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*A special thank you to all
contributing parishioners.*

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**We extend a warm WELCOME to these newly
registered parishioners!**

Johnny, Kari, Penelope, Thomas & Daisy Sengmany
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Michael Brannigan and Michael & Joseph
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much for supporting our parish ministries in various ways and for wearing a face mask to Mass. I strongly encourage you to keep wearing it before, during and after the Mass because Covid-19 is still out there.



These are the things to expect in our parish:

1. We are celebrating daily Mass in the Church with a limited number of people. No reservation is necessary to attend a daily Mass but be sure to sign in yourself at the back of the Church.
2. Our parish individual confession started again on June 3rd: We are using the meeting room located at the Church basement for confessions until the new restriction is lifted.
3. Individual Anointing of the Sick and Last Sacrament will continue uninterrupted but there will be no public Anointing of the Sick.
4. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has started again in Church since June 3rd.
5. Our Church doors will remain open daily for Mass, private prayers and devotion, but will be closed on Wednesday after Mass, rosary and confession until 5:30pm on Thursday. During this time, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be going on in the Church. If you need to get into the Church for any reason during this time, please go through the Divine Mercy Chapel door using a code, which you can obtain from the parish office.
6. We have returned to weekend Mass schedules with a limited number of people (105 people per Mass). You will be able to attend the weekend Mass by reservation only. Also, there will be no passing the baskets for collections. Therefore, there are some stationary collection baskets at the back of the Church to drop in your envelopes when you're at Mass.

7. You're highly encouraged to wear your face mask before, during and after the Mass; and during any public gathering in our parish.
8. You're highly encouraged also to visit our diocesan website for instant update on COVID-19 pandemic and other important updated information: (www.rockforddiocese.org).
9. Also, you're welcome to join our parish effort to send cards to our seniors to let them know that we care. There will be free cards at the back of the Church you can use for this purpose.
10. Dispensation given to all the faithful from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass has been extended until further notice. Therefore, there will be no need to include it in your confessions. Vulnerable parishioners are highly discouraged from attending Mass during this period of time. But, please continue to attend by watching the Mass from the comfort of your home.
11. Stay healthy, practice social distancing and pray a lot!
12. Please, prayerfully consider signing up for your weekly contribution online (detailed information is on our parish website); Otherwise, mail in your weekly contribution and your Diocesan Appeal envelope to the office or simply drop it off in a box at the parish office entrance. Thank you! The parish office is open daily for private work until 3:30pm.

Have a blessed day!

Much love and Prayers,

Father Sylvester A. Nnaso, M. Div., M.A., D. Min., Pastor

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

School News!

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School would like to welcome some new staff to our school. Please read their interesting backgrounds and give them a warm SAINTS welcome!



My name is Maria Palazzolo, and I am going to be the new Kindergarten teacher at St. Charles Borromeo. I have lived in Hampshire for over 20 years now. I went to St. Charles Borromeo for three years and have been a parishioner there for 20 years. I was a graduate of Hampshire High School in the class of 2014. Continuing my education, I went on to study Early Childhood Education at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Franciscan helped me carry out my lifelong goal of becoming a Catholic school teacher, while simultaneously strengthening my own personal faith. I'm thrilled to start my journey at St Charles Borromeo and foster new relationships with students, faculty, and families.



My name is Patti Wright and I cannot put into words how excited I am to be teaching at St. Charles Borromeo. I graduated from Northeastern Illinois University and began teaching in 2002. I am originally from Chicago, but now live in Lake in The Hills. I have been married to my husband Joe for 29 years. We have two children – our son Zachary and our daughter Elizabeth. I love to garden and try cooking new dishes. Before coming to St. Charles Borromeo, I taught 4th-8th grade Social Studies at St Laurence School in Elgin for 2 years before they closed. I taught 3rd grade at St. Margaret Mary in Algonquin for 11 years. Before moving out here, I taught 4th grade at Maternity B.V.M. in Chicago for 3 years. I am excited to start my new career at St. Charles Borromeo. I look forward to the new challenges that your children will bring to my classroom. I am sure that we will have great years together and cannot wait for the year to get started! Go Saints!



