

SAINT CHARLES PARISH COMMUNITY

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September 8, 2019
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Becoming A Fully Initiated Catholic

RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? What does it mean to become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Do you or someone you know have questions about the sacraments and what it means to be a Catholic?

The Catholic Church has a process for adults to discern whether God is inviting them to learn more about our faith and, perhaps, to become Catholic. This process is also a pathway to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist). This process is called RCIA. (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*). The RCIA process provides guided weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith including an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (*Mass*). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

Participants include candidates from **St. Matthias** and **St. Charles** parishes along with their sponsors and team members. **RCIA sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the St. Matthias rectory. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 15th.** Parishioners, who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates, are welcome. Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA sessions. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich before or after Mass or email him at rich@stmatthiasparish.org.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

Christ Life: Discovering Christ, Following Christ and Sharing Christ

Christ Life is a three-part evangelization series; part one is called *Discovering Christ*, part two is called *Following Christ* and part three is *Sharing Christ*. The objective of *Discovering Christ* finds its expression in the second goal of the U.S. Bishops' evangelization plan, *Go and Make Disciples: "To invite every person in the United States to come to know Jesus in the fullness of our Catholic Faith"* (53). *Discovering Christ* intends to ambitiously meet this goal by equipping Catholic individuals and parishes with a simple set of tools to invite others to hear and embrace the Gospel.

Parents of school aged children and young adults are especially invited to participate in Christ Life. *"This experience invites every person, baptized or unbaptized, to encounter the love of God the Father, enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children (Christ Life)."* We feel that, especially for parents, this personal relationship with Jesus must be developed and nurtured so that it can be modeled for, and passed on to their children.

All are welcome to attend. Do you know anyone in your life, community or even at St. Matthias or St. Charles, who wonders about the meaning of life? *Discovering Christ* creates this open door for anyone who is searching for deeper meaning and provides an opportunity to share the Good News and nurture their personal love of Jesus Christ. *Following Christ* helps participants understand Jesus' desire for us to be disciples, and *Sharing Christ* is designed to give participants the courage and skills necessary to go out and share the Good News!

All three parts of the **Christ Life series** will be offered this year at the St. Matthias campus **beginning on September 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm** with *Discovering Christ*. To find out more about Christ Life, contact Sabrina at St. Matthias: sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK September 9 ~ September 15

Mon.	8:30am	Walter Englert †
Tues.	8:30am	Mona Hogan †
Wed.	8:30am	Alex Altamirano †
Thurs.	8:30am	Josephine Hornbrook (L)
Fri.	6:30am	Andrew de los Reyes & Geronimo de los Reyes III †
	8:30am	Manny Florendo †
Sat.	8:30am	Pericles Consunji †
	5:00m	Lucille Stromberg & Armando Vornali †
Sun.	5:00pm	Matthew Lavorato †

*Please pray for the faithful departed
of our St. Charles community. †*



Please pray for the people in our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound:

Esther Hilferty, Fred Koehler, Bill Eppler, Sherrie Bayer, Patricia Snowden, Alma Brennan, Laurette Hollywood, Bob McCormick, George & Grace Wasmer, Peggy Saunders, Carmen Esquivel, and their caregivers.

Choir News

Choirs at St Charles are starting our new season! If you or your child are interested in joining a choir, please contact Sara Murphy at smurphy@stcharlesparish.org. Here is a list of our choirs that we would love for you to be a part of, no previous experience needed:

Children's Choir

Our children choir sings once a month at the 8:30am mass. The first Mass our Children's Choir will sing at is next Sunday, September 15th at 8:30am. If your child is a 3rd-7th grader and would like to participate, we will have a rehearsal on Thursday Sept 12th from 3:15-4:15pm in the church.

Adult Choir

Our Adult choir sings every Sunday at the 11am Mass. We have rehearsals on Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm and rehearse before the mass on Sundays at 10:15am.

