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St. Charles Kicks Off New Young Adult Ministry

St. Charles Parish welcomes all young adults ages 18—40s to actively participate in building Spirit-filled community through faith sharing, service and socializing.

We are seeking creative ways to live as disciples of Jesus while spreading God's love in the midst of busy and hectic lives on the Peninsula. All young adults are welcome and we are particularly hoping to attract young adults raising families.

Please come and see what St. Charles has to offer while also con-

tributing your ideas and talents to a growing young adult community.

We are still forming our leadership team to plan additional activities. If you are interested, please contact Sara Murphy at smurphy@stcharleparish.org.

Our first activity will be **Young Adult Kickoff Social on Sunday September 28th from 9:30 to 11 a.m.** in Borromeo Hall. We will socialize and discuss what our Young Adult Ministry is all about! Families are encouraged to bring their children.

Our second activity will be a **Young Adult Sharing Group on consecutive Sundays (October 12th, 19th and 26th and November 2nd)** in the Parish Chapel. Childcare will be provided.

Also we will have a **Young Adult Service Project on Saturday November 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at St. Charles School Kitchen and Upper Hall. The project will have opportunities for all ages to participate (though the details are still to be determined).

Dear Friends:

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With the Fall and back to school activities, I have noticed an upswing in young families. Browsing through some children's teaching aides, I recently came across some points about children in church. May I suggest to the families of our youngest members:

- RELAX! God put the wiggle in children; do not feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the back of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priests, altar servers, and other ministers.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical

behavior by copying you.

- If you have to leave the Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. Jesus said: "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them."

To the members of our Parish:

- The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.
- Remember that the way we welcome children in our Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Dave

Marriage Preparation Offers Opportunities to Connect/Reconnect

A terrific opportunity for St. Charles to connect with both parishioners and non-parishioners alike is through our Marriage Preparation Program for newly engaged couples. An Archdiocesan requirement for all people seeking to be married in the Church, the Marriage Preparation program offered here at the Parish is a series of low-key classes designed to help young (and sometimes not so young!) couples as they prepare for their future lives together.

Meeting over three Sunday evenings and led by married couples from St. Charles, the Marriage Prep classes give these engaged couples a chance to take a break from all the hectic wedding planning that is probably dominating their days and allow them to spend a few quiet moments reflecting together on their relationship. Topics cov-

ered include Communication, Conflict Resolution, Human Sexuality, and Faith. The classes are not so much instructive in nature as an occasion for the couples to talk with each other about important issues that may crop up in their marriage in the years ahead.

It is also an excellent opportunity for people to connect, or re-connect, with the Parish, and vice-versa! They meet other engaged couples from St. Charles, as well as getting to know the class leaders. It is hoped that these soon-to-be-married couples will come to recognize St. Charles as a caring, supportive and welcoming community. As they get ready to take the first steps on their new life journey, it is a terrific chance for us to let them know that we will always be there for them and that we would love to have them become more deeply involved in Parish life!

St. Charles School and Catholic Social Teaching

St. Charles School provides a program for St. Charles Parish that serves to help families raise their children in a faith-based school environment. The community is focused on the school theme of *Jesus Walks on this Campus*, reminding all members that we are one with one another in finding Christ in each and every member of the school and community, including students, teachers, staff, parents, grandparents, siblings, and more!

With the teachings of Christ at the center, the knowledge and values taught throughout the program integrate character education, Christian service, and Catholic social teachings into instruction, enrichment, and interpersonal relationships. Students and families participate in many constructive learning activities, schoolwide worship and prayer, as well as volunteer service throughout the year to better develop awareness and commitment within every student to the Christian "call to serve."

Catholic social teachings continue to focus each classroom community on the greater needs of people in our world. Social teachings begin in kindergarten and continue through eighth grade, building understanding for the *Life and Dignity of the Human Person*,

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, *Caring for God's Creation* (including one another), and the *Call to Family, Community, and Participation*. Eighth grade delves into the Catholic social teaching of *Solidarity*—being one with one another through loyalty and sacrifice for the good of others.

The school's program of Catholic social teaching, as integrated with Christian service, has been so successful that the students themselves began the Community Service Club, which meets regularly on campus to plan their off-site community service activities. As a result, more than 40 students volunteer in monthly service projects to support causes they cooperatively have selected.

Finally, through intentional and regular character education, students learn to manage interpersonal relationships of many types, including building healthy friendships and navigating problematic moments in peer-to-peer struggles. With faith as the center of the school's focus, and structured support from teachers and parents in the community, students and adults alike enjoy the benefits of living and building the reality that *Jesus Walks on this Campus!*

Baptisms

Faye Marita Magpayo Legaspi
Naomi Jieun Lonardo
Grace Katheryn Jadav
Mia Chamberlin Singer
Audrey Madison Mauldin
Makena McLain Palladino
Gavin Noah Reed
Kaley Ramona Wood
Mateo Joseph Ineich-Segura
Jackson Roman Neptune
Pribble
Kiera Louise McGarry
Mary Lana You-Ling Gadow
Emma Marie Harville
Evelyn Marie Gates
Leandro Pax Letona
Hanna Massarso
Nikola John Jozinovic
Benjamin Leo Ramos Custodio
Nicolas Richard Alexander
Stathacopoulos
Benjamin Michael Carroll
Bentley Dalton Hurd
Matthew Michael Victor Meredith
Devin Catherine Noonan
Emma Louise Romeo
Isabella Mia Quiros
Kalista Kailani Mack
Evan Dylan Van Hoven
Samuel Robert Yurich
Sophia Camille Rendon Walker
Grace Elisabetta Fossati
Molly Sullivan Schwedhelm
Wesley William Jones
Kamryn Lee Lawson
Stella Ann Garibaldi
Samuel Alexander Lane
Kai Atticus Iki
Callum Gabriel Procter
Blake Edward Sevilla
Samantha Rose Anderson
Adrianna Carballo Brea
Nathan Drew Muggy
Claire Eden Oh
Colin Rexford Laroque
Sean Michael James Garrity
Alvaro Luis Reyes
Anabelle Maria Reyes
Anaïs Isabel Reyes
Liam Ashton Duran
Aria Rose Kumar
Penelope Elsa Lopez
Viviana Marie deLara Danek
Liam Joseph Entwistle

