

St. Charles Parish

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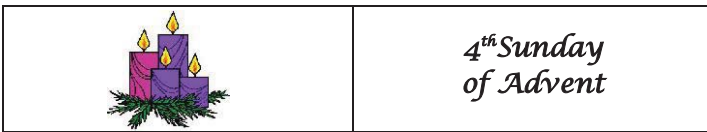
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prepare the way...

4th Sunday of Advent



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of Advent*

Sun	20	10 am	St. Charles Parishioners
<i>Weekday Masses</i>			
Wed	23		† Maria Lourdes Eufemio – Joseph & Ross Marivie Nacorda
Thurs	24	5 pm	Christmas Eve - Livestreamed
Fri	25	10 am	Christmas Day - Livestreamed
<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>			
Sun	27	10 am	St. Charles Parishioners



Please keep in your Prayers those in need of healing and comfort: Peter Friesen, Amalia Morello and all those affected by COVID 19.

Please call the office 204-889-3248 to give us the name(s) of those in need of healing and comfort and to help us to create an up to date list. As you know, to have names added to the list, bulletin the person(s) concerned.

Thank you for your help and prayers of intercession.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE: Advent has started, and we are a little over 4 weeks to the end of the year. In a normal year, financial updates would be done and distributed in July and again around this time to update you on where we stand financially. Covid 19 has hit the parish hard both financial and spiritually. We have been unable to gather in large groups since March which is difficult to say the least.

ACTIONS: The Finance Council has worked hard during the pandemic to keep the parish financially viable. Costs have been reduced wherever possible, projects postponed, activities cancelled, and government assistance obtained to offset lower donations. In addition, all discretionary spending remains frozen. No one has been laid off (Father, Parish Admin Assistants, Caretaker, Organist and summer outdoor maintenance). Only interest is being paid on our loan with the Archdiocese, school support has been temporarily discontinued, garbage pickup is on a reduced schedule and the church cleaning contract put on hold to highlight a few things we have done. The church is being cleaned by our caretaker and our ambassadors are disinfecting after every service.

We have managed regular expenses including unexpected furnace repairs and a \$12,640.00 insurance bill. We continue to sponsor three children through Chalice despite not having the children's collection. We had to cancel our major fall fund-raising event which normally covers annual insurance costs and invested in additional security for the church due to a number of problems over the last several months. Covid 19 has increased the cost for music licenses, live-streaming, cleaning supplies and printing amongst other things.

DONATION AND HOW YOU CAN HELP: Donations are down by 25% since March. This number would be much higher if we did not have biweekly Pre-Authorized Debits, parishioners who continue to support the parish by mailing in donations and up until recently those attending masses and making donations there. **Thanks to all for your support.** If you are not using Pre-Authorized Debit, please consider doing so. In addition, the parish can now accept **e-Transfers** for donations to any aspect of the church (regular offering, children collection, Archdiocesan Support, Development and Peace, elevator fund etc.).

ARCHDIOCEAN SUPPORT: The Archdiocese recently reduced our goal from \$49,590.00 to \$37,192.50 (25%). To date just over \$19,000.00 has been collected leaving a

Parish Finances 2020		
Weekly Offerings for Dec. 13, 2020		\$3,798.00
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November Revenue		Year to Date
Offerings/Other	\$19,050	\$163,072
Archdiocese	\$3,250	\$20,485.75
Gov't Assist.	\$8,089	\$30,956
Total Revenue		\$214,513.75
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November Expenses		Year to Date
Operating	\$25,878	\$187,975
Archdiocesan Support for 2020		\$ 37,193*
Still owing \$16,707.25		
Total Expenses		\$225,168
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Balance Year to Date		-\$10,654.25
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Thank You for Your Financial Support		

Notes:

- * The Archdiocesan Support was reduced by \$12,397 by the Archdiocese.
- The Parish received \$8,089.39 in funds from the Federal and Provincial governments during November.
- The Parish qualified for the Canada Emergency Business Account in the amount of a \$40,000.00 loan. It must be repaid by December 2022 and has been set aside for emergencies. \$10,000.00 is forgivable if it repaid on time.
- Since March, the Parish has incurred over \$4,000 in expenses related to the COVID pandemic.
- Expenses for November included a payment of more than \$12,600 for insurance for the church, hall, rectory and cemetery.

Please remember your Parish in your will.

LIVESTREAM SUNDAYS
10 AM

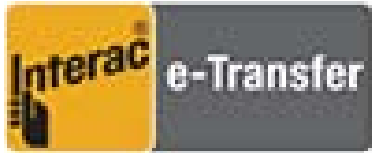


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balance owing of +/- \$17,000.00. If you have not donated yet, please consider doing so by e-Transfer or mail.

POTENTIAL YEAR END: Despite receiving government assistance (just over \$24,000.00) we are projecting a year end deficit of approximately \$10,000.00 which will have to be withdrawn from our trust account to balance the books. This would significantly reduce the amount of our reserves and impact our ability to manage any unforeseen expenses that may occur in the future. We know everyone's situation is different and Covid 19 affects everyone in different ways. Please give if and what you can. **Christmas is coming keep us in mind for your Christmas giving.**

*God Bless and stay safe your Finance Council:
Father Michael Wollbaum, Ron Labbé, Chair, Richard Nichol, Trustee, Alice Spencler, Bob Spencler and Lynda-Ann Smith.*



We are pleased to let you know that the Parish now can accept donations by e-transfer, safely and securely. E-transfers are

sent to the parish email address stcharls@mymts.net. Donations are automatically deposited and there is no need for a security question. All e-transfers will be considered as a general offering unless it is specified in the message area that you would like the donation directed to a specific area like the: Elevator Fund, Archdiocesan Support, Development and Peace, Children Collection to name a few. This is an easy and convenient way to contribute without having to mail a cheque. If you have an envelope #, please include it in the message area. Remember that setting up a Pre-Authorized Payment is the most convenient way to make regular donations. Forms are available on website.

Check out our website at:

www.saintcharleswpg.com



PARISH OFFICE is closed.

Gloria is working from home currently.

Office will be closed

for the Holidays Dec 24 – Jan. 4.

Messages and emails will be checked.

Archdiocese of Winnipeg office staff are still

working remotely but their office will be closed for

the Holidays from Dec. 24 to Jan. 4.

In light of the current state of the pandemic, the Dispensation from Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to the faithful through March 1, 2021.

With no CFL football this year the Knights of Columbus have decided to sell **Super Bowl tickets** this year. Exact same format and price as last year! Tickets are \$2.50 each and will periodically be available at the parish but we can provide no-contact purchase if you wish. Simply E-Transfer money to Norbert Thibert @ nthibert@mymts.net with your contact information and he will send you a picture of your tickets with the scores.



Check out our **Advent section** on our website at www.saintcharleswpg.com



Christmas
Masses

Thursday, December 24 5 pm

Friday, December 25 10 am

New Year's
Masses

Friday, January 1, 2021 10 am





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