

St. Charles Parish

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Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Weekday Masses:
Please see schedule inside bulletin

Parish Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
9:30 am-12:00 noon, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
An answering machine is available for messages and
emergencies 204-889-3248

St. Charles Catholic School
331 St. Charles St., Winnipeg, MB R3K 1T6
Telephone: 204-837-1520 Fax: 204-837-2326

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for info. contact Assumption Cemetery: 204-888-7557

St. Charles Holy Spirit Columbarium
for info. contact St Charles Parish: 204-889-3248

Baptisms: Contact Parish office. Baptisms are celebrated during Mass and at other times. A Baptism Preparation is required.

Marriage: Contact Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage Preparation required.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
(Confessions) Saturday 3:15 pm-3:45 pm and by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: Upon request - Church, hospital or home.

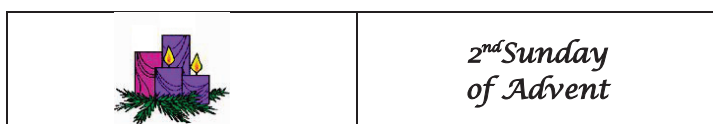
Parish Catechesis:
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3 -6 yrs) 10:45 - 11:45 am Sundays
Religious Education (K - Gr. 8) 10:45 - 11:45 am Sundays
RCIA
Please contact the Parish Office for more information 204-889-3248



Pastor
Fr Michael Wollbaum

New Parishioners - welcome. Registration forms located at foyer office.

2nd Sunday of Advent



Sun	6	10 am	St. Charles Parishioners
<i>Weekday Masses</i>			
Wed	9		For the health of Barbara McMath – Elsie Bialkowski
Thurs	10		Intention of Father Michael
Fri	11		†Adam West – Ms. Loredana
<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>			
Sun	13	10 am	St. Charles Parishioners

Parish Finances 2020		
Weekly Offerings for Nov. 29, 2020	\$4,930.50	
“October” Revenue		
Offerings/Other	\$14,755	\$144,297
Archdiocese	\$875	\$17235.75
Gov’t Assist.	\$0	\$24,775
Total Revenue		\$186,307.75
“Month” Expenses		
Operating	\$16,629	\$159,247
Archdiocesan Support for 2020	\$ 49,590.00	
Still owing \$29,104.25		
Total Expenses		\$208,837
Balance Year to Date		-\$22,529.25
Thank You for Your Financial Support		
Note: - expenses in October include \$3,210 for the purchase of the photocopier in the office, saving future rental expenses of more than \$133.00 per month.		

Please remember your Parish in your will.



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 OFFICE is closed. Messages will be checked.

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 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.*

LIVESTREAM SUNDAYS 10 AM
<https://www.youtube.com/user/stcharleswpg>

Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) is again offering its gourmet Christmas cakes for Sale – an excellent Christmas gift. The cost is \$15 for a small cake and \$26 for a large cake. If you are interested in purchasing these delicious fruitcakes, please contact Angela Bowman at (204) 804-8155 or by e-mail: ang81_22@hotmail.com. We offer delivery. Thank you and God Bless.

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.

Dear parishioners,

I'm sure that right now things are harder for all of us as we have entered another lockdown. Unlike April, this one is much more serious and will take all courage and strength to get through. I realize how hard it is to be separated from those we love as I am personally experiencing that right now in terms of my own immediately family. I appreciate for those who live alone that it can even be harder. On top of all the restrictions, we cannot even have a public celebration of Mass right now, other than our livestream. Do I miss being with you as a community? Absolutely! I'm sure we are all missing a sense of normalcy in our lives in the midst of this pandemic. All of the key foundations appear to have been taken away from us for the most part. Nevertheless, this is a time where we need to search for Jesus Christ who is in our midst--He never abandons us in the midst of trouble--in fact He is closer to us in this time than we may recognize. He invites us to turn to him with our loneliness, our broken dreams and hopes, our anxieties and fears. He wants to take them away from us and give us peace, hope, belonging, love and wholeness. However, we cannot have those things unless we are willing to admit what we don't have and what we really need. We need to surrender everything to Him--if we do, eventually it will be transformed, and we can find new life in the midst of this pandemic.

I know it is tough to obey the public health orders right now. Yet it is absolutely critical that we do. This is why we as a church are staying closed to help mitigate the spread

of the virus. To that end, we ask that there be no gatherings inside the church or on church property at this time. The only exceptions are for those working with the livestream Mass. To the best of our knowledge we have not had a case connected to public worship in the parish. However, the test positivity rates are so high in our city and province and we also know that there is asymptomatic transmission of the COVID-19 virus going on. So in truth, even though we may not be the main source of transmission, we need to do our part to arrest the spread by participating in the lockdown. Likewise, it is hard not to get together with others outside of our own household right now, but it is essential for the same reasons as above. The impact of COVID-19 has been devastating for us as a province in terms of the number of people who have died, the numbers of those whose health has been severely altered for a time or possibly permanently by the virus as well. There has been much suffering for many Manitobans and our healthcare resources are almost tapped out. Therefore, it makes sense that we need to follow the rules. The right to life trumps our personal desires and wants at this time. There is no doubt that our personal freedoms are being taken away for a time. It will not be permanent though--this is a time for us to unite our suffering with that of Jesus Christ on the cross so as to bring about special graces for all of us during the pandemic. I would ask that we would refrain from giving in to a spirit of pride and rebellion that is centered around our personal freedoms. Freedom is not real freedom unless it produces the fruits of Christian love. Also, I do not believe there is a conspiracy going on right now--please do not get caught up in the junk speculations that are appearing all over social media, suggesting that the entire pandemic was a government plan to bring about an end to religious freedom. Unfortunately, these false platforms are confusing and deceiving good Christians right now and distracting them from embracing the cross of Christ and dying to self for the good of all. We need to continue to pray for each other to stay strong and faithful to Christ.

I don't know if we will get to celebrate Christmas in a public way this year as of yet--but we can certainly hope and pray. God will triumph over the virus--the virus is for a time, God is eternal and forever, all-powerful and almighty. It is time that we put our complete trust in Him to make things right, especially at a time like this when in truth we really have no control over the situation. Be assured of my prayers for all of us as a parish during this critical time and I thank you for your continued support for me and the parish as a whole. May God bless you with all you need in His love and may He keep you safe from all evil and harm.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Michael, Pastor

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