The Grotto at Borromeo Is Taking (Beautiful) Shape

The Grotto at Borromeo has been a long term project for the Parish and began in earnest in the later part of 2013. The Saint Charles Men's Club and the Parish Building Committee have been the driving forces behind the renovation of the existing Borromeo Patio area to create a peaceful outdoor center for spiritual reflection, education and community growth. Parishioners, Parish Ministries and School Groups will all be able to use the space.

The Grotto at Borromeo is located behind the Parish Center and can be accessed through a walkway to the right of the Center or through the newly remodeled Chapel.

When complete, the Grotto will consist of "Mary's Grotto" (with the rock hillside as its backdrop), a "Spiritual

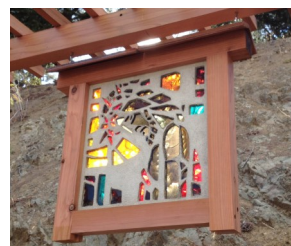
Walk" along hillside arbors which support the Stations of the Cross (using the stained/slab glass windows which were formerly part of the Church) and a refurbished patio with planned pergola trellis and barbeque area.

Great progress has been made with the Chapel remodeled with glass doors opening onto the Patio, the completion of Mary's Grotto itself and the arbors installed with a number of the Stations hung. The majority of the work has been completed by members of the Men's Club.

The Men's Club kicked off the project with a \$10,000 donation from fundraising and have received pledges from parishioners. However additional participation is still needed in terms of funds but also materials and professional services.



The Men's Club is happy to provide personal tours to anyone who is interested in seeing the Grotto in progress and the plans to be completed. Please contact Mike Ramey, 650-787-0461 (mjramey@comcast.net) or John Bisordi (jvbiso@gmail.com).



Generation Choir Offered

St. Charles Music Ministry will be offering an opportunity for parishioners of all ages to sing in an intergenerational choir without having to make an on-going weekly commitment to rehearsal. We want to encourage family members to come together, especially multiple generations.

The first date will be on October 12th at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. We will have a rehearsal potluck on Thursday October 9th with the potluck beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the rehearsal starting at 7:00 p.m..

There will be more information on the Music Ministry Tab on the website along with a potluck sign-up link. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Murphy at smurphy@stcharlesparish.org.

Men's Club

The Men's Club was established to develop a men's community within the Parish by providing opportunities for spiritual and personal growth, social interaction, and service outreach to Parish community. The Club season runs concurrent with the School year (Sept - June).

Meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of the month in Borromeo Hall. This includes dinner, refreshments and a guest speaker. The cost is \$20 at the door - the same price as it was in 2002! Best yet, there are no dues, secret handshakes or funny hats.

Upcoming events include Dinner with Al Guido, COO, SF 49ers (11/6), Dinner with Rob Dean, SF Giants Ownership Group (12/4) and NCAA Football Championship and Chili

Weddings

**Steven Charles Irvine &
Ashley Lauren Allgrove**
March 1, 2014

**David Lawrence Pizzorno &
Krystal Ramirez**
April 19, 2014

**Kyle Maurice Thompson &
Melissa Ann Prouty**
May 10, 2014

**Paul Michael Tennison &
Tracy Marie Soares**
June 28, 2014

**Christopher "Jay" Rugayan &
Mary Therese Vega Sanchez**
August 30, 2014

Cook-Off (1/12/15). Please check the Bulletin for more details. Hope to see you soon—Mike Ramey, President.

WINGS—Women in God's Spirit

WINGS has been fostering spiritual growth and fellowship among the women of St. Charles Parish for over a dozen years. Our activities include monthly meetings with topics as diverse as our membership and frequent social events. All women of the parish (and friends!) are welcome! No member-

ship, no dues, no reservations required.

Upcoming events include a presentation on the St. Francis Center in Redwood City (10/15), our trip to the Livermore Valley Premium Outlets and wineries (10/18), our Fall Boutique (11/15-16), a presentation about the Associates of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (11/19) and a cookie exchange

and special baby shower to benefit the St. Francis Center (12/10). For more information, please contact Robyn (rrourick@gmail.com).

Also the WINGS Prayer Shawl ministry meets regularly to knit and crochet simple items for those needing comfort and warmth. For more information contact Lori Boris at 593-7339.

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FALL FESTIVAL

Thursday
October 2nd
3 p.m. — Done
Booth Setup

Live Entertainment:
—the Band Explorer

Friday
October 3rd
3 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Festival Opens

Sunday
October 5th
12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Live Entertainment:
—David Trevors- acoustic
guitar

Live Entertainment:
—Ticket to Ride

Saturday
October 4th
1 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday
October 6th
8 a.m. - Done
Tear Down & Clean Up

On-line registration is
accessed through:
www.stcharlesparish.org;
click "Support Us" on the far
right and in the drop down,
click "Parish Festival" and
then click on the Volunteer
button and follow the instruc-
tions.