
5:30 PM, Youth Mass
Weekdays: 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00 AM
(Until all are heard)

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Friday: 3:00 PM in the Church
followed by
Stations of the Cross

ROSARY

Mon - Sat: 7:45 AM

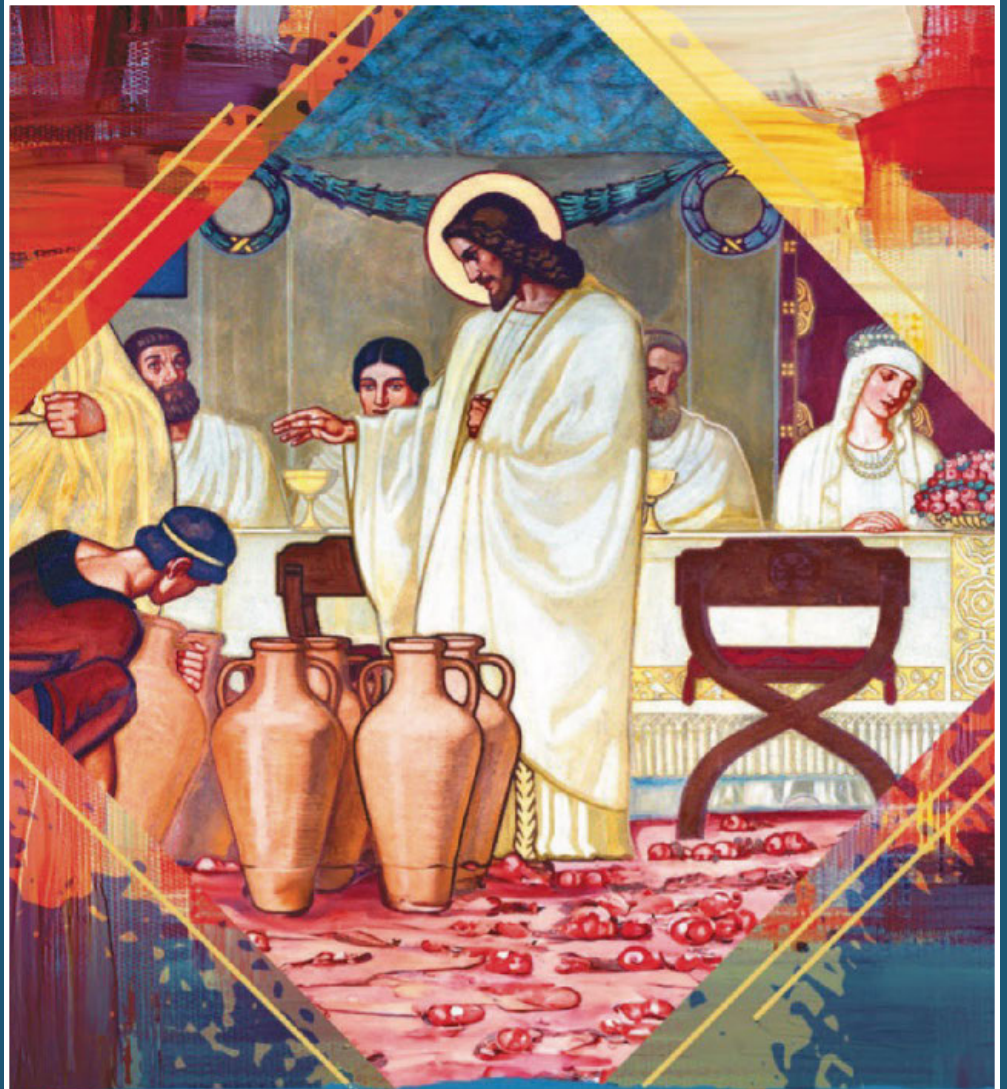
PERPETUAL ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. John the Evangelist Chapel
in the Ministry Center

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PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. John Fitch, Pastor
Rev. Philip Scheff, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Guy
Rev. Francis "Bud" Murhammer, Retired
Rev. Don Imming, Seasonal, Retired



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They have no wine."
- Jn 2:3

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*There are no strangers here,
just friends we have not met!*



VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.StCharlesPC.org or by scanning the QR Code above.