Theresa Meshes is excited to join our St. Charles Borromeo community. She has her masters degree in mathematics from Northern Illinois University. Her experience includes teaching 4th-8th grade mathematics, high school geometry, and numerous college level courses. She previously was the seventh grade teacher at Our Lady of Destiny in Des Plaines, instructing mathematics and American history. She is a lifelong Catholic and a current parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul. She believes strongly in service to her community and volunteers in various organizations. Theresa and her husband of fourteen years have two sons and a daughter. They enjoy vacations, the outdoors, and gaming.



Hi, my name is Tess Gisseler and I am the new music teacher at SCB School. I have a BA in Audio Arts and Acoustics from Columbia College Chicago. For the last 7 years, I have been the Director of Music of SCB Parish. I have been involved in music performance since the age of 5 and I can't wait to pass my love of music to all my students. My husband and I joined SCB parish in 2008, and have two children, Katie and Josh that attend SCB School. In my spare time I love reading, anything involving space, and watching movies with my family.



Hello, my name is Katie Parise and I have the pleasure of being St. Charles Borromeo's Art Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. I have a BA in Art History from Georgia State University. For the last fifteen years I have been a part of the St. Charles Borromeo Family. I have served as PSO President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer over the years. I have also served on the Dinner Dance and Auction committee for the past ten years. Other roles I have played at SCB have been everything from hot lunch head to room mom and everything in between. I have been both a daily and long term substitute for SCB as well as a substitute teacher for CUSD 300 for the past seven years. Most recently I became the preschool aide at SCB during the 2020 school year. My husband Bill and I joined SCB parish in 2005, and have four children, Isabella and Dominic who are SCB alumni and Anthony and Gabriella who currently attend SCB School. In my spare time I love travel and photography.



Ms. Megan Black

Megan Black graduated from Roosevelt University and received a bachelors in elementary education and a minor in English as a second language. She grew up in the catholic faith and always knew she would be a teacher one day. After teaching three years at a small private school in Elgin everything came together to finally teach at a catholic school. She is very excited to start this new journey and meet this amazing community.



A vibrant parish is full of stewards who receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously and give them back with increase to the Lord.

The St. Charles Borromeo Stewardship Committee is a group of dedicated parishioners who encourage all members of the parish community to live out their commitment to discipleship by sharing their time, talent, and treasure.

We are looking for new members with ideas to grow stewardship in our parish. Some of the events we host are:

- The Stewardship Committee hosts a yearly Stewardship Recognition Dinner in November. Those recognized are nominated by fellow parishioners for their generous use of time, talent, and treasure in the parish and community.
- The committee hosts the Ministry Fair which highlights all the ministries at one event encouraging parishioners to join a ministry to generously share their talents with the parish.

If you know a good steward that you would like to nominate for recognition or if you are looking to share in a life of stewardship in our parish, please contact Kim Alberth at 847-508-9830 or kalberth4@gmail.com.

Members: Kim Alberth
 Dick Bruggeman
 Kel Kissamis
 Dee Jacobson
 Deb Viccicondi

Family Faith Formation, Grades K through Confirmation

By Jan Olson, DRE

What is Family Faith Formation?



Here at SCB we are promoting lifelong *Family Faith Formation*. We offer parents a chance to journey with and be supported by other parents and leaders within our church community. *Family Faith Formation* gives families a shared faith language and faith experiences. It also gives children the opportunity to see all of us “being Church” together as a family. We know that all parents want what is best for their children and you work hard to be positive role models. Also, parents, you are the most important influence in the faith life of our children. So, with much prayer, we are partnering with the parents in their family faith journey. We, the SCB *Family Faith Formation* Committee work together with you and your family as Partners in Faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Family Faith Formation
Grades Pre-K through
Confirmation
2020/2021

Year of DIVINE LOVE
“COME HOLY SPIRIT”

Parishioners are welcome!
It's never too late to join the families in our parish.

