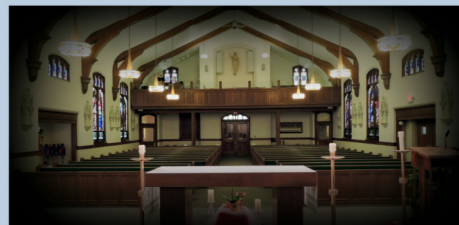
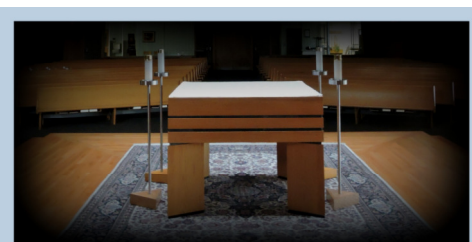




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**Welcome to  
St. Charles Borromeo  
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**Our Mission**

Love God and others. Celebrate the Eucharist. Make disciples.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself. *Matthew 22:37, 39*

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you." *Luke 22:19-20*

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. *Matthew 28:19-20*

**Our Vision**

Make and grow disciples in the greater Greenville and Belding areas through hospitality and stewardship.

Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. *1 Peter 4:9, 10*

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.  
*Matthew 25:42-43*

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## **Our Values**

**Worship:** We believe in Orthodox Christianity, as taught by the Roman Catholic Church. The Eucharistic celebration is the source and summit of our faith which we seek to live and serve with the whole of our lives in vibrant and creative ways. Excellence in our worship honors God.

**Discipleship:** We believe the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God. Our preaching and messages will strive to break open the relevance of the Bible for our daily lives. Changing and growing into the likeness of Christ is not just greater knowledge of our faith, but doing what God's Word says.

**Fellowship:** We believe our Baptism makes us one family in which we learn to love one another as Christ loved us. We strive to build a church culture through small groups where people are open and authentic, especially about their need to grow and change.

**Service:** We believe the Holy Spirit prepares work for us to do that will advance the kingdom of Christ. We recognize God's call on our church to serve both within our parishes and also beyond: in our cities, in our country, and in the world.

**Humility:** We believe we are called to live, serve, love, and bring the glory of God to others as humble servants of our Lord. We know how to love because he first loved us.

**Justice:** We believe we are called by God to protect human life, defend human dignity, advocate for the poor, and respect all creation.

**Evangelization:** We believe Jesus came to seek and save the lost. We heed God's command to share his name with the world. We look for opportunity to invite inactive Catholics, inquirers and seekers, and the unchurched to join us.

## **Sacraments**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 10:00 am at St. Charles

Tuesday 7:15 pm at St. Joseph

### **Baptism**

Please contact parish office

Parent preparation required

### **Confirmation**

Contact Director of Religious Education

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Notify Pastor of Illness

After Mass by Appointment

### **Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

Please call the parish office

# St. Charles & St. Joseph-St Mary Parish Ministries & Groups

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# **St. Charles & St. Joseph-St Mary Parish Ministries & Groups**

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## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION SC, SJ-SM (Molly Scoby)**

This group meets to develop programs to offer our adult parishioners avenues to grow in their faith. Some past activities have been Fr. Robert Barron's Catholic video series and speakers on assorted topics.

### **BIBLE STUDY SC, SJ-SM (Molly Scoby)**

The purpose is to help parish adults break open the Bible to more fully understand its message, its context, and how it relates to their lives. We will have day and evening groups to accommodate busy schedules.

### **LANDINGS SC (Molly Scoby)**

This ministry is for baptized Catholics who have been away from the Church and wish to investigate returning.

### **LECTIONARY STUDY GROUP SC (Carol Jasso)**

The Lectionary Study Group meets each Wednesday from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. to discuss the readings for the following Sunday. The leader facilitates the sessions, which include prayer, oral reading, discussion, and a question-and-answer period. Everyone is welcome to attend without obligation.

### **RCIA SC, SJ-SM (Molly Scoby)**

The Rite of Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is based on the early Church's process of evangelizing and catechizing adults. RCIA was instituted during the Second Vatican Council. The process is designed to introduce and explain the basic principals of the Catholic Faith and typically leads to the Sacraments of Initiation or full communion in the Church.