WELCOME HOME TO
SAINT CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Whether you are visiting or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you home to Saint Charles Borromeo Church! Please consider registering as a member of our Parish family at the Parish Office during business hours. **Registration forms are on our Parish Website and in the bulletin. Registration is required for participation in the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage.**

As a Parish Community, we offer our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed and those buried in our Memorial Garden. We pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones. May God strengthen their hope in life everlasting.
Amen.

Office Closed
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of the Federal holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
We will open at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 21st.

Fiscal Offerings

January 12, 2025:	\$21,603.00
Last Year:	\$17,471.78
Year To Date:	\$413,353.10
Last Year:	\$390,602.16
Difference:	\$22,750.94

Thank you
for your continued support!

“The time is always right to do what is right.”
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



ALTAR BREAD & WINE
In Memory of Alice Zaleck



Mass Intentions

January 20th - January 26th

	† DECEASED	☼ LIVING
MONDAY	8:30 AM	† Eduardo Labitag
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	☼ Megan Civil
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	☼ Aiden Ulsh & Peter Melia
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	☼ Briere Civil
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	† Manuela Sulich
	10:00 AM	☼ Leo & Kathryn Blumhagen
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	† Eusebio Pamittan
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	☼ Maureen Monaghan & Cindy Crane
SUNDAY	7:00 AM	† Beverly Cumberbatch
Family Mass	9:00 AM	† Jose Salazar Ibanez
Choir Mass	11:00 AM	☼ People of the Parish
Haitian Mass	1:00 PM	† Andreenne Paulemon
Youth Mass	5:30 PM	† Linda Brody

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

We offer the opportunity for the Altar Bread and Wine to be memorialized for a deceased relative or to honor a loved one. Donations are taken for one week. Please stop by the Parish Office to make arrangements. The suggested donation is \$25 for either the Altar Bread or Wine, or \$50 for both.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to help beautify our altar? Two bouquets are needed at a cost of \$40 for each (\$80 in total). Would you like to unite with one or more people, split the cost, and provide fresh flowers for our beautiful altar? Flowers can also be requested as a memorial. Flowers can also be purchased in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for \$35.00 to be placed by the statue of Mary.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

An offering for the Sanctuary Candle Memorial is \$20.



“When you desire perseverance in doing good, pray:

‘You are my God; depart not from me.’”

St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)

St. Charles, pray for us!





ADORATION CHAPEL

HE IS WAITING!

"My Jesus, what a lovable invention this Holy Sacrament is that You would hide under the appearance of bread to make Yourself loved and to be available for visits by anyone who desires You."

St. Alphonsus Ligouri

Immerse yourself in the Real Presence.

Allow yourself to be transformed.

Become an Adorer.

For more information, please check out our website at:
www.stcharlespc.org/adoration.

Or contact Rosemary at
(941) 623-9768,
or via email at
Rosemaryg@stcbc.org.



**The "Year of Mission"
(July 2024-25)
of the 3-year
National Eucharistic Revival
has begun!**

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Quote from Father Mike Schmitz at the National Eucharistic Congress on the importance of the Eucharist.



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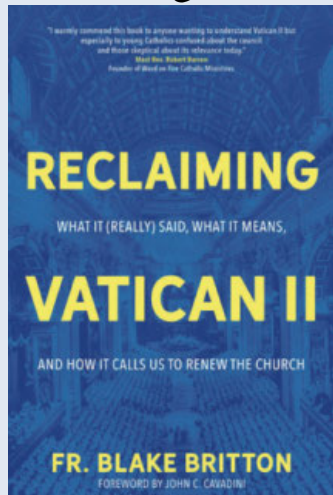


Adult Bible Study



Join us as we take a look at the documents of Vatican II to discover what they really say, what they mean, and how they call us to renew the church. In

this study we will review the eight most significant documents produced by the Council. We will examine them in the light of their genesis, not their aftermath. We hope to explore the theological treasures that flow from the council and discover how Vatican II is not simply a "possible avenue" of reforming and refocusing the Church but is "the avenue" provided by the Holy Spirit himself through the Mystical Body of Christ.



