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**Welcome to
St. Charles Borromeo
&
St. Joseph-St. Mary**

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*

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.

PARISH CONTACT & MASS SCHEDULE

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

Addresses & Phone Numbers:

505 S. Lafayette
Greenville, MI 48838
616-754-4194
Fax: 616-754-2357
www.saintscjm.com

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am
Monday 9:00 am, Wednesday 9:00 am
Friday 9:00 am (Summer) 1:00 pm (School Year)

St. Joseph-St. Mary Parish

Addresses & Phone Numbers:

409 S. Bridge St.
Belding, MI 48809
616-794-2145
www.saintscjm.com

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

St. Joseph Masses: Sunday 11:00 am
Tuesday 6:30 pm, Thursday 9:00 am
St. Mary Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

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Pastoral Council SC SJ-SM: Tami Albert

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00 am at St. Charles

Tuesday 7:15 pm at St. Joseph

By appointment if needed

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

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BUILDING & GROUNDS

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SC (Tim Reno) 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.

CHURCH CLEANING

- **ALTAR SOCIETY -SC (Karin Kwiet-Darvill)**
The Altar Society assists in the cleaning and care of the altar area. Team members select one time per week for these tasks, Teams rotate on a monthly basis. New members are welcome.
- **CHURCH CLEANING– SJ (Mary Kreeger) SM (Jenny Jenks)**
Volunteers clean every week, or as needed, for Mass and other events.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS-SC (Mary Ferguson)

SJ (Sally Corder-Myles) SM (Marie Gasper)

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

CARE AND COMPASSION

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY SC, SJ-SM (Molly Boenheim)

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. BeFriends 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 trained BeFriender visit with them should call the parish office. All visits are confidential. Most referrals come from the pastor.

DIVORCE & BEYOND SC, SJ-SM (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.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND - SC (Mary Reno)
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 & Deb Christensen)

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. 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)

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 (Frank & Connie Ladiski for
Knights Council 2084) SJ-SM (Jennifer Feuerstein & Leanne Feuerstein)**

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.

FEED THE HUNGRY -Fulfill the Corporal Work of Mercy: *Feed the hungry.*

DÉGAGÉ MINISTRIES SC, SJ-SM (Rosemary Klackle)

Dégagé Ministries offers help and hope to the homeless and disadvantaged. Volunteers from our Community serve the dinner on the fourth Thursday of the month. We car pool at 4:30 or meet at Degage at 5:30 and serve until 7 pm.

FOOD PANTRY - GREENVILLE ECUMENICAL - 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. St. Charles parishioners are invited to contribute food and paper items to the donation box in the Gathering Space.

FOOD PANTRY - ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY -SJ-SM (Dan Feuerstein)

This ministry is housed at St. Joseph and supported by St. Joseph-St. Mary parishes to provide food assistance to disadvantaged families in the Belding area. Open Thursdays from 2-4 pm (except holidays), the pantry offers many ways for individuals and families to serve. Volunteer positions requiring as little as one hour a month include pantry coordinators, ordering food, picking up food, unloading trucks, stocking shelves, inventorying food, staffing open hours, scheduling volunteers and writing thank you notes.

GOD'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN-SC (Mon: Steve & LouAnn Dombroski, Thurs: Charlie Smith, Knights of Columbus)

Meals are served to anyone who needs one on Mondays & Thursdays between 4:30 and 5:30 pm in the St. Charles activities building. Volunteer teams work between 2:30 and 6:30 to set up, serve and/or clean up and may assist with shopping and preparing the dinner.

ST. JOSEPH THURSDAY SUPPER -SJ-SM (Jim & Linda Brondige)

Meals are served to anyone who needs one on the first and third Thursday of the month between 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph gym. The meal is prepared on site offering a simple & wholesome supper. Teams shop and prepare the dinner, set up, serve and clean up.

THANKSGIVING DINNER BASKETS-SC, SJ-SM (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.

PRISON MINISTRY SC, SJ-SM (John Latva)

This ministry offers Communion Service and other spiritual nourishment for inmates at Bellamy Creek Correctional in Ionia and Keryx (Prison Cursillo) in the Carson City Prison complex. It recalls Jesus' commission to visit the prisoner in Matthew 25:42-43.

