



# CHUCK'S CHATTER



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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

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**October 6 & 7, 2012**  
Fruitful Harvest Kickoff  
Campaign, 6:00 p.m. &  
10:00 a.m.

**October 14, 2012**  
Confirmation kickoff  
with bonfire,  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

**October 21, 2012**  
Anniversary Mass at the  
Cathedral, 2:30 p.m.

**October 31, 2012**  
Trunk or Treat, 5:00 p.m.

**November 2, 2012**  
All Souls Memorial Mass

**November 4, 2012**  
Feast Day brunch, gym

**November 10, 2012**  
Turkey Bingo, 6:15 p.m.  
(tentative)

**November 22, 2012**  
Parish Office Closed  
Mass is at 9:00 a.m.

**November 23, 2012**  
Parish Office Closed

**December 12, 2012**  
Parish Communal  
Reconciliation Service

**December 16, 2012**  
Caroling at nursing  
homes

**December 24, 2012**  
Parish Office Closed  
Mass is at 6:00 p.m. &  
10:00 p.m.

**December 25, 2012**  
Parish Office Closed  
Mass is at 9:00 a.m.

On October 11, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI declared that a "Year of Faith" will begin October 11, 2012. If your brain works like mine, the first thing you thought was: "Do we really need a special year for faith? I thought we should focus on faith all the time!" It immediately came clear to me how important this time is as an opportunity to explore our faith in new and exciting ways.

The year of faith will begin on October 11, 2012 and run through the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 24, 2013. It coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council as well as the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publishing of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Both anniversaries celebrate events that call us to deepen our faith in Jesus Christ and to live our faith in a real and tangible way.

At St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, we are seizing this opportunity to celebrate the Year of Faith and to grow as a parish family. The intention of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI is that we take Jesus' call to Evangelization seriously - and that means we must get our own house in order, we must embrace our own faith, before we can ever share it with others (before we can win disciples for Jesus Christ).

You will quickly notice the many opportunities we will be offering in our parish - the Catholicism video series, the weekly Bible Study, Prayer for Busy People series, and special presentations on the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will have opportunities for you to own copies of the documents of the Second Vatican Council as well as the Catechism. For adults and teens alike, our formation program will focus on Apologetics - to help prepare us for challenges or threats to our faith. Our monthly Adoration & Benediction will remind us how important it is to deepen (in prayer) our relationship with Jesus. We will offer a special series just for Lent, called Crossing the Desert. And we are organizing opportunities for community outreach as a parish family.

This exciting and packed schedule might sound like a super-charged version of the normal schedule here... and it is! The Year of Faith is going to be a focus on all of the every-day aspects that we as Catholics embrace: Prayer, Study, Sacraments, Evangelization, and Works of Charity. It promises to be exciting! You won't want to miss out on this opportunity!

Now is the time to start gearing up for the Year of Faith. Try to take some time each day to pray - asking God to make this Year of Faith a year of great renewal in the Catholic Church. And then take it one step further - if you know someone who has been away from the Church and/or parish for whatever reason, invite them to join us for Mass or bring them to one of these events. I am excited to journey with you during this Year of Faith!



# QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT, JUNE—AUGUST

## Income:

Regular & Other Collections:	\$93,136.00
Building Fund Collection:	\$ 1,454.00
Fruitful Harvest Rebates:	\$ 7,761.00
Fundraising/Gaming Activities:	\$ 1,633.00
Cemetery Collection:	\$ 1,525.00
Interest/Dividends:	\$22,901.00
Catholic Moment Subscriptions:	\$ 65.00
Ministry Income:	\$ 300.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$128,775.00</b>

## Expenses:

Personnel Expense:	\$58,869.00
Altar/Sanctuary Expenses	\$ 710.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$30,867.00
Utilities (gas, electric, water, telephone, sewage, cable, garbage, internet)	\$ 7,556.00
Supplies:	\$ 4,301.00
Cemetery Expenses:	\$ 3,175.00
Materials Expenses:	\$ 1,504.00
Communication/Advertising:	\$ 2,685.00
Religious Education:	\$ 658.00
Ministry Expense:	\$ 907.00
Property/Liability Expense:	\$ 6,835.00
Catholic Moment Subscriptions:	\$ 1,517.00
General Expenses:	\$ 6,932.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$126,516.00</b>

Difference: \$ 2,259.00

We welcome **new Parishioners** Jeff & Shannon Brown, Gaylord & Beth Floor, and Carla, Claudio and Luca Pirrello to our faith family. For our newly **baptized**, we welcomed Luca Pirrello. We also wish to **congratulate** Katlin (Jamison) & Nathan Moran on their wedding.