Beginning: Tuesday, February 4th

Where: Ministry Center

Times: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: \$20 for materials



In this Jubilee year of 2025, let us reclaim the beauty of the Vatican Documents by taking intentional steps to apply their words in our lives through learning, teaching, and evangelization.

GET YOUR NAME BADGE TODAY!

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Cost is only \$8.00

Even in the smallest of Churches, it's sometimes difficult to remember everybody's name. Our Church is a lot bigger and we have a lot more neighbors to meet and greet. Let's get to know them by name and not be embarrassed when we realize we have called someone by the wrong name. How? A Name Badge is the solution.

Complete the slip, bring it by the Church office Monday through Friday to order your name badge today, and give your fellow parishioners a proper welcome next time you see them.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

NAME: _____

HOMETOWN/STATE: _____

PHONE #: _____

SELECT ONE:

MAGNETIC ATTACHMENT

PINNED ATTACHMENT

Funeral Ministry

The Funeral Ministry at St. Charles is calling for more people to help out at funerals. It requires about one hour when there is a funeral and entails passing out programs and assisting during funeral Masses. If you are interested, or for more information, call Gwen Bates at (603) 305-5015 or email her at GWENB@STCBC.ORG.



Knights of Columbus



Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Tootsie Roll Fundraiser Drive after each Mass this weekend. Tootsie Rolls are free, and any donations will benefit local organizations that serve special needs individuals in our community. Thank you for your continued support for this special program.



Catholic Declaration on Life and Death

The Catholic Declaration on Life and Death is a health care advance directive for Florida's Catholics and is approved by the Bishops of Florida. This directive conforms to both Florida law and the teaching of the Church.

What is an "advance directive"?

There are two forms of advance directives: the designation of **health care surrogate**, which authorizes a person to make decisions for the incapacitated patient, and the **living will**, which gives instructions to physicians and caregivers regarding medical care and treatment at the end of life. The Catholic Declaration on Life and Death merges both forms into one directive.

See the following link for more information and the Advance Directive Form:
<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/catholic-declaration-on-life-and-death/>

CHURCH ETIQUETTE



- ▶ **ATTIRE** The idea of Sunday best should be honored; churchgoers of all ages should dress conservatively. Coat and tie is appropriate for men, but not required. Women should wear modest dresses, skirts and slacks; no tank tops, short skirts or tight-fitting clothing.
- ▶ **ARRIVAL** Offering envelopes should be prepared ahead of time. Arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass begins. This helps reduce distractions and provides time to get settled. Latecomers should wait to be seated by ushers so as not to disrupt the Mass and the congregation. Please avoid chewing gum or eating candy when coming to Mass.
- ▶ **ENTERING THE CHURCH** Once you enter the Church, please refrain from over socializing with others. Remember that others are already engaged in prayer in their seats. It is optional to bless yourself with holy water, but as a sign of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, genuflect (bow if you are unable to genuflect) before taking your seat. Move to the center of the pew to accommodate others who arrive after you.
- ▶ **QUIET TIME** Turn off cell phones and pagers. It is understandable that children may have difficulty sitting quietly, but when they become distracting, take them out briefly until they settle down. They may simply need a change of environment. The Narthex is an appropriate place to take them.
- ▶ **SIGN OF PEACE** People usually shake hands or exchange a quick kiss, but if you have a cold or cough, you can politely say, "Peace be with you," without shaking hands.
- ▶ **CONSECRATION** Elevation of the Host and Chalice after the words of consecration are spoken is a sacred time, and there should be silent reverence with no movement around the church, except in an emergency.
- ▶ **COMMUNION** Again, please refrain from socializing when leaving the pew to receive Communion. Receive the holy Eucharist with reverence, bow slightly and respond "Amen."
- ▶ **LEAVING THE CHURCH** The final part of Mass is singing a closing hymn. Leaving before the hymn ends is inappropriate. Genuflect (or bow) toward the altar before leaving. Refrain from greeting and visiting each other until leaving the church. Have respect for those who wish to remain in prayer.