SHELTER THOSE IN NEED

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - SC, SJ-SM (Parish contact needed)

Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities of Ionia, Kent and Montcalm counties. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Periodically parish groups, including YM3 teens and Knights, have participated in local builds.

HAVE MERCY - SC (Kim Cain (616) 225-8055)

Since 2011, Have Mercy has assisted individuals and families in Montcalm and Ionia counties that are homeless or are in jeopardy of becoming homeless. They may assist clients obtain emergency shelter, obtain a permanent source of income or qualify with social agencies. Parishioners can donate needed items in the collection box in the St. Charles Narthex (Gathering Space). Have Mercy also needs volunteers at their homeless facilities in Greenville.

DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (Pauline Rewa)

This group participates in the 40 Days for Life, a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion. Parishioners are invited to sign up to pray for an hour on our assigned day at the abortion clinic in Grand Rapids.

ALPHA FAMILY SERVICES (Karen Marsman 616-225-2265)

Alpha Family Services is a faith-based pregnancy resource center dedicated to helping those in Montcalm County and surrounding community with practical assistance & parent education. Parishioners can donate items to support young families in the collection box in the St. Charles Narthex (Gathering Space).

MARCH FOR LIFE (Jake & Melanie Schmiedicke)

High school and college students from our parishes attend the March for Life in Washington, DC. Other prolife activities throughout the year, leading up to the March, are serving at the Flat River Right to Life dinner, and praying at the

abortion clinic throughout the year.

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

The group educates the parish community about Catholic teachings on the sanctity of life. Special events are held throughout the year to promote respect for life and to support to local and state efforts. The group provides literature, hosts annual benefit dinners, holds a 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.

RIGHT TO LIFE ECUMENICAL (Candy Schmiedicke)

As a subsidiary of Flat River Right to Life, we strive to educate the local religious and secular communities about the Dignity of Human Life from conception to natural death. Along with raising awareness on Life issues, our necessary fundraising includes the annual Focus on Life Dinner, and hosting a Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner. We participate in the annual Life Chain, and support both spring and fall campaigns for 40 Days for Life, along with the on-going efforts of Right to Life of Michigan to create an awareness of the Dignity of Human Life in our social and political culture.

FAITH FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SC, SJ-SM (Molly Boenheim)

This group meets to develop programs to offer our adult parishioners avenues to grow in their faith by opening up the rich treasury of our faith through varied activities: movie nights, books, speakers, devotions, family events, Fr. Bauer's virtues series, and Bishop Barron series

BIBLE STUDY SC, SJ-SM (Molly Boenheim)

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 have day and evening groups to accommodate busy schedules.

LANDINGS SC, SJ-SM (Molly Boenheim)

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

RCIA SC, SJ-SM (Molly Boenheim)

The Rite of Christian 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Tessa Hoffman, Coordinator of Religious Education SC & SJ-SM)

GENERAL FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

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.

Preparation for and celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist take place in the second grade. Confirmation is celebrated every spring with the seventh grade students. Students are expected to attend yearly catechesis to prepare themselves for Confirmation and living a life-long faith.

ST. CHARLES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- **Nursery, Preschool, and Kindergarten** meet on Sunday mornings during the 9 a.m. Mass. Classes are available for children in the Nursery (ages 1-2), Preschool (age 3- 4), and Kindergarten (age 5-6).
- **First through Eighth Grade** classes are held Tuesday evenings from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. October to March.

ST. JOSEPH-ST. MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- **Nursery, Preschool, and Kindergarten** meet on Sunday mornings during the 11 a.m. Mass. Classes are available for children in the Nursery (ages 1-2), Preschool (age 3- 4), and Kindergarten (age 5-6).
- **First through Eighth Grade** classes are held Tuesday evenings from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. October to March.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SC SJ-SM

“Vacation with Our Lady” is a fun-filled, 4 day program for children ages 4-11. Every summer we “Vacation with Our Lady” and the children learn all about Our Lady through prayer, stories, songs, crafts, skits and games. The children have fun while learning about the different apparitions of Mary. Adults and youth ages 12 and up are invited to help out with this fun week.

CATECHISTS AND AIDES SC, SJ-SM

Volunteers who would like to share their faith and enjoy being with youth are welcome to help with this ministry as catechists (18 years or older) or aides (14 years or older). If you are interested in becoming a catechist or aide please contact Tessa (thoffman@saintscjm.com)!