### **ST. JOHN PAUL II LENDING LIBRARY SC (Roger Truskowski)**

The Lending Library is open before and after all Masses. Various Catholic books and audio and videotapes are available.

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS SC (Ralph Harrington) SJ-SM (Finance Council)**

Assistance is sometimes needed by the maintenance staff for specific repair and improvement projects, offering parishioners an opportunity to be involved and helping to minimize the expense of contracted services. Members who have experience and interest in any of these fields are especially sought: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, block masonry, dry wall, and heating. Because these projects are done on an individual basis, no regular meetings are scheduled for this group. Individuals are needed to take responsibility for or assist in planning and completing specific facility improvements.

### **GARDEN VOLUNTEERS SC (Mary Ferguson)**

The Garden volunteers work on landscape renovation and gardening projects for the church. The group works together from planning to planting with some pruning and weeding in between.

### **HELPING HANDS SJ-SM (Joe Daller)**

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### **ST. JOSEPH CLEANING CREW SJ-SM (Jane Gasper)**

Volunteers who clean St. Joseph Church and St. Mary Chapel every week to have them looking their best for Mass.

## **CARE AND COMPASSION**

### **ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP SC, SJ-SM (Maria Robertson 616-204-1216)**

The Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Support Group is designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. They help participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. The groups encourage caregivers to maintain their personal, physical and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with dementia.

**BEFRIENDER MINISTRY SC, SJ-SM (Molly Scoby)**

This ministry provides emotional and spiritual support to those in difficult or transitional situations, such as illness, divorce or loss of a loved one. They embody the caring presence of God and of the community and serve as a living reminder of God's love. BeFrienders accept people as they are without telling them how they should be, listen with compassion without giving advice, and allow others to make their own decisions without trying to decide for them. Through this ministry, BeFrienders provide an opportunity for those they befriend to make choices and to grow. Parishioners who would like to have a BeFriender visit with them should call the parish office. All referrals come from the pastor.

**DIVORCE & BEYOND (Tim & Mary Reno)**

This ministry is a confidential and caring support group for those who are divorced or are in the process of becoming divorced. A ten week session is offered annually. Those completing this group are encouraged to consider New Beginnings.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND SC (Sue Rentsman) SJ-SM (Vicki Schneider)**

The purpose of this group is to bring Holy Communion to those who are ill or disabled, living at home, in nursing homes or other assisted living facilities.

**MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION SC (Sharon Bouck)**

In response to God's call, the Ministry of Consolation team is here to provide comfort, support and resources to anyone in need through any of life's losses. They offer an informal monthly group meeting at St. Charles Parish. Feel free to join us whether your loss has been recent or several years ago. *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28)

**NEW BEGINNINGS SC, SJ-SM (Holly Gatchel)**

This ministry will provide a fun, healthy, faith filled environment in which to build friendship and faith within our parishes. Support will be provided to lift one another up. Topics discussed in a positive way include personal growth, parenting, issues with former spouses, and other life experiences. Confidentiality is observed in all aspects of discussions and group sharing. Social functions will be planned throughout the year. This group is open to anyone divorced, widowed or never married.

**RESPIRE CAREGIVER SUPPORT SC, SJ-SM (Ethel Niles)**

This ministry supports family members and others who are long-term caregivers by offering them a volunteer so they may enjoy temporary rest and relief from their caregiver responsibilities.

## **CEMETERY**

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE SJ-SM (Ernie Thomas)**

This committee is responsible for St. Joseph-St. Mary Parish's two Catholic cemeteries. The committee is responsible for the care, maintenance and development of the grounds.

### **CEMETERY FOUNDATION SC (Larry Caverley)**

This foundation provides a Catholic setting in the community that offers a place of prayerful respect and reverence for the deceased. The committee is responsible for the care, maintenance and development of the grounds for the St. Charles Cemetery. Comprised of five members from the parish and the Pastor, the committee is recruited from parish volunteers who serve a three year term from March through November each year. Vacancies are filled upon the appointment of the Pastor and as accepted by the committee.