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Pro-Life Prayer for the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade January 22

GOD OF ALL GOODNESS, You have entrusted us with the gift of life. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moments 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.



RESPECT LIFE TRENDS

Roe v. Wade was overturned as the law-of-the-land in June of 2022. Many thought that would end the scourge of abortion, but it only returned the matter to the people in individual states. What about our Florida?

The initial response was an increase in abortions. The almost 75,000 abortions performed in 2021 increased

to more than 82,000 in 2022 and to 84,000 in 2023. With the beginning of the heartbeat bill in 2024, things have started to change. Total numbers were down 13% from '22 and '23 in the first 8 months of 2024. (wusf.org)

What does the future hold? It's hard to tell. The unrestricted abortions promised in Amendment 4 fell when 42.8% of us opposed it. Yet, with the proliferation of medical abortions by telehealth and pills in the mail, it's a new world.

Babies aborted this week from Charlotte County: *Silas, Amelia, and Willow.*

Abortions dropped in Florida during 2024 since the heartbeat bill became law in May '24, but we still see too many early medical abortions. Numbers may soon change, but, for now, please spiritually adopt one of these babies.

For more information or to join this most important ministry, please contact Gary at (618) 841-8073 or via email at garybutson47@gmail.com.

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\$100,000 DRAWING

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Spread the word to help us sell all 2,000 tickets!

We're kicking off our annual \$100,000 Drawing!

With your help, \$100,000 will go towards supporting our mission, and up to 10 lucky winners will share \$100,000!

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Get your tickets now and support St. Charles Borromeo School!

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“GOD ALLOWS US TO GIVE RISE TO THE PRACTICE OF TWO BEAUTIFUL

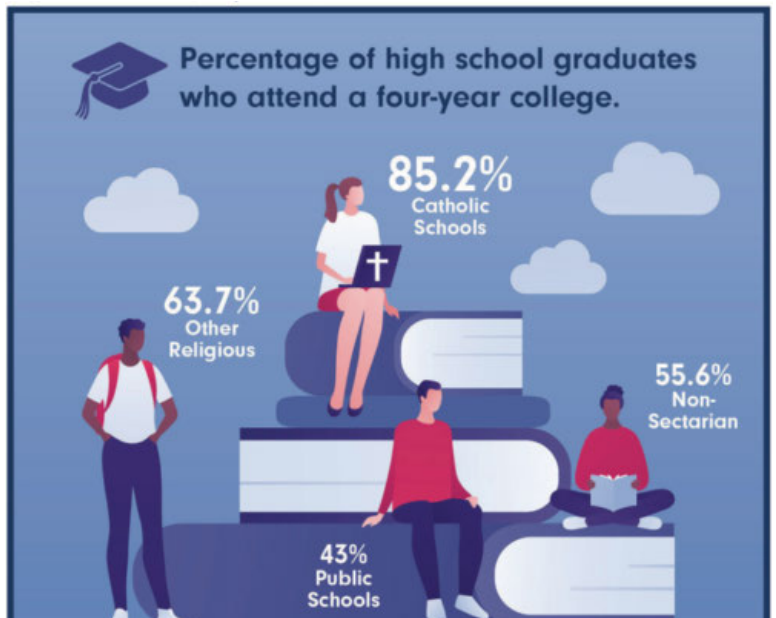
VIRTUES: PERSEVERANCE, WHICH LEADS US TO ATTAIN THE GOAL, AND CONSTANCY, WHICH HELPS US TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVdP is always in need of the following: soups, cereals, and canned vegetables. If you are disposing of a car, truck or boat, SVdP would welcome any donation.

