



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 28 – September 3

Mon.	8:30	Mass of Thanksgiving
Tues.	8:30	Kay Windle †
Wed.	8:30	Al Garcia †
Thurs.	8:30	Fred Partmann †
Friday	6:30	—
	8:30	Jim Phelan †
Sat.	8:30	Fearn Fletcher (L)
	5:00	Russ Cicero †
Sun.	5:00	Irene Hall †

Rest in Peace

Joan Gregowicz & John Schiefer

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Collection – \$8,085.50 **Thank you**

Next weekend's special collection will benefit Parish education.

Stewardship by the Book – In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and suffering: Elmer Kurth, Charles Buchignani, Maria Kolinsky, Carmela Chellimi, Carmen Esquivel, Elsie Bernasconi, Virginia Smith, and Jim Mason.

If you are ill and would like members of the parish to pray for you, please contact Margaret Walton at 591-7349 ext. 28.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Jesus is your authentic friend and Lord. If you do not know how to pray, ask him to teach you and ask his heavenly Mother to pray with you and for you. The prayer of the rosary can help you to learn the art of prayer with the simplicity and depth of Mary. He knocks. He knocks on the door of your heart to give you his grace. Go out to meet him in the holy Eucharist, worship him."

(Pope Benedict XVI, November 27, 2005)

Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Chapel located in the Parish Center on Friday, September 1st, from 9:00am until Midnight. All are welcome.

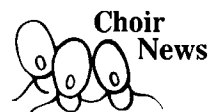
FAITH FORMATION

ARE YOU NEW IN THE PARISH? DO YOU WONDER WHERE DO YOU GO TO MEET NEW FRIENDS ? DOES YOUR FAITH SEEM LIKE IT'S JUST STANDING STILL?

What ever you give you will receive tenfold from this ministry. Consider becoming a Catechist, or an aide, a mentor in faith to the children of our parish. The publisher of our new textbooks will be coming out to St. Charles to show us the most effective way to use our new materials. Catechists do not need to be professional teachers, but do need to have a love of children and the desire to share their faith with children. Initial training will be provided in the fall for all catechists, with ongoing support throughout the year.

We need catechists and aides for 2006-07 in K-5 grade please contact Nancy at 650-591-7349 ext. 27.

St. Charles School Parents 4th Grade and Up: If you are new to altar serving, we will have a meeting following the **9:00 Mass today** regarding serving. This is for parents who have never had their children involved with altar serving. If you already have one child that is involved than you need not come to this meeting. The date for those that are in public school will be announced in the next couple of weeks. This short meeting will be held in the Church. For more information regarding Altar Server Training, contact Nancy at 591-4379 ext. 27.



Is it time to think about joining the choir?

We have an adult choir and children's choir here at St. Charles, and we are looking for new members. The children should be at least third grade up to eighth, and the adults can be any age. We are especially looking for men in the adult choir, but any voice part will be welcome! The adults meet on Thursday nights at 7:30pm and the children meet on Wednesdays at 3:15pm. More information to follow, but think about this fun activity as part of your stewardship (talent) here at St. Charles.

Claire Giovannetti, 591-7349 ext. 32.

Yes, I would like to join a choir at St. Charles

Name: _____

Phone or e-mail: _____

Adult or child? _____

Please give slip to any musician or place in collection basket

Save the Date

**St. Charles Parish Fall Festival on
September 29th & 30th, and October 1st**

This is the Parish's largest fundraiser, with **ALL** of the proceeds going into the Parish general fund, to cover maintenance, religious study programs, hospitality events and much more. Just like last year, primary volunteering will be handled through our web registration system,

Go to www.stcharlesparish.org for details.

EVENT INFORMATION

Thurs., Sept 28, 3:00 to 9:00pm – Booth Setup

Fri., Sept 29 12:00 – 9:00pm Festival Opens
Ice Cream Social

Sat., Sep 30, 12:00 – 9:00pm – Pasta Dinner

Sun., Oct 1, 12:00 – 8:00pm – More Fun, BBQ Dinner

Mon., Oct 2, 8:00am –Until Done, Tear Down & Cleanup

DIME TOSS: Still the same great price!! Kids love the DIME TOSS!!! Adults? Well...they love it in another way. Please gather all those glasses, mugs, vases, etc., that you have around your home (and wish you didn't) and drop them off at the patio area behind the Rectory! This booth raises about \$1600 each year. And each year we run out of glassware!