## **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

### **CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM SC (Connie Ladiski) SJ-SM (Michelle Byrne)**

The purpose of the Angel Program is to help local needy families with their Christmas celebrations by providing Christmas dinner baskets and gifts which have been provided by other members of the parish.

### **FOOD PANTRIES**

- **BELDING COMMUNITY OUTREACH & RESOURCE (B-COR) SJ (Julie Rodts)**

This ministry is housed and supported by St. Joseph and other area churches to provide food assistance to disadvantaged families in the Belding area.

- **GREENVILLE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY SC (Angela Giglio)**

St. Charles is a co-sponsor of the community food pantry at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is staffed by volunteers from several area churches and provides food for local citizens who are in temporary need. Volunteers are scheduled to work once or twice per month.

### **GOD'S KITCHEN OF ST. CHARLES (Charlie Smith, Knights of Columbus)**

In conjunction with God's Kitchen Grand Rapids, meals are served to anyone who needs one on Thursdays between 5:00 and 6:00 pm in the St. Charles activities building. Currently we have seven teams that set up, serve and/or clean up. This is an excellent opportunity to share your time and talent to serve God by serving the community.

**GOD’S KITCHEN OF ST. JOSEPH-ST. MARY (Julie Rodts)**

In conjunction with God’s Kitchen Grand Rapids, meals are served to anyone who needs one on Thursdays between 5:00 and 6:00 pm in the St. Joseph gym. We have teams that set up, serve and/or clean up. This is an excellent opportunity to share your time and talent to serve God by serving the community.

**GOD'S KITCHEN OF GRAND RAPIDS (Donna Proctor)**

Volunteers travel to Grand Rapids on the last Monday of the month to serve meals. They meet at St. Charles at 10:15 am and return at 3:00 pm.

**KID’S HOPE USA SJ-SM (Kristen Albert)**

Kid's Hope is a mentoring partnership between church and school and their motto is: One child, one hour, one church, one school. If you have one hour a week that you could spend forming a relationship with a young child in your community who is crying for someone to listen, consider joining this program.

**MISSION-QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SC (Sue Remelts & Nelda Gallagher)**

This ministry provides material and financial support for our sister parish, Queen of All Saints in Beattyville, KY. This includes a donation drive during Advent for essential needs such as clothing, toys and gift cards. Occasionally, a service trip is made to the parish to assist with construction and repair projects.

**PRISON SERVICE SC, SJ-SM (John Latva)**

This ministry offers Communion Service and other spiritual nourishment for inmates of the Carson City Prison complex. It recalls Jesus’ commission to visit the prisoner in Matthew 25:42-43.

**SOLDIER SUPPORT GROUP (Paula Hole & Brain McKnight)**

The SSG mission statement is “Supporting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of our soldiers”. SSG is made up of all the parishioners of St. Charles and St. Joseph-St. Mary. We have an “Item of the Month” posted on our bulletin boards in the gathering space and an update is printed in the church bulletin. There are also bins located in the church gathering space for contributions.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER BASKETS (Charlie Smith, Knights of Columbus)**

Thanksgiving baskets are provided by the Knights of Columbus. We ask for monetary donations from the parishioners. The donations are used to purchase the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. Our goal is to help our parishioners that may be struggling.

## **DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

### **RESPECT FOR LIFE SC, SJ-SM (Chris & Pauline Rewa)**

*I ask everyone to continue to pay special attention to this most important issue of respect for human life from the moment of conception... safeguarding every human being from the very first moment of his or her existence." ~ Pope Francis*

The Respect for Life group strives to educate the parish community about Catholic teachings regarding the sanctity of life. Special events are held throughout the year to promote respect for life and provide support to local and state efforts. The group hosts two annual benefit dinners, holds a special prayer service on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, honors mothers and fathers on their special days, participates in the annual Life Chain and Ionia Free Fair Respect Life booth. In addition, they provide literature about the Catholic teachings regarding respect for human life and dignity to our parish community.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE ECUMENICAL (Candy Schmiedicke)**

This group strives to educate the parish community about Catholic teachings regarding Sanctity of Life issues. Monthly meetings are held when possible to discuss the agenda and assist the Flat River Right to Life Group with fundraising in Greenville. Fundraising includes selling Roe vs. Wade candles, hosting a spaghetti dinner in February and selling Mother's Day carnations at the church in May. Other activities include distribution of Right to Life literature and participation in the annual "Life Chain" held the first weekend in October.