You can donate to St. Vincent de Paul St. Charles through E-Giving at: <https://svdppc.weshareonline.org>

Hours: M, W, F 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ~ Romans 8:14

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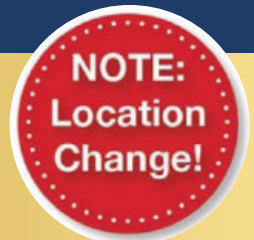
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St. Charles Borromeo School's Eighth Grade **CAR WASH**

The St. Charles Borromeo School's Eighth Grade will be hosting a car wash fundraiser this Sunday, January 19th, for a graduation trip to Orlando.

The car wash will take place 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (following the 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM Masses) in the parking lot near the pavilion.

Bring us your dirty car and let us handle the rest!

All donations accepted.





Virginia B. Andes Clinic

21297 Olean Blvd., Unit B
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 766-9570 x109



The Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic is dedicated to providing quality healthcare services to the uninsured and underserved residents of Charlotte County.

2024 has been a year of accomplishments.

The new Mobile Medical Clinic was launched providing 1,560 services since April, 2024. It was on the road after Hurricane Helene and Milton and along with Charlotte County Department of Health is providing greater access to those most in need.

If you are in need of assistance, please contact us.

Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage, are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations:

- February 1, 2025 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11:00 AM
- March 8, 2025 at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota at 11:00 AM

Both events will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane, followed by a reception, and the availability of a photo with Bishop Dewane.

Advance registration is required and must be completed no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.

Statement of the Bishops of Florida on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22, 2025

Informed by the divinely revealed truth that the human being is made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 2:26-27), as Christians we care for all of God's children, especially the most vulnerable among us. On this Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, we renew our call to pray and work for a culture that protects life in the womb and offers loving support to all mothers, fathers, and families.

Florida celebrated two major milestones over the past year. First, the Florida Supreme Court reversed the finding in the 1989 legal case, *In Re: TW*, that bent the state constitution's right to privacy to include a broad right to abortion. We celebrate the overturning of this longstanding wrong in Florida jurisprudence. This ruling paved the way for the Heartbeat Protection Act, which restricts the intentional taking of the life of an unborn child at 6 weeks of gestation, to go into effect.

Second, in the November election, Amendment 4 was defeated. This proposed amendment to Florida's constitution was pushed by a well-funded effort spreading misinformation about women's healthcare and current abortion law. If passed, it would have removed nearly all regulation of abortion up to viability and well beyond.

The Church in Florida made a considerable effort to help defeat Amendment 4, and we thank the many people of goodwill who worked in defense of the innocent preborn. We are grateful that voters rejected this amendment, but we also recognize that many of our fellow citizens voted in its favor and that much work remains. While the Heartbeat Protection Act has significantly decreased the number of abortions, the unfortunate reality is that abortions continue to be performed in Florida at a high rate.

Most of the important work in building a culture of life is undertaken outside the legislature and the courts. We must advance protections for unborn children and their mothers by communicating with compassion the truth

about abortion, respecting the rights and dignity of women, and continuing our commitment to the family. We laud the services performed by pregnancy care centers and ministries such as Walking with Moms in Need. These initiatives meet and accompany women in difficult situations who are often told that they have no choice but to seek abortion and provide them with love, dignity, and practical resources.

"We must advance protections for unborn children and their mothers by communicating with compassion the truth about abortion, respecting the rights and dignity of women, and continuing our commitment to the family."

We give thanks to those who have embraced the calling to marriage and family life and witness to us generously, as well as to those who help to prepare and support husbands and wives living their vocations. New life is welcomed in marriage and nourished in the family. This helps each child and ultimately all of society to flourish. As St. John Paul II famously noted, "In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of the culture of life." (*Centessimus Annus*, no. 39, May 1, 1991)

Despite challenges, we remain confident in the Lord Jesus, who draws close to all those who suffer. With prayer and fasting, through the intercession of Mary, we ask Jesus to have mercy on our state and our nation and to bring about laws that protect every human life and banish every form of injustice. To all who have experienced the harm of abortion, there is always mercy and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. We invite all people to join in building a civilization of love in which every human being is valued and loved.

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
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Primary Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Secondary Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Family Email Address: _____ Permanent Resident Seasonal Resident (Provide other address)

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