**EUCHRE CARD PARTY:** Please join us for our Euchre & Pinochle parties held at 6:30 p.m. in our school gym on October 20th and November 17th. Bring a snack and join us!

**TURKEY BINGO:** Tentatively set for November 10th at 6:15 p.m. We need volunteers to help organize this activity. If interested, please call our Parish Office at 765-473-5543.



To see pictures from our 34th Annual Bazaar that was held on September 8th, please see our Parish website at [www.stcharlesperu.org](http://www.stcharlesperu.org). The financial report will be on the bulletin board in the main vestibule upon completion.

## Ministry Reports

**FORMATION:** Sunday Formation kicked off on September 23rd with a brunch and concert featuring Sarah Bauer, a Catholic recording artist from the Indianapolis area, but it's not too late to still sign up. We meet after our 9:00 Mass in our school gym for coffee and doughnuts before everyone is dismissed for formation. Here are the Sunday Formation dates for this quarter: October 7, October 14 (First Reconciliation Parent Meeting), October 28, November 4 (Brunch for our Feast Day), November 11, November 18 (First Reconciliation Parent Meeting), December 2, December 9, & December 16. Sunday Formation is for ages 3 through adult (including high school students).

**CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation meetings will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Sundays for those High School youth in the 10th grade or older. We began preparing for this sacrament on September 30th with a parent meeting. Here are the dates to remember for this quarter:

October 14: Kick-off bonfire at Baninas' 6-8 p.m.

October 28: 1st meeting at our school 5-7 p.m.

November 18: Rite of Enrollment during 9:00 Mass

November 18: 2nd meeting at our school 5-7 p.m.

December 9: 3rd meeting at our school 5-7 p.m.

December 11: Adoration & Benediction, 7 p.m. at church

**YOUTH GROUP:** We are in the process of establishing a Youth Advisory Council here at St. Charles so that we can get input and support from teens, young adults, and older adults as well. Our hope is that St. Charles is seen as a second home for all of our youth—a place where they feel comfortable, spiritually nourished, and affirmed. Youth activities will be advertised in

Families, faith building, fun and fellowship = **FAMILY NIGHTS!** Beginning in October from 5:00-7:00 p.m., we have planned activities to bring parents and their children together with a focus on Catholic teachings.

**October 7th:** Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. Gather first for a potluck dinner followed by crafts, prayers, songs and fun! Information will also be distributed for the Favorite Saint Poster Contest that will culminate on our parish feast, on November 4th.

**October 31st:** Eve of All Saints Day. Trunk or Treat! A safe alternative for Halloween. **ALL PARISHIONERS** are invited to park in our lots and hand out candy, holy cards or other treats from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Call Wendy Baldwin at the Parish office to reserve a parking space. Don't forget, All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Watch the bulletin for Mass times.

**November 4th:** Feast of St. Charles Borromeo. Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by brunch for the whole parish. Prizes will be given out for the favorite Saint Poster Contest. Then we will return to church to learn about the saints who adorn our beautiful building.

**December 16th:** Caroling. Family Night participants are invited to join the children's choir when they go caroling at the nursing homes after Sunday Formation on December 16th. Pizza will be served prior to leaving for the nursing homes.

## YEAR OF FAITH: OCTOBER 11, 2012—NOVEMBER 24, 2013



### Opportunities to Nourish Your Faith:

**The Catholic Faith As You've Never Seen It Before!!** For the first time, in breathtaking and high-definition cinematography, the truth, goodness, and beauty of Catholicism are illustrated in a multimedia experience. Journey with Fr. Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 16 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda, from the glorious shrines of Europe to the streets of Mexico and New York City, the mysteries of CATHOLICISM are revealed. Learn what Catholics believe and *why*. Discover the full meaning of the faith. There are ten episodes on the Catholicism

Series that will be shown in our gym after 5:00 p.m. Mass. Each episode is an hour long. If you are not able to attend the Saturday evening showing, there will be another showing the next day on Sunday morning after 9:00 a.m. Mass during Adult Formation. Mark your calendar!