## **FRATERNITY & SOCIETY**

### **ALTAR SOCIETY SC (June Moy)**

The Altar Society assists in the maintenance and care of the altar, flowers, and candles. All women of the church are invited to join us for fellowship at our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Members take turns co-hosting the meeting and helping with the care and cleaning of the Altar area.

### **ALTAR SOCIETY SM (Lorna Scheid)**

The Altar Society is a women's group that provides support for parishioners in need by hosting benefit fundraisers and providing funeral luncheons. New members are always welcome. And are invited to join us for fellowship at our meetings.

### **AVE MARIA GROUP SJ (Katie Gasper, Joni Mirand, & Connie Kennedy)**

This women's group supports the Belding Community Outreach and



Resource, and other ministries from dues and fundraisers. The group meets once a month at Candlestone.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY SM (Ken Gasper)**

The purpose of the group is to allow the men of the parish an opportunity to meet as a group and discuss the needs of the parish and religious community. Meetings are conducted by elected officers. Monthly breakfasts and other fundraisers are conducted to help support charities of choice. Monthly meetings are held the second Sunday of every month in the St. Mary's Activity Center, winter months starting at 7:00pm, and summer months starting at 8:00pm.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SC, SJ-SM (Tom Russell, Grand Knight)**

The purpose of the Knights is to promote Catholicism through works of Christian service for the parish and the community. All Catholic adult men, 18 and older, are encouraged to join.

**LADIES AUXILIARY SC (Juliana Morano)**

The Ladies' Auxiliary was formed to give Catholic women a group for spiritual enrichment and socialization. Monthly meetings are held in the St. John Paul II Lending Library. Various topics are discussed and recently an educational series was viewed. Currently, rosaries are being made for the First Communion class.

**SISTERS IN CHRIST SJ (Mary Kreeger & Board of Directors)**

The Sister in Christ ministry consists of a group of women who have regular meetings to discuss decisions and plans for social gatherings. They take part in many community projects and hold fundraisers to support them. This group's members participate in a prayer chain whose obligation is to consider the feelings of others, and be there to pray for them.

**FUNDRAISING**

**EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT SC, SJ-SM (School/Youth Ministry)**

The purpose of this benefit, made up of representatives from St. Charles School and the Youth Ministry (YM3), is to raise funds for the school and youth ministry needs. This is a once a year event established to provide funding for these ministries as well as opportunities for building community among parish members. A committee plans the benefit which may include activities such as dinner, raffles, auctions, etc.

**LENTEN DINNER SC, SJ-SM (Tom Russell, Knights of Columbus)**

The Knights of Columbus, in collaboration with parish members, plan, prepare and serve Lenten dinners at St. Charles and St. Joseph. Funds are raised and donated to St. Charles for scholarships and both parishes' Good Samaritan Fund.

**SCRIP SALES SC (Carole Doyle, Philippa Stanford, Jennifer Cruz)**

The Scrip Gift Card program is fundraising while you shop. It's an easy way to earn money for you and the school. Gift cards may be purchased at face value from several local and national retailers and a percentage of the proceeds are returned to St. Charles. Order forms are available with a listing of the participating retailers at: [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Personal on-line accounts can be set up at [www.ShopwithScrip.com](http://www.ShopwithScrip.com). Rebates are divided between the school's general fund and personal accounts. Funds can be withdrawn from the personal account and applied toward school fees and tuition, Religious Education, Youth Ministry or other church projects. Scrip is available at the school office and after weekend Masses in the gathering space.

**FUNERAL**

**HOSPITALITY SC (Diana Eakins)**

This group of volunteers report at the church one hour prior to the service to help the funeral directors set up the gathering area, staff the registration stand, distribute memorial leaflets, properly place the pall, and be available for any need that may arise. They seat friends and relatives and see that the gathering area is cleared, the casket is closed, and the Mass starts on time. After the service, they usher out the family members, followed by other attendees. Finally, they check the church and the gathering area, making sure things are put back in place. Anyone who is available on short notice is invited to join.