Youth Choir

All students in middle school, high school, and college are invited to join us every Sunday at the 5pm mass. We meet right before mass begins at 4:15pm. We welcome instrumentalists as well as singers for this contemporary-style choir/band.



Religious Ed K-4, Edge & Confirmation

Religious Ed classes start today! However, you can still find registration forms and information posted on the relevant webpages at www.stcharlesparish.org for 2019-2020. Please email any questions to:

aspong@stcharlesparish.org
(Alison Spong, Coordinator for K-4)
tami@stcharlesparish.org
(Tami Palladino, Edge/Confirmation)

Preschool Pray and Play Starts in September

All families with preschoolers are invited to be a part of Preschool Pray and Play. We gather during the 8:30am Mass on Sundays to share Bible stories, and then we pray and play! If you interested please contact Alison at aspong@stcharlesparish.org for the participation guidelines and dates.

Keeping Kids Catholic...And our Grandkids too!

This two-part series will be hosted at our St. Matthias campus on **Thursday, Sept 19 and Sept 26th at 7:00 pm**. Master Catechist Sabrina Harper will share why Catholic children are pulling away from the Church and what parents, grandparents and parish communities can do about it. Discussions will include ways in which we can actively engage and communicate our love for our faith and concrete strategies to help bond our youth to our Catholic communities. Simple refreshments will be provided for these free presentations. No registration is needed.

Email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org with questions.
Please invite your friends!

*St Charles welcomes its newest members
through the waters of Baptism:*

Henry Duke Cresci
Samantha Kane Hornung



Outreach to our Sister Parish

Next weekend we will continue our outreach to St. Francis of Assisi, our sister parish. We'll be collecting donations of non-perishable food, paper products, diapers, and toiletries after the Sunday morning Masses. **Thank you for your continuing support of our East Palo Alto neighbors.**

Senior Luncheon, September 11th

All registered parishioners 60+ are invited to join us as we remember the heroes of 9/11. You will be treated to a traditional "Fire House Meal" prepared by our very own Heroes/First Responders. Please join us at noon in Borromeo Hall. Doors will open at 11:45am. Caregivers are welcome.

To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 402 or e-mail her at kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org by noon on Monday, September 9th. We hope to see you there!!

Bible Study Opportunities

Bible Study: Letters of St. Paul

Deacon Rich will present a six-week Bible Study on *St. Paul's Letters to the Colossians and to the Ephesians* beginning **Monday, September 9th from 7 - 8:30pm in Fr. Lacey Hall at our St. Matthias Campus.**

According to theologian Fr. Raymond Brown, "Next to Jesus, Paul has been the most influential figure in the history of Christianity." Although Paul was not one of the twelve Apostles, he called himself "The Apostle to the Gentiles." In his letters, St. Paul describes the implications of Jesus' ministry and his teachings for particular communities of believers.

All are welcome. No prior experiences with Bible study is needed. Bibles are available in the parish hall or you may bring your own Bible, notepad and pen. While any Catholic Bible will suffice, the preferred Bibles are the New Revised Standard Version and The New American Bible. Please join us for any or all sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rich (rich@stmatthiasparish.org).

Eight Encounters with Jesus that Will Change Your Life:

A Catholic Bible study on the Gospel According to John...for both adults and teens. **Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20** (nine Wednesday evenings), **7-8:30pm** in Borromeo Hall. Participants order "Participant Pack" for \$15.95 from dynamiccatholic.com/the-turning-point which includes the workbook, DVD set, a Gospel of John booklet, plus a bonus CD. Now is the time to register! Contact Tami Palladino: tami@stcharlesparish.org or 591-7349 ext. 405.

The Women's Catholic Scripture Study of San Mateo County invites you to join us for our 2019-20 study, *The Gospel According to John: An Encounter with Grace and Truth*. We meet at St. Mark Catholic Church, Belmont, on Thursdays, 9/12/19-05/07/20, (with holiday breaks), 9:45AM -12Noon. For more info, please go to: www.cssbelmont.com.