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

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 middle school 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.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Margaret Karpus)

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Katey Johnson)

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 meet monthly except for June and July.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (Vickie Lyon)

The Parent Teacher Organization strives to enrich and support the education of the St. Charles School students. The committee's focus is to enhance 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 monthly. Responsibilities vary according to the individual's interests, talents, and the school's needs.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY SC, SJ-SM (Jake and Melanie Schmiedicke)

The purpose of this ministry, also known as YM3 (representing our three worship sites), 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.

FRATERNITY & SOCIETY

ALTAR SOCIETY SC (Listed under Building & Grounds)

SC Altar Society is primarily focused on cleaning and care 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 (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 (Caroll Albert)

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 Cen-

ter, 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.

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 groups members participate in a prayer chain whose obligation is to consider the feelings of others, and be there to pray for them.

FUNDRAISING

**FISH FRY DINNERS SC (Tom Russell, Knights of Columbus),
SJ-SM (Mary & Hal Kreeger, Bill Sickler and Committee)**

The Knights of Columbus and parish members, plan, prepare and serve Fish Fry dinners at St. Charles and St. Joseph. St. Charles funds raised are donated to St. Charles for scholarships and to the Good Samaritan Fund. St. Joseph funds raised go to the general parish operating account for routine expenses.

SCRIP SALES SC (Jennifer Saur & Sarah Sullivan)

The Scrip Gift Card program is an easy way to fundraise while you shop for your regular purchases. This program allows funds to be generated to school and other parish ministries. Each Scrip provider offers a percentage of the purchase back to the school. Half of that percentage is given to the ministry requested, such as school, family tuition, YM3, Religious Education, Adult Faith Formation, etc. The other percentage is kept as a school fundraiser. Several families are able to reduce tuition rates due to the amount of Scrip that they purchase.

Simply purchase a gift card from the Scrip table after Mass or in the school office. Cards are purchased at face value. Several local and national retailers are part of this program. Each week, percentages are split allowing those amounts to add up for a year. At the end of the fiscal year, funds are distributed to the ministries involved.

Order forms are available at the Scrip table or in the school and parish offices. All participating retailers are listed at: www.glscrip.com. Personal on-line accounts can be set up at www.ShopwithScrip.com.

For more information, email Jennifer Saur at adamandjensaur@yahoo.com.

FUNERAL

MINISTERS OF 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.

LUNCHEONS SC (Delores Anthony & Sharon Bouck)

St. Charles offers a funeral luncheon to the families of the bereaved and all who attend the funeral service. There are two areas that require parishioner involvement. Anyone who is available on a short notice is invited to either donate food, work at the luncheon or both.

- **SET-UP/SERVING/CLEAN-UP**

Interested volunteers are divided into two groups that alternate every three funerals. Volunteers typically work from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Jobs include set-up, serving and clean up.

- **FOOD DONATIONS**

Anyone willing to provide side dishes, salads, condiments and/or desserts on short notice is welcome. An email is sent out through the parish office asking those able to donate to call the person at the phone number listed. Immediate response is requested. Phone calls are then made to those without emails who have expressed a desire to help.

LUNCHEONS SJ-SM (Mary Kreeger, Jean Taylor, Shirley Dehn)

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 (Sisters in Christ & Knights of Columbus) 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 (Roberta Peacock) SJ-SM (Barb Albert)

A newly formed ministry to coordinate outreach and welcome new parishioners and introduce them to parish ministries, programs and services. Committee members are needed.

WELCOME AND INFORMATION HUB SC, SJ, SM (Rosemary Klackle)

The Information Hub is available after Mass to help parishioners and guests connect with our parish. Hub team members respond to inquiries about ministries, programs, services and classes. The Hub team has the opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners and to become a parish resource expert.

LEADERSHIP

FINANCE COUNCIL SC (Roberta Peacock) SJ-SM (Mike Doherty)

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL SC, SJ-SM (contact: Tami Albert)

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 (Tony Cusack, Angela Giglio, Carol Jasso), SJ (Mark Emmons, Tara Pigorsh), SM (Marie Gasper)

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 (Mary Kreeger), SM (Dawn Woods)**

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

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
SC (Don Homrich, Marilyn Rewa), SJ (Peggy Crysler, Norrie Slater),
SM (Dave Bozung)**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) assist the priest to distribute the Eucharist during Saturday and Sunday Masses about once per month. Practicing Catholics, serious about their faith, after a brief training period are eligible to be commissioned to this ministry .