**LUNCHEON SC (June Moy & Donna Proctor)**

- **FOOD DONATIONS** The parish list is divided into thirds. Each committee has one third of the membership from which they solicit food for the luncheons. Anyone willing to provide side dishes, salads, casseroles, and/or desserts on short notice is welcome. The chairperson from the group contacts individuals for food donations.
- **SET-UP/SERVERS**  
St. Charles offers a funeral luncheon to the families of the bereaved and all who attend a funeral service. Though no meetings are required, the ability to help at short notice is essential. Interested volunteers are divided into three groups and alternate every three funerals. Volunteers typically work from 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 or 5:00 p.m. Jobs include set-up, making coffee and tea, preparing a buffet table, slicing meat, cutting cakes, setting out contributed food, and cleaning. A chairperson from each group solicits food from members of the parish.

**LUNCHEON SJ-SM (Mary Krieger, Jean Taylor, Shirley Dehn, & Rosie Sheid)**

The funeral luncheon committee is responsible for offering funeral luncheons to the families of bereaved parishioners of St. Joseph-St. Mary and all

who attend a funeral service. Though no meetings are required, the ability to help at short notice is essential. Jobs include set-up, making coffee and tea, preparing a buffet table, slicing meat, cutting cakes, setting out contributed food, and cleaning.

## **HOSPITALITY**

### **REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING MASS SC (Phil Ply, Knights of Columbus) SJ (Open) SM (Various Societies)**

This ministry offers various refreshments following Sunday Mass, such as coffee, juice, rolls and/or breakfast, and provides a time for fellowship between friends, families, and a welcoming atmosphere for new parishioners and visiting guests.

### **NEW MEMBER OUTREACH SC (Open) SJ-SM (Open)**

This ministry works closely with the pastor to coordinate outreach and welcome to new parishioners and introduce them to parish ministries, programs and services. They help to coordinate quarterly social gatherings with new parishioners and the pastor.

### **THE WELCOME AND INFORMATION CENTER SC, SJ, SM (Rosemary Klackle)**

The Welcome and Information Center will be available after Mass as a resource for parishioners and guests. Center volunteers will respond to inquiries about ministries, Mass intention requests, and programs and classes such as Baptism classes, RCIA, Landings, Bible studies, St. Charles School, Religious Education and Youth Ministry. New parishioner registration information will also be available. Volunteering at the Center will give you the opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners and become a parish resource expert.

## **LEADERSHIP**

### **FINANCE COUNCIL SC ( Sam Andres) SJ-SM (Michelle Cooper)**

The Finance Council advises the Pastor and Business Administrator on financial matters and the administration of parish property; assists in the preparation of the general parish budget; reviews necessary annual reports; reviews the parish financial, personnel and administrative operations; reviews the care and maintenance of parish property and buildings; develops long-range planning for operational and capital needs; and assists in developing and encouraging parish stewardship.

### **PARISH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE SC (Tom Russell, Knights of Columbus)**

The parish activities committee organizes and conducts events requested by

the pastor. This committee operates on an as needed basis, and only when planning events. The committee currently plans the summer social picnic for the parishes.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL SC, SJ-SM (Dave Mendrea)**

The joint Pastoral Council is an advisory council to the pastor which strives to identify the spiritual needs of the parish, studies and reflects upon those needs, makes recommendations about how those needs can be met, and evaluates the ministerial efforts of the parish. After study and prayer, and upon reaching a consensus, the fruits of this shared wisdom and discernment are recommended to the Pastor who presides over the Council.

**LITURGICAL**

**ALTAR SERVERS SC, SJ-SM (Pastor)**

All students from grades 5-12 are welcome and encouraged to serve at Mass. Training is available. Students are scheduled to serve at Masses they regularly attend. Students are generally trained at the end of 4th grade and begin serving Mass that summer. Serving is a privilege as well as a service. Any Catholic student serious about their faith is eligible for consideration.

**ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SC ( Sue VanderSteen), SJ (Robin Moore), SM (Dawn Woods)**

The Art and Environment committee makes sure the Altar and Sanctuary are decorated with the proper color and flowers for the weekend Masses. Effort is made to ensure the flowers and banners add to the celebration of the Mass.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SC, SJ-SM (Pastor)**

Ministers of the Eucharist distribute Holy Communion during Saturday and Sunday Masses about once per month. Practicing Catholics, serious about their faith, are eligible to go through a brief training and are commissioned to this ministry.

**LECTORS SC, SJ-SM (Pastor)**

Lectors provide an essential ministry and service during liturgies by proclaiming the scripture readings and psalms and announcing the intentions of the Prayers of the Faithful. Lectors are scheduled approximately one Mass per six weeks. Some training is required. Regular responsibilities include careful preparation of the readings when scheduled. Baptized Catholics, serious about their faith, are eligible to join.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE SC, SJ-SM (Dr. Rose Marie Muennich)**

This ministry collaborates with the pastor and the Director of Music to plan music and other considerations for the Mass according to the different liturgical seasons. Some knowledge of Catholic worship and liturgy is desirable.

## **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY SC (Mary McNees) SJ-Open)**

### **SM (Open)**

Ministers of Hospitality are the face of our local churches. Not only do they welcome, greet and seat people as they enter the church, they take extra time to get to know the names of parishioners and guests. For the purpose of the weekend Masses, they are the first line of evangelization, extending out-reach to guests and those who may not be practicing the Catholic Faith or who are not Catholic. They assist in making connections by introducing regular parishioners to new parishioners.

## **MUSIC (Dr. Rose Marie Muennich, Karin Kwiet)**

- **Accompanist/Instrumentalist-** A few pianist/organists “in re-serve” are needed to help out with special liturgies, vacations, etc. Any and all instrumentalists are welcome to participate on a regular or occasional basis to play one or more selections as individual time and talent permits. If you are a student, we would be happy to work with you too!
- **Cantor Training-** Individual cantor training is open to all Catholics who have been confirmed. Cantors rehearse for upcoming weekend liturgies and special liturgies. Music reading is not required. Cantors maintain pitch and rhythm to proclaim the Psalm and Gospel Acclamation and to serve as Song Leaders for the assembly. Cantors are scheduled once or twice a month. Your help is important in this ministry.
- **Choir-** Everyone from ages 16-100+ are welcome to join the Adult Choir! Weekly rehearsals take place now on Wednesdays from September - May starting the week of Labor Day, with 90 minute sessions in the Dascola Room. Seasonal choir members are encouraged to participate too. The choir typically ministers at a weekend liturgy two or three times a month and for special liturgies, e.g., Christmas and Triduum. Music reading is not required. A desire to sing for God and His people is the primary goal.
- **Student Music Ministry-** All school-age children in the parish are invited to participate. Rehearsals are once a week from September-May with sessions in the church.
- **Contemporary Ensemble-** A newly formed group of youth and adults who enjoy singing and playing traditional music with an emphasis on contemporary music. The ensemble ministers once or twice a month at a weekend liturgy with rehearsals scheduled as needed. Music packets are prepared and given out prior to the first rehearsal for each liturgy. Music can be scored for any instrument. A potential future goal is to provide music for occasional Prayer Services as well. Won't you join us to enliven everyone's spiritual journey through music?

- **Let Heaven Ring!**- This amazing addition to the music ministry is a chime choir. We rehearse weekly during the school year so that we can ring and touch hearts at weekend Liturgies monthly. Reading music is a plus but not necessary to participate. Be a part of this special and unique ministry. All you need is the desire to contribute something beautiful, in the name of God.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION COUNTERS (Holly Kammel)**

Individuals are needed to count offertory collection money. Anyone who is a member of the Parish and actively practicing the Catholic faith is eligible to join. To be considered for counting, a person must be trustworthy in handling money and confidential information.

**SACRISTAN SC (Angela Giglio), SJ (Robert Thompson), SM (Vicki Albert)**

Sacristans set up and clean the altar before and after Masses and other services. Sacristans work in teams of at least two and are scheduled for the weekend Masses about once a month at the Mass they usually attend. Sacristans for weekday Masses and other ceremonies are scheduled as needed. Some training is required. Any Catholic serious about their faith is eligible to serve.

**MARRIAGE**

**ENGAGED COUPLE MENTORS SC (Peter & Ruth Rittersdorf), SJ-SM (Deacon Dan & Vicki Schneider)**

Married mentors assist the pastor in preparing engaged couples for marriage by establishing a rapport with them and discussing pertinent issues relating to newlywed life and the life of marriage. The engaged couple participates in a pre-marriage inventory which covers a full range of marriage issues such as effective interpersonal communication, religious beliefs, social interests, child-rearing beliefs and financial philosophy. Using the inventory as a platform, life strategies and skills are discussed to assist the couple to come together so as to experience increased satisfaction and fruitfulness in their marriage.

**WEDDING REHEARSAL COORDINATOR SC (Mike and Margaret Garvey ) SJ-SM (Mary Kreeger)**

Wedding rehearsal coordinators help the pastor by giving instructions for the proper use of the church to the bride, groom and wedding party. They assist in planning and rehearsing the wedding ceremony with the wedding party according to Catholic tradition.

## **PRAYER**

### **CENACLES FOR LIFE SC, SJ-SM (Pauline Rewa)**

Cenacles for Life are groups which pray the Rosary and fast for the promotion of life. The word "Cenacle" refers to the upper room, where the apostles would meet to pray with the Virgin Mary, after the death and Resurrection of her Son.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SC (Tom Schmiedicke, Roger Truskowski)**

For at least eight hundred years people have kept vigil with Christ in the Eucharist. Silence, reverence, gratitude and loving devotion can flood the souls if one is blessed to do this for an hour. It fulfills the invitation of Christ, "...could you not watch with me one hour?" (Mt. 26:40). To increase our devotion, the mystical sign, the consecrated Host, is exposed in a monstrance. Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. All adorers are welcome for brief or extended visits with our Lord. Regular adorers, those who are able to be there every week, take one-hour time slots. Substitutes fill in when regular adorers are unable to be there.

### **PRAYER LINE SC (Marjorie Truskowski) SJ (Carol Grody) SM (Lorna Scheid)**

This group, dedicated to the power of prayer, prays for the sick and afflicted of our parish, the nation and for specific requests. As requests are received, one member calls another with the prayer intention. In turn, that person calls the next person on the prayer line and so on. Members may pray individually or together and are also encouraged to pray for their own intentions. This is an excellent opportunity for home-bound and physically-limited members to serve the parish.

### **TRUSTING IN JESUS (Camille Latva)**

Jesus promises many graces to those for whom a Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed. With this assurance, we will pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet at the bedside of your loved one.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**(Polly Rewa, CRE SJ-SM; Carol Jasso, CRE SC)**

### **ST. CHARLES**

**Nursery, Preschool, and Kindergarten** meet on Sunday mornings during Mass. Classes are available for children in the Nursery (ages 1 through 3), Preschool (age 4), and Kindergarten (age 5).

**First through Eighth Grade** classes are held evenings from mid-September through April.

## **ST. JOSEPH-ST. MARY**

**Preschool through Fifth Grade** meet for social time before class in the gym.

**Sixth through Eighth Grade** classes are held on a week night evening.

Preparation for and celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist takes place in the second grade. Confirmation is celebrated every other year with the seventh and eighth grade students. Students are expected to attend yearly catechesis to prepare themselves for Confirmation and a living a life long faith. Preparation specific to the Sacrament of Confirmation is part of the seventh and eighth grade curriculum.

The elementary religious education program offers a comprehensive and developmental coverage of the basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and the content is completely correlated to the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church. Adult volunteers and youth ages 12 and older who would like to share their faith and enjoy being with young people are welcome to help with this ministry as catechists, sacramental preparation teachers (preparing older students who have not yet received the sacraments) or aides.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SC, SJ-SM**

Vacation Bible School is a fun-filled, week long summer program for children ages 4-11. Using prayer, scripture stories, songs, crafts, skits and games, the children have fun while learning about God, our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Vacation Bible School is held at both parishes at different times. Adults and youth ages 12 and up are invited to help out with this fun week.