Episode #1, *Amazed and Afraid*—The Revelation of God Become Man, **September 29th**

Episode #2, *Happy Are We*—The Teachings of Jesus, **October 13th**

Episode #3, *The Ineffable Mystery of God*—That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought, **Oct. 27th**

Episode #4, *Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast*—Mary, the Mother of God, **December 1st**

Episode #5, *The Indispensable Men* —Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure, **December 15th**

Episode #6, *A Body Both Suffering & Glorious*—The Mystical Union of Christ & the Church, **January 12th**

Episode #7, *Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven*—The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist, **Jan 26th**

Episode #8, *A Vast Company of Witnesses* —The Communion of Saints, **February 9th**

Episode #9, *The Fire of His Love*—Prayer and the Life of the Spirit, **February 23rd**

Episode #10, *World Without End* —The Last Things, **March 9th**

**Monday Night Book Club** is meeting in our school building at 6:30. We have started a 24 part Bible Study entitled *The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible*. We have about 40 participants and it is fun!

**Prayer for Busy People** series, by Fr. Eric Underwood (October 3, 10, 17, & 24). Do you feel overwhelmed? Is it nearly impossible to find time to pray? Is God a part of every day? If you find yourself asking any of these questions and getting discouraged, this workshop might be for you. Join Fr. Underwood for a four-week study of prayer. This workshop will be interesting and a spiritual boost for both the beginner and the more experienced Christian.

**Presentations on the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church** (dates TBD).

**Adult & Teen Formation on Apologetics** (Sundays starting September 23, 2012).



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

During Eucharistic Adoration, we adore or honor the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves “the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us.” As Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist; the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ.

At the beginning of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Father removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the Monstrance on the Altar for adoration. The Blessed Sacrament serves as a focal point for our devotion of Christ. People come to pray and listen; it is an opportunity to spend time with Christ, to be still and know that He is God. When we are still and listen, God speaks to us.

Please come and honor Christ with us. Eucharistic Adoration is on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to benediction at 8:00 p.m. You don't have to stay the whole two and a half hours, unless you want. There is a sign-up sheet in the main vestibule and it is in 30 minute increments.

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## OUTREACH

### HHS MANDATE RALLY

Over 500 people stood on the lawn of the Indianapolis State House amid a sea of brightly colored umbrellas. On March 23, 2012, Indianapolis was one of 129 cities across the nation that staged a rally in opposition to the HHS Mandate. Six of our own St. Charles Borromeo parishioners were among the assembled: Wendy Langer, Tammy & Andrew Nystrom, Maria Western, and Dan & Rita Cook. Although it poured steadily throughout the hour and a half of prayer, songs and speakers, the spirit of the assembled group was one of hope and demonstrative support for the principles on which our country was established. Another similar rally was staged in June. The next rally will be held on Saturday, October 20th. If you are interested in attending, call the Parish Office by October 19th.

### PATIENT PROTECTION and AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (PPACA)

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare, requires employers to provide health insurance that covers preventative services for women, including contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs (HHS Mandate). There is an exemption from these guidelines for religious organizations that is so narrow that almost no one will qualify. Churches may be exempt, but religious universities, hospitals, and organizations are not, creating a serious crisis of conscience for religious employers; they would be required to provide "preventative services" for free to their students and employees, or suffer debilitating fines levied by the federal government. Religious organizations could invoke the "conscience clause" by not offering certain medical procedures, however, to do so would require them to turn away patients, students, or clients of other faiths and force them to go against their beliefs. With an unjust law like this, a religious organization cannot consciously follow it and the faith simultaneously. This is a direct assault on our First Amendment rights. Never before in U.S. history has the federal government forced citizens to directly purchase a product in contradiction to their moral and religious beliefs.

A fourteen-day period of prayer for our country called the "Fortnight for Freedom" was staged from June 21 to July 4. The main thrust of this period of prayer was to remind all of us about the importance of preserving the fundamental right of religious freedom.

These and many other issues that challenge our faith will be spotlighted in the upcoming election. Be sure you are registered to vote, read and pray about these and other issues that are part of the candidates' platforms, and vote according to your conscience on Tuesday, November 6th.