Religious Education embraces Families!

Our Parish is the Curriculum!

We have begun a new and exciting year of *Family Faith Formation* in Religious Education. In addition to the children being in RE classes we have Parent Sessions set up to be a support and partnership in the faith formation of the family. We are making life long, faith filled friends! Please call the RE Office for more information. Jan Olson 847-683-1536

Partners in Family Faith

Family Sessions BEGIN August 30th and end May 2021

Session Days and Times

16 Sundays, 8:45 – 10:15am

Families in Pre K through 8 - Meet at our parish school/Calendar on the website.
Homeschool/Virtual learning available.

Explore the Mass

→ Explore the Mass as a family in person or online/ form will be provided.

- ✦ 2nd Grade also attends two Wednesday nights a month.
- ✦ Parents teach chapters to their children on the off weeks.





CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS September 20, 2020:

"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you."

Come to Mass and receive a blessing to begin the New Year.

Long-Term Catechists awards will be awarded to:

- ✦ Jennifer Dumoulin 10 years
- ✦ Ray Oleferchik 10 years
- ✦ Mary Goad 10 years

We are so grateful for all the volunteers that help to form *Family Faith Formation* each year, the catechists, parishioners and the *Family Faith Formation* Committee. We thank you with grateful hearts!

RE/FFF CALENDAR/DATES and Topics

August 30 th	God's Love Poured Out
September 13 th	Breath of God
September 27 th	Baptism in the Holy Spirit
October 11 th	Our Lady
October 25 th	Gifts of the Holy Spirit
November 1 st	Eucharist
November 15 th	Spirit of Adoption
December 13 th	Adoration with Fr. Nnaso
January 10 th	Sacraments
January 24 th	Fruits of the Holy Spirit



Calendar for Confirmation Year 2 (9th graders) 2019/2020

September 2 nd , 16 th and 30 th	Dumoulin Farms 7-8:30pm
October 14 th and 18 th	Dumoulin Farms 7-8:30pm
November 4 th and 18 th	Dumoulin Farms 7-8:30pm
December 2 nd and 16 th	Dumoulin Farms 7-8:30pm
January 13 th and 27 th	Dumoulin Farms 7-8:30pm

✦ Confirmation Year 1 is FFF in 8th Grade.

And They Lived Happily Ever After...

By Kay Nelson

With those words, the handsome prince and his beautiful bride ride away from their royal wedding in a golden coach, all courtesy of a fairy godmother? And there the story ends! But what is the experience of the couple planning to be married at St. Charles Borromeo?

According to our church secretary, Deb, the process begins with the couple calling to reserve a date for the church. Once that is decided upon, the couple sets up an appointment to meet with Father Nnaso about six months prior to their wedding. In the meantime, the couple must reserve a place for their reception, create a gift registry, choose their wedding party, find a photographer, order dresses, invitations, a wedding cake, and flowers....no fairy godmother to take over all of those details!

However, preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony involves much more. **Bridget and Andrew Sessions**, a recently married couple, described their feelings as they prepared for their wedding day this way, **“We started our marriage prep with feelings of excitement, anxiousness, and nervousness. Excitement because we were beginning to plan our life together, anxiousness because we wanted the day to get here as soon as possible, and nervousness because getting married is the biggest decision we have ever made.”**

When the couple meets with Father, he makes certain they are free to marry in the church and that they understand the commitment they are making before God and the community in the sacrament. Then he gives them contacts for planning their wedding liturgy, the music, and the rehearsal. At that time the couple also takes the **Fully Engaged Inventory**, receives their **Fully Engaged** workbooks, and is assigned a mentor couple (currently there are three: Deacon John and myself, Deacon Jerry and Linda Ryndak, and Kel and Ginny Kissamis). They are to arrange three meetings (about two hours each) with their mentor couple.