## **RETREAT**

### **CURSILLO SC, SJ-SM (Dave Mendrea)**

Cursillo is a three day, often life-changing, weekend retreat. It is a short course in Christianity. The Cursillo group is part of a much larger group of Cursillistas worldwide, who encourage spiritual growth through piety, study of the faith, evangelization and Catholic community through small group reunions. More information is available at [grcursillo.com](http://grcursillo.com)

### **VERITAS SC, SJ-SM (Scott Smith)**

Veritas is a back-to-basics, fun, spirit-filled weekend experience for young adults. This is designed to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith while learning how to live for God in a complex world. It is also a great opportunity to meet new people from around the Diocese. Veritas is open to all young adults from age 18 to age 28.



## **SCHOOL**

### **ST. CHARLES SCHOOL (Margaret Karpus, Principal)**

St. Charles School is fully accredited through the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools. The school offers a quality, comprehensive elementary and junior high program, including a solid foundation in the Catholic faith and Christian morals. We foster positive self-esteem, self-discipline, and respect for others while stressing the core academic subjects, and offering fine arts, physical education, Spanish, and technology. To accomplish these goals, we stress parental involvement as a key element of student success. For further information call the principal at 754-3416, or visit the school's website at [www.saintscjm.com/school](http://www.saintscjm.com/school).

Parents may volunteer for the following:

- Student Tutors and Mentors
- Lunchroom Aides
- Athletic department help
- Fundraising help
- Thanksgiving Luncheon helpers
- Catholic Schools Week
- Teacher Appreciation Week

### **ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (Amy Darling)**

The purpose of the athletic program is to complement church, home, and school in the development of the whole child. Our goals are to recognize the need for physical fitness, develop a healthy interest in sports by participation and socialization, and provide enjoyable recreational activities that nurture Christian attitudes of sportsmanship. Ours is an organized sports program, which relies on the cooperation, participation, and support of parents and volunteers to maintain this philosophy. The athletic board consists of adults willing to take on leadership roles, aided by volunteer coaches and parents who work at the concession stand and as ticket takers to help defray costs of the program. The program offers basketball and track for boys and girls, and volleyball for girls.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Brenda Ruhlman)**

The primary concern of the Board of Directors is the ministry of Catholic elementary school education: the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development of the students. The Board of Directors, operating in conformity with the policies of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, under the guidance of the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools, the Superintendent of Schools, and the pastor of St. Charles School, shall concern itself with local school policy matters pertaining to the general excellence

of Catholic education at St. Charles School. Members are appointed by the pastor and meet once per month except in June & July.

**HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Carol Doyle)**

The purpose of the Home and School Committee is to enrich and support the education of the children who attend St. Charles School. The committee's efforts are directed toward enhancing the relationship between our school and our enrolled families. Formal meetings and/or parent enrichment seminars are conducted during the year. The officers and steering committee members meet bi-monthly. Responsibilities vary according to the individual's interest, talents, and the school's needs. Fundraising efforts for the current year are focused on the Educational Benefit held in October. Volunteers are needed to ensure the success of the event. All St. Charles School parents and any interested parishioners are welcome to volunteer

**STEWARDSHIP**

**STEWARDSHIP SC, SJ-SM (Rosemary Klackle)**

The Stewardship Committee organizes the annual renewal drives which call each parishioner to their obligation to be disciples of Jesus and share a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to further His Kingdom. This committee is responsible for planning and coordinating the pledges of time, talent, and treasure to support parish operations and ministries and enrich parishioners' spiritual growth.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YOUTH MINISTRY SC, SJ-SM (Miranda Kloostra, Natalie Klackle)**

The purpose of this ministry, also known as YM3, is to evangelize and catechize high school teens. It includes catechesis, Christian service, social activities, peer ministry, teen bible study, and outreach events. Most scheduled events take place on Sunday evenings during the school year. Summer events include Summer Youth Conferences at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio and sometimes a mission trip to serve our sister parish, Queen of All Saints, in Beattyville, Kentucky.

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