Our on-line volunteer system is becoming the envy of a number of other charities. For those that have not used our volunteering system, it allows you to pick the most convenient time and booth, while reducing errors and effort of our manual scheduling processes. You can still call anyone of us if you wish to volunteer. Contact Chris Guslani at 650-315-8494 or Terry O'Rourke at 650-591-6301 to lend a helping hand.

Your donations of time and effort are



St. Charles School has some openings in Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 6th grade. If you are interested in any of these grades, please contact the school office at 650-593-1629.

The school's application form is also available on our website: stcharlesschoolsc.org.



Catholic Networking – Words with Meaning

September 10th, from 2pm to 5pm.

Does your resume adequately reflect your career objectives and experience? Check your resume for common pitfalls. Expand your network. For both jobseekers and jobholders. Employers are invited and can present job openings! St. Dominic's, 2390 Bush Street (SF) in the modular classroom. Admission is free; reservations are requested. daura@ccwear.com or 415-664-0164.



CAN YOU HELP ?

The “**Mid-Month Church Cleaning Crew**” is looking for some helpers. They clean in the evening of the third Friday of the month. Notify the Parish Office at 591-7349 ext. 15, if you would like to volunteer.

Women's Bible Study

Sign up now for **Catholic Scripture Study** at St. Mark's. Open to women from all parishes. This fall we begin a new study of the Gospel of St. Matthew. It's going to be a **GREAT** year, so don't miss out! If you've ever asked yourself, "Should I give Scripture study a try?" this is your year!! We meet **Thursday mornings 10-11:45 at St. Mark's in Belmont** (325 Marine View Drive), **September 14-May 31** with holiday breaks. On the first day, you are invited to join us at the 8:30 am Mass at St. Mark's followed by a time of refreshments and orientation. The cost is \$60 for the study binder of materials. If anyone is interested in starting an evening co-ed CSS group, please contact Tami Palladino (591-7349 ext. 31). CSS provides everything you need including lectures on DVD (by a dynamic young priest).

To find out more about CSS go to www.stmarkscatholic.org.



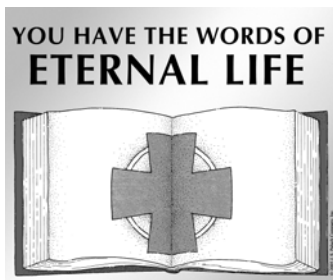
September is recruitment month for the St. Mary's Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls.

The choir is free of charge and open to any boys or girls in grades 3 - 8. Prior experience is not necessary. Rehearsal will be on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30pm at the cathedral, where the choir also sings about twice a month for Masses and various special events. During their time in the choir, members learn about correct vocal production, sight singing, Christian character, and responsibility. For information or to set up an audition, please call Dr. Christoph Tietze at (415) 567-2020 ext. 213 or send an email to ctietze@stmaryscathedralsf.org.

FISH Calendar Volunteers (including sub-drivers)

Please pick up your calendars on the table inside the front entrance of the church by **today**, August 27th. If there is not one there for you, or you have any questions, call Carolyn Ranken at 593-3721.

FISH is in need of volunteers – so if anyone can help or knows someone that could possibly help, please call Carolyn at the above number.



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD . . .

Today's Gospel picks up the thread of the "Bread of Life" discourses in the Gospel of John. Jesus, after performing the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and crossing back over the lake to Capernaum (by walking on the water!), is teaching the people in the synagogue there. Using the example of the manna in the desert, he opens for them the mystery of the gift of his body and blood. Startled, as one can imagine, by the starkness of this teaching, many, even among his disciples, begin to drift away, finding the teaching "hard." It is a moment of decision for everyone.

Like Joshua in the desert of Sinai, Jesus asks his people to choose whom they will serve, the One God or something else. Like Joshua, Peter speaks on behalf of his "household" and sides with the Lord. Peter's declaration of faith, "you are the Holy One of God," is preceded by a simple rhetorical question: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68, 69).

. . . WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

To make the choice of whom to serve, whom to believe in and trust, it is necessary sometimes to come to a moment of crisis. The concept of the Eucharist was so difficult that many who followed Jesus could not accept it. But those who had an intimate relationship with Jesus, not one based on signs and miracles but based on love, knew that their lives had been forever changed. There was no going back; there were no other "gods" to serve. There was the One, and everything depended on that fact. It is love that makes the choices clearer.

We don't completely understand this mystery, or many mysteries of life. But in the intimate relationship of faith, we believe and trust in the One who is faithful. We have been given a great gift, and we cannot possibly understand it fully. But we know we have been loved, that we love in return, and "we have come to believe." It makes all the difference.

Today's Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21; Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; John 6:60-69

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