So far, almost everything the couple has prepared for deals with their wedding day. But that day is just the beginning of a whole lifetime together! The **Fully Engaged** workbook begins with these words, **“The Fully Engaged program is designed to help you explore, both individually and together, specific areas that are central to a loving and life-giving sacramental marriage and to help to strengthen the foundation upon which you will build your life together.”**



The **Fully Engaged** inventory and workbook invite them to reflect with each other and their mentor couple on these areas: Differences, Recreation, Division of Labor, Family of Origin, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Finances, Catholic Identity, Intimacy, Catholic Parenting, Infertility and Adoption, Vocation and Career, and the Sacrament of Marriage.

The 3 meetings are held in the mentor couple's home and are comfortable times together for sharing. We have

met in our living room, around the dining room table, on the patio, and most recently during the COVID pandemic, over FaceTime! John and I love these meetings, but what do the couples think?

Bridget and Andrew, now married for about three months, had this to say when I asked, “... **our marriage prep classes helped us learn more about each other to build a solid foundation for our marriage and our faith.**”

Teresa and Bobby Fandel, who proudly told me they have now been married two years and nine months and have a lively 1 year old, shared their memory of those Fully Engaged sessions, “**For us, marriage prep was a great learning experience. It allowed us to dive deeper into questions and learn more about each other through our faith. We loved hearing stories from you guys about your marriage with its struggles and its joys.**”

Theresa and Dan Nicholson completed a slightly different program with us over 10 years ago and now are the parents of three children. They shared these memories, “**We remember being a bit nervous, but we got insights on how to have a successful marriage. The program helped us identify topics where we had different points of view and then openly discuss them. We are thankful the marriage prep program was part of our journey, and feel so blessed to have celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary.**”

Amazingly, even after over 50 years of marriage, we find that sharing with these young couples just beginning their journey of marriage helps make our marriage better. The two couples I quoted and several other couples we have mentored are still active members of our parish so we get to see them at Mass and watch as they begin their families.

So, unlike the prince and princess whose story ends with, “They lived happily ever after,” we know couples will face joys and sorrows, gifts and challenges as they live their journey, but with the graces of the Sacrament of Marriage and the love and support of their faith community, we are confident they will live and love “happily ever after.”

I Just Want to Be Where You Are, Lord

Susan Wiland

These unprecedented times are requiring us to make changes in our daily lives... how we shop, how we dine out, how we attend Mass, and how we adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our 40 hours of devotion was stopped for many weeks. During this time, I reflected on how much I missed my weekly visit in our Divine Mercy Chapel and how I longed for the day when we could expose the Blessed Sacrament. Fortunately, that day did happen and we have since been provided with that closeness with the Lord. But, there is still a risk for some vulnerable adorers who continue to protect themselves by limiting outside activities. For those who are not able to visit our church for adoration, there is a livestream link from Marytown that provides a way to be in His presence. <https://livestream.com/marytown/events/4408765> At the very heart of Marytown, located in Mundelein, is Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, considered one of the most beautiful pilgrimage sites in the nation. The Chapel has been a sanctuary of perpetual adoration since 1928.

I Just Want to be Where You Are

Don Meon

I just want to be where you are
Dwelling daily in Your Presence
I don't want to worship from afar
Draw me near to where you are
I just want to be where you are
In your dwelling place forever

Take me to the Place where you are
I just want to be with you.
I want to be where you are
Dwelling in Your Presence
Feasting at Your Table
Surrounded by your glory.
In your presence
That's where I always want to be.
I just want to be with you

I just want to be where you are
To enter boldly in your presence.
I don't want to worship from afar
Draw me near to where you are
O, my God,

You are my strength and my song
And when I'm in your presence
Though I'm weak you are always strong.
I just want to be where you are
Dwelling daily in your presence.
I don't want to worship from afar
Draw me near to where you are
I just want to be with you.