To register, please contact Diane Masetti at diane@cssbelmont.com, or 650-593-3681.

For families with 8th grade daughters, shadow dates are now open at Notre Dame High School in Belmont! 8th graders spend a day at Notre Dame, experiencing classes, lunch, and activities, and getting a taste of all that Notre Dame has to offer. Parents will learn about the admissions process, take a tour of the school, and have their questions answered by the Director of Admissions and the Head of School. Shadow dates run from Sept. 24th - Nov. 20th. To register for a shadow visit or other event: ndhsb.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry Learn more about Notre Dame at www.ndhsb.org

Men's Club Community Service Opportunity Sep14th The St. Charles Men's Club is committed to four 2nd Saturdays a year helping to serve the needy of our community at St. Anthony's Dining Hall. Hours are from 8:30am to 11:00am and duties include meal prep and sorting of food for distribution. We have committed 8-10 people per date and high school age teens are also welcome to help and receive service hours. Our next service opportunity is September 14, 2019 at St. Anthony's. Please contact: Paul Carroll at Paul@5Carrolls.com or 650-704-3458.

ST. CHARLES FALL FESTIVAL 2019



Our Festival theme this year pays tribute to the good old days of diners, vintage cars and the year our church building was completed - 1966! **Festival 2019 ~ Get Your Kicks~** is scheduled for **Friday, October 4 & Saturday, October 5**. This year we will pack all of the festival fun into two awesome days, including new additions – a **50-25/25 raffle and a vintage car show featuring St. Charles community cars!**

Volunteer Opportunities: Our amazing festival would not be a success without the efforts of our community who volunteer to run a booth, share a talent or help in the planning. We have many roles available. **Thank you in advance for your consideration.**

Booth Chairs: Have a great idea for a new booth??? We are seeking new booth chairs and a booth chair for the Inflatables Booth. We are very interested in new food booth ideas (*soft serve ice cream, churros?*), as well as new game booths.

CAR SHOW: On Saturday, October 5 we will hold a car show. If you have a vintage, antique or classic car you'd like to show at the festival on Saturday, between 1pm and 5pm, please contact John Bisordi at jvbiso@gmail.com or 415-699-4445 by September 20. Limited space available!

Information Night: Please join the Festival Committee for our Festival Information Night, scheduled for September 9, 2019.

Sponsorship Opportunities: The St. Charles Fall Festival is our major Parish Community fundraiser. It is that time again to prepare for a fantastic weekend of fun at St. Charles. We would love your support as a sponsor this year. You can either donate items or money for your sponsorship. We have various categories of sponsorship outlined in our sponsorship flyer. Please consider a sponsorship! Sponsorship flyers will be available in the vestibule or school office.

T-shirt Orders: Our festival t-shirt order forms are available in the vestibule. Online ordering will be available.

Questions? Please contact - festival@stcharlesparish.org



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry social will be held this Wednesday, **September 11, from 10:00-11:30am** in the St. Charles room. This ministry is open to all who love to knit or crochet "**Gifts of Love**" for those with special needs. If you know of someone who is going through a difficult time and could be comforted by one of our prayer shawls, please call Kathy Fagliano (591-7349 ext. 402). Kathy is our Parish Minister to the Sick and Elderly. Monetary donations are always welcome. If you would like more information on this special ministry, please contact Diana Balestreri at 595-3832.

"I assure you, as often as you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me" Matthew 25:40

St. Charles Church

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday evening vigil, 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am, 5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Friday 6:30am, Monday - Friday, 8:30am

Saturday, 8:30am

St Matthias Church

1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday evening vigil, 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm

Fr. Dave Ghiorso, Pastor

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Deacon Ernie von Emster

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Office Hours Mon - Fri., 9:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday Parish Office, Rectory

8:00am - 1:00pm

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, 3:30 - 4:00pm, or anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm