

A Meditation on Mission & Evangelization

“The love of Christ urges us on...”
(2 Cor. 5:14)

"The Gospel offers us the chance to live life on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others". When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelization, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfillment. For "here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others. This is certainly what mission means". Consequently, an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm, that "delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow... And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ".

Pope Francis. *The Joy of the Gospel, Evangelii Gaudium*. N. 10. 2013.


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"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, according to his purpose." Romans 8:28



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The joy of the Gospel...

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms."

(Pope Francis. *The Joy of the Gospel, Evangelii Gaudium*. N. 3. 2013.)

Over 50 Active Ministries

With over 50 ministries active here at St. Charles, we first include for you a comprehensive list with additional contact information for your reference. The words of Jesus compel us to give ourselves away in Christian love: "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" (John 20:21) Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, relates that message of Jesus to the modern world by adding: "*I dream of a 'missionary option' that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.*"¹

If you'd like more information on any of the active ministries please note the contact information included in this booklet. Also note the Staff members of the Parish and School charged with oversight to each ministry and contact us!

Charitable Organizations, Social Justice Committees, Clubs

Bereavement Support	Peg Walter: PWFortis@aol.com or Marius Hubbell: mariush@hotmail.com (Jen Zans or Benjamin Darnell)
Fall Friendraiser	Gina Rupnow grupnow@stcharleskc.com or, 816-436-0880
Development Committee	Jennifer Harris: harrisjennifer1@icloud.com
Facilities	Tony Lehr: tlehr@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Food Pantry	Deacon Jim Olshefski: jlo0725@aol.com 816-436-0880 or
Friendly Club	Mary Horning, Marian Arington, or Carol Dobney: CABD1222@yahoo.com 816-222-4737
Funeral Luncheon Team	Mary Jane Williams: hcmjwilliams@sbcglobal.net 816-452-5076
Guatemala Programs of Hope	John and Mary Ann Glenski: jglenski@aol.com 816-436-2836
Journey to New Life	William Cowper: waterbill85@gmail.com 816-718-9395
Knights of Columbus	Gus Bannick: gusbannick@yahoo.com or
Lenten Fish Fry	Contact Parish Office
Money Counting Teams	Jim Cleary: jcleary@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Morning Has Broken Bereavement Group	Marius Hubbell: Marius@hotmail.com Peg Walter: PWFortis@aol.com
Parish Finance	Mike McDaniel: mmcdaniel@stcharleskc.com
Parish Picnic Volunteers	Tony Lehr, Benjamin Darnell:
Paving the Way/Prayer Garden	Cynthia Tomes: tomescynthia@hotmail.com
Rebuilt Team	Mark Tomes: mtomes@cekinsurance.com
Respect Life Committee	James and Anne Hueca: anne.hueca@gmail.com Jen Zans (<i>see above</i>)
Spirituality of Stewardship	Benjamin Darnell: bdarnell@stcharleskc.com
St. Cecelia Circle	Carol Dobney: 816-434-1044
Stewardship Initiative	Jennifer Harris: harrisjennifer1@icloud.com

¹ Pope Francis. *The Joy of the Gospel, Evangelii Gaudium*. N. 27. 2013.

Parish and School Youth Ministries

General Contact Information

Comprehensive High School and Middle School Youth Ministries	Jen Zans: jzans@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Confirmation Catechists and Volunteers	Jen Zans (<i>see above</i>)
Parish School of Religion	Benjamin Darnell: bdarnell@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word / Nursery	Benjamin Darnell (<i>see above</i>)
Totus Tuus (Summer Youth Ministry Catechetical Program)	Jen Zans or Benjamin Darnell (<i>see above</i>)
Boy Scouts	Howard Scott III: howardandeann@aol.com
Cub Scouts	Robb Jones: robb.kc.jones@gmail.com

Pastoral Council Members

Anne Hueca
Louis Pollina
Eileen Hutchinson
Marius Hubbell
Dave Stark
Jack Medlin
John Glenski
Mark Trujillo
Benjamin Darnell

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Ministries

Adult Faith Formation Team	Parish Picnic Volunteers
Altar Servers	Parish School of Religion
Athletics / Coaches	Catechists, Classroom Aides & Volunteers
Baptismal Preparation	Pastoral Council Members
Boy Scouts	Paving the Way / Prayer Garden
Cantors	Photographers
Confirmation Catechists & Volunteers	Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Choir	RCIA Team
Cub Scouts	Rebuilt Team
Development Committee	Respect Life Committee
Eucharistic Adoration	Rosary Group
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sacristans
Homebound and Hospitalized Facilities	School Advisory Council
Food Pantry	School Box Tops for Education
Friendly Club	School Grant Writing
Funeral Choir	School Hot Lunch Program / Servers
Funeral Luncheon Teams	School Reading Program
Garage Sale Volunteers	Small Christian Communities
Guatemala Programs of Hope	Snow Shoveling Teams
Hospitality Ministry	Spirituality of Stewardship
Journey to New Life	SPRED Program
Knights of Columbus	St. Cecilia Circle
Lectors / Readers	St. Joseph's Table Committee & Volunteers
Lenten Fish Fry Volunteers	Stewardship Committee
Liturgical Environment	Sunday Nursery
Marriage Preparation	Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists
Money Counting Teams	That Man Is You
Morning Has Broken Bereavement Gr.	Totus Tuus Volunteers
Musicians	Worship Committee
Parish Finance	Youth Ministries

Liturgical Ministries

General Contact Information

Altar Servers	Dennis Altschul, Director of Music: daltschul@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Cantors, Choir, Funeral Choir, Youth Choir, Musicians	Dennis Altschul, Director of Music: daltschul@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Greg and Shelly Volker gvolker3895@gmail.com mamavolker@gmail.com
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Home Bound and Hospitalized	Linda Janjowski: jankowski1@msn.com 816-453-2431
Hospitality Ministry	Dennis Altschul, Director of Music: daltschul@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Lectors / Readers	Barb Liles: bliles@kc.rr.com 816-436-4696
Liturgical Environment	Marilyn Grutt grutt@sbcglobal.net
Sacristans	Bill Stump: bstump3414@gmail.com 816-616-0042
Scheduling Liturgical Ministries	Dennis Altschul / Greg and Shelly Volker (see above)
Worship Committee	Dennis Altschul: daltschul@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday's 3:00 pm—7:00 pm / First Friday's 10:00 am—12:00 noon
Contact: Brenda Koskovich: bkoskovich@stcharleskc.com

St. Charles Borromeo Academy

General Contact Information

Athletics / Coaches	Ann Lachowitz, Principal:
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)	alachowitz@stcharleskc.org
School Advisory Council	816-436-1009
School Box Tops for Education	OR
School Grant Writing	Linda Krickle, Secretary:
Hot Lunch Program	lkrickle@stcharleskc.org
School Reading Program	816-436-1009
School-Based Ministries & Programs	

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Parish Faith Formation

General Contact Information

Adult Faith Formation	Benjamin Darnell: bdarnell@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children (RCIA)	Benjamin Darnell (<i>see above</i>) Deacon Joe Whiston jwhiston@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
Marriage Preparation	Deacon Jim Olshefski: jlo0725@aol.com 816-436-0880 Fr. Don Farnan farnan@stcharleskc.com 816-436-0880
That Man Is You	Steve Gaul : svgaul@gmail.com
Baptismal Preparation	Benjamin Darnell (<i>see above</i>)
Small Christian Communities	
SPRED (Special Religious Education)	Jim Cleary: jmcleary@prodigy.net