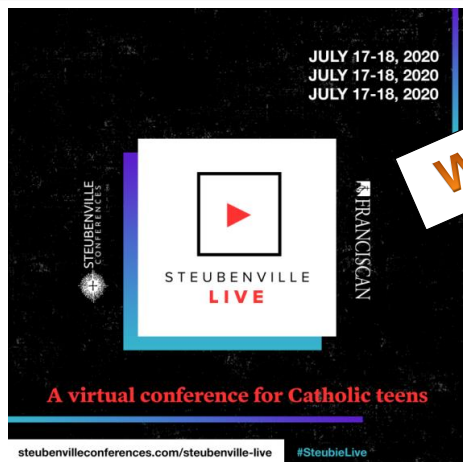


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JAM YOUTH MINISTRY

JESUS AND MARY

SCB's JAM Youth Ministry (JESUS AND MARY)



WE MISS YOU!!!


**KEEP
CALM**
and
JAM

Youth Ministry Dates ~ Jr. High JAM Nights
7:00-8:00pm

Kickoff Party at Seyller Park - August 30
September 20
October 18
November 15
December 6

*JAM's YM Planning Meeting for Peer Ministers is ½ hour prior to event.

SCB Parish MIDDLE SCHOOL Youth

Attend Summer CAMP WOW
GRADES 6-8

Monthly JAM Events lead by the
Teens/Young Adults

**We feed the Homeless a
couple times a year!**

HIGH SCHOOL Teens

**Join in the JAM YM for middle school
as a Peer Minister to plan events for
each month!**

**Attend the Steubenville Conference or
Steubenville Live Conference in the
Summer!**

**We feed the Homeless a
couple times a year!**



Bringing Mass to Your Home

By Chris Gisseler

God never gives you more than you can handle, as my eight grade teacher Sister Bernadette Dwyer always said. Nothing can be more true. I would like to thank those who pulled together to help deliver the live streaming Mass to our community at home. A special thanks to Father Nnaso, my wife Tess, and my father Jim. Prior to COVID, my dad and I had zero experience with YouTube or any streaming platform, but with much trial and error we were able to figure it out. After the Governor decreed the stay at home order, my dad and I started doing some research on our options to bring Mass from our church to the community as a means to help bring a degree of normality to our daily lives. It took us a few weeks to figure out how to bring internet to the church, which we were able to achieve a bit before Easter weekend. Once we had completed that, the next obstacle was sound. From the unorthodox mass of cables, which failed us on a few occasions, to the very old webcam, we had our share of challenges.

When we reached out to Father to see if he'd be interested in letting us try to live stream the Easter Vigil Mass, he was extremely receptive. Therefore, on Saturday, April 11th, I ran over to church with a little webcam on a mic stand, a horrible mass of cables for audio and my wife's laptop and setup. At this time, we were extremely limited on how many members of the congregation that could be present, so I had to run home and control the stream remotely. A few minutes before Mass started, my wife gave me a phone call and we went live with the stream. I can't tell you how stressful this felt since if anything went wrong, there was nothing I could do except text my wife who was also cantering. When we ended our stream and provided feedback to Father on viewership, he gave us the green light to begin streaming Sunday masses.

After getting the thumbs up to continue, Tess and I decided it was time to upgrade our camera, so purchased a more-modern device which we tried during our next stream. A new camera meant new challenges. While the video quality was much improved, it also yielded a more yellow appearance. It took us a couple of weeks to find the right settings to correct this. We also have had a number of audio challenges as I'm sure you're aware of since Tess was in the choir loft and could only leave when liturgically appropriate. Up until Mother's day, we had a completely un-manned setup which meant there was little anyone could do during Mass if we encountered issues. After our last audio failure on Mother's Day, Father invited me to Mass so we could address issues real time. We wanted to solve our sound problem so we rummaged through our drawers and found an old piece of equipment that seemed to fit the bill so we decided to give a try. Luckily, it worked and we've been using it ever since with a few iterations to further improve sound. We have also added the Act of Spiritual Communion to the stream and a slide show of sacramentals from the church during Communion. In addition, we post the songs we'll sing during mass via myParish app [hint, hint].