LECTORS SC, SJ-SM (Dcn Dan Schneider)

Lectors provide an essential ministry by proclaiming the scripture readings and announcing the intentions of the Prayers of the Faithful. Lectors are scheduled approximately once per six weeks. Some training is required. Responsibilities include careful preparation of the readings when scheduled. Confirmed Catholics, serious about their faith, are eligible to join.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE (Karin Kwiet-Darvil)

The liturgy is one of the primary means through which the faith is communicated and inspired. The task of the Committee is to study the documents of the Church on the liturgy to gain a deeper understanding of it, and in light of this study, to determine whether the liturgy in our parish effectively communicates the faith. Then, the Committee communicates with other ministry leaders about changes that would contribute to the community's growth in the faith.

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY / USHERS & GREETERS
SC (Mary McNees) SJ-(Chris Fuller) SM (Terry Woods)**

Ministers of Hospitality are the face of our local churches. They welcome, greet and seat people as they enter the church and 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 outreach 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 (Sarah Hamstra, Karin Kwiet-Darvill)

- **Accompanist/Instrumentalist-** A few pianist/organists “in reserve” are needed to help out with special liturgies, vacations, etc. Any and all instrumentalists are welcome to participate on a regular or occa-

sional basis to play one or more selections as individual time and talent permits. Students are welcome too.

- **Cantor-** 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.
- **Choir-** Everyone from ages 16-100+ are welcome to join the Adult Choir. Weekly rehearsals take place on Thursdays from September to Pentecost, with 90 minute sessions in the Church. 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 to Pentecost with sessions in the church. The choir contributes to a weekend Liturgy about once a month and has a couple optional outreach events.
- **Let Heaven Ring!-** Our chime choir! Rehearsals are weekly during the school year so that we can ring and touch hearts at weekend Liturgies about once a month. Reading music is a plus but not necessary. 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 (Jennifer Hudson)

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 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, SJ-SM (Carol Jasso)

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. This group meets to pray the Rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday at St. Joseph, following the 6:30 pm Mass. Confessions are also available during this time.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SC (Tom Schmiedicke)

For at least eight hundred years the faithful have kept vigil with Christ in the Eucharist, fulfilling his invitation: "...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. Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. Adorers are welcome for brief or extended visits with our Lord. Adorers who are able to attend every week are encouraged to sign up for a regular one-hour time slot. Substitutes are available for extenuating circumstances.

PRAYER LINE SC , SJ-SM

Dedicated to the power of prayer, this group prays for the sick and afflicted of our parish, the nation and for specific requests. As requests are received, they are immediately distributed by telephone or email. 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.

To join the prayer line or make a prayer request:

St. Charles

Marge Truskowski
616-225-0832

St. Joseph

Carol Grody 616-794-1309
Vicki Schneider 616-970-9325

St. Mary

Lorna Scheid
616-485-4850

PRAYER LIST IN BULLETIN SC, SJ-SM (Jennifer Hudson)

Call the St. Charles Parish Office to request inclusion in the Prayer Requests and Prayers for our Military listed in the bulletin.

ROSARIES Join our group Rosaries to pray this special prayer:

St. Charles

- Saturday morning at 9 am
- First Saturday/Sunday of month and every Saturday/Sunday in May & October at 4:25 pm and 8:25 am before Mass

St. Mary

- Sunday at 7:25 am before Mass
- Wednesday at 6:30 pm

St. Joseph Tuesday at 7:00 pm after Mass

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET SC (Roger Truszkowski)

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of their death.

Our Lord gave this prayer to St. Faustina and made many promises to those who say the Chaplet. Join us Fridays at 6:30 pm at St. Charles to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET FOR THE SICK AND DYING SC (Ann Marie WubbelingE DIVINE MERCY)

Jesus promises many graces to those for whom a Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed. With this assurance, upon request, we will pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet when your loved one is seriously ill or dying.

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP SC, SJ-SM (Rosemary Klackle)

Stewardship is using whatever gifts we have for the sake of the Kingdom. The Committee plans and coordinates annual renewals to encourage parishioners, as disciples of Jesus, to participate in parish ministries and Christian Service outreach and to share a portion of their treasure to further His Kingdom.

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