Our experience streaming Mass gave us the courage to help with the school auction which was a huge success. The auction committee surpassed their goal, raising over \$90,000 for the school! Beyond streaming Sunday Mass, we have live streamed a handful of Wedding ceremonies. Throughout the process, we have encountered numerous other challenges such as internet issues, requiring streaming via cell phone, but we aim to deliver the best possible experience given what we have to work with. This goes to show you everything can fail at any time and God never throws anything at you which you can't handle. He is always with us! We plan on streaming until there is no longer a need and we're absolutely open to any feedback & additions we can make for a better experience. If you haven't joined us in church or viewed our live stream, information can be found on the parish website or via the myParish app. Stay safe and we can't wait to see you all back in the church for Mass!

Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree Ministry provides Christmas gifts to children and families in need, within the Hampshire community. This Christmas season we will also be partnering with R.I.T.A.S. Ministry, Avancer home for disabled adults, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Parish Homebound, and the Crisis Pregnancy Center. The annual event functions through the care and generosity of the St. Charles Borromeo parishioners. Please consider taking a tag or two from the tree in the back of the church to purchase a gift for someone less fortunate. Together we can make it a very merry Christmas for all!

*If you are not attending church in person and would like to participate in the Giving Tree, please contact Diane or Theresa to obtain a gift tag or to sponsor someone in need.

Here are the upcoming events for the 2020 Christmas season:

November 14th @ 9:30am - Join us to write out the gift tags in the church basement

November 21st @ 10:00am - Join us to put up the Giving Tree in the back of church and decorate it with the gift tags

December 13th @ 10:30am - Deadline for returning the gifts to church, so they can be distributed before Christmas

Assistance is needed on all of these dates!

If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree or if you are able to help on any of the days, please contact us!

Diane Grandt (847) 553-8777 or
Theresa Nicholson (847) 217-3788



Sacristan

Being a sacristan is an honor and a blessing. A sacristan prepares the altar and the vessels for Mass. We assist the priest with some of the details of preparation for Mass. The altar linens, the sacred vessels, and the candles make the Mass very special. The Mass is always sacred and everyone involved with preparing the sacred space is responsible for setting an example of honor within the sacred space. As a sacristan, there is the awesome pleasure of meeting our servers from St. Charles Borromeo parish and school. They are delightful to meet.

Mary Miller



Bereavement Ministry

Deacon James Ward

This Ministry is to assist those who are grieving and provide them with someone to speak and pray with, as well as to express their feelings to someone who can understand what they have experienced so that spiritual help can be provided. This is a ministry of compassion and understanding. Anyone feeling the need to talk about their feelings should contact Deacon Ward. All meetings are confidential. There are no committee members in this ministry.

Homebound Ministry

Deacon James Ward

This ministry takes Our Lord Jesus Christ to any Parish Member who is unable to attend Mass. If you or your loved ones are homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please call Deb Ward 847-997-1643 to make arrangements. During the current Covid-19 situation, only a Deacon or Priest can bring the Eucharist to homes. Under normal circumstances, a parish member could provide this ministry.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul is a world wide Catholic lay organization that addresses the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. Our members join together to grow spiritually by offering a hand up to those who are needy and suffering. We strive to form a relationship with our friends in need and let them know they are not alone in their struggles. Many have found themselves in financial positions where they cannot afford food or the ability to pay rent, utilities or other or other basics of life due to the loss of jobs, illness or other unforeseen circumstances. We help anyone in need without attention to faith, race, or creed. In addition to assistance we try to bring hope and encouragement. All of our visits are confidential. We also try to establish a relationship with those in need so they can always count on us moving forward. Much of our funding comes from fundraising and generous donations. Being a Vincentian (a member of SVDP) is a vocation, a call from God. Spirituality is the cornerstone of the Society. Please consider joining us!

We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7 pm in the parish classroom downstairs, during normal circumstances, and during Covid we currently meet on Zoom. If you know of anyone in need or have questions please call our hotline 847-429-5910 or contact Jim Mancini (President).

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you Interested or know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church?

St. Charles Borromeo will soon begin a new session of the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, to ask any questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds and Catholics that have never been confirmed. The first session will be sometime in September so watch the bulletin for more details. Please give us a call if you have questions, would like further information at 847-683-2391 or email at jhahn@scbparish.org .

Cemetery Ministry

This ministry oversees the operation of the Parish Cemetery. Duties include: meeting with family members of the recently deceased or through the funeral home to make arrangements for the burial of a loved one. We also perform “pre-planning” burials with individuals. Included within this ministry is the selling of graves, marking of graves for burials and performing the required record keeping. We also make sure the cemetery is maintained in a proper manner, such as keeping the grounds looking appropriate and garbage collection. While there are currently five members on the “Cemetery Committee” meetings are not held regularly, rather are called when an issue is identified. This ministry is currently looking for someone to volunteer who would be available during the daytime and has knowledge of Word and Excel. If you would be interested, please contact Deacon Ward or Father.

Deacon James Ward

Chairman



Ushers are needed at all Masses!
If you would like to learn more,
please see the head usher at
Mass.

Greeters are the warm welcome smile
that greets all parishioners as they
enter for the celebration of the Holy
Mass. Greeters are needed at the
Masses! If you would like to learn
more, please contact the Parish Office.

**Homebound Ministry is in need of additional members to take the
Eucharist to homebound parishioners**

*The Eucharist is taken after Mass and usually takes less than a 1/2 hour of your time.

*We are in need of members for every Mass but especially for Saturday and 10:30 Masses.

*This ministry is very rewarding to our members and many lasting friendships have developed.

*Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry and contact Deb Ward for more information at 847-997-1643 or by email at warden47@sbcglobal.net.

ASK FR. MIKE

Article reposted from Bulldog Catholic

Fr. Mike Schmitz

Q: I want to go deeper in my prayer life, but I'm not sure how to start. What is my first step?

A: Your first step is the one in front of you. I know that sounds like I'm out of the TV show Kung Fu, young grasshopper, but it is true. We all find ourselves at different starting points. That means that our first step is going to be our own; it is going to be very personal and unique to ourselves. And yet, there are some general guidelines that might apply to your case. A potential first might be your image of God. I cannot stress how important this is to get right. Not only because God deserves to be known as He has revealed Himself, but also because this will shape every subsequent step. If we are under the impression that God needs to be bribed into loving us, or manipulated into helping us, or placated when His "fragile ego" is bruised, then that will shape our prayer. This is the false image of the gods presented in the Greek and Roman myths: the gods were fickle, they couldn't be trusted, their "love" was arbitrary. It is represented quite well in the recent movie *The Clash of the Titans*. In it, the main message is "The gods need us. We grow more powerful the less we pay attention to them."

The Christian counterpoint to this could be expressed in the Catechism's teaching that, "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for Him" (CCC 2560). God's "thirst" for us is not arbitrary or needy. In His perfect self-sufficiency, God has made the irrevocable decision to choose us. This decision (this love) is constant, true, and free. A second help step might be God's image of us. Ask the question, "What does God think of me?" If we think that we are merely an annoyance to God, this will shape our prayer (it may even cause us to avoid prayer entirely!). God's image of you: you are completely unique in all of creation, you are precious to God, you are worth loving. That last piece is critical. I will talk with many people who wrestle with this wound. They do not believe that they are worth loving...especially in their weakness and sin. This wound is in desperate need of healing and this lie is in desperate need of being exorcized.

With these two thoughts in mind, there is a need to take the following step: in spite of the fact that God is infinitely patient with us and has irrevocably chosen us, it is our task to remove any known obstacles between us and God. Here are three possible obstacles: pride, unforgiveness, and distraction.

To root out pride, we must become humble. This doesn't mean thinking, "I'm so small, so bad, so inconsequential. It simply means telling the truth. And the first truth is that there is a God and you are not Him. It means acknowledging that there is Someone infinitely "bigger" and infinitely better than you. And that this Someone believes that you are worth loving. Humility always tells the whole truth; the happy truths and the hard truths. To know if you are humble, ask yourself, "Am I open to being taught, or do I resent instruction and correction?" The refusal to forgive hardens our hearts to God, to others, and even makes it difficult to know ourselves. If I am aware that I hold bitterness in my heart, I need to make some effort to express that I am choosing to forgive. This can be extremely difficult (and will most likely have to be repeated many times in some cases!).

Remember, forgiveness is not excusing someone's actions, and it is not ignoring real pain. It is the choice to "will the good of the other". While our emotions can still be inflamed, our decision to pray for someone's eternal soul (we could say "praying for their conversion... praying that God's will is done in their life") not only fulfills our Lord's command, but frees us.

Distractions can be anything that diverts our attention from what or who should have our attention at a given moment. Sometimes we utilize diversions for entertainment and stress relief; that's great. If recreation is what we should be doing, then games or entertainment aren't the wrong thing...they're the right thing. But if I invite distractions in so that I don't have to think about the present, then I am most likely keeping God out of the moment and out of my life. This step is nothing more than the "living deliberately" of which Thoreau wrote. Keep in mind that these are just some very simple beginning steps. None of them can be taken without grace; that is, without the help of God. But remember, God wants to help you take each of these steps. And He is infinitely patient with us while we are learning to walk. Next, we will look at what the next step might be.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, November 1, 2020-All Saints Day

Monday, November 2, 2020-All Souls Day

Thursday, November 26, 2020-Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 29, 2020-First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2020-Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 8, 2020-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 13, 2020-Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 19, 2020-Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Sunday, December 20, 2020-Fourth Sunday of Advent

Thursday, December 24, 2020-Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25, 2020-Christmas Day

Sunday, December 27, 2020- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Friday, January 1, 2021-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 3, 2021-Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 10, 2021-Baptism of the Lord

O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!

O Jesus, we adore you, who, in your love divine,
Conceal your mighty Godhead in forms of bread and wine.

O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!

O Jesus, we adore you, our victim and our priest,
Whose precious blood and body become our Sacred feast.

O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!

September-October-November-December-January

Ordinary Time

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Exaltation of the Cross
Our Lady of Sorrows
All Saints Day
All Souls Day
Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

June 1 thru November 28, 2020

September 8, 2020
September 14, 2020
September 15, 2020
November 1, 2020
November 2, 2020
November 9, 2020
November 22, 2020

Advent

First Sunday of Advent
The Immaculate Conception
Our Lady of Guadalupe

November 29 thru December 24, 2020

November 29, 2020
December 8, 2020
December 12, 2020

Christmas Season

The Nativity of the Lord
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Epiphany of the Lord
Baptism of the Lord

December 25 thru January 10, 2021

December 25, 2020
December 27, 2020
January 1, 2021
January 3, 2021
January 10, 2021

Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 11, 2021 thru February 16, 2021

January 22, 2021

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 Scheduling.....Jan Olson
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Baptismal PrepTess and Chris Gisseler
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 7:30am MassCharles Smith
 10:30am MassJim Mancini
Youth MinistryJan Olson

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We, the members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Rockford, having a deep faith in the providence of God our Father, the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the presence of The Holy Spirit, proclaim that it is our mission to spread the Good News of Christ so that we may welcome Him into our lives.

Unified in this belief, our faith community will provide a spiritual atmosphere as a means for attaining a deeper understanding of the will of God and for sharing this vision with others in faith, in works and in fellowship.