



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School News

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Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did
Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge

Please Note:

We will have a 2-Hr. Delay on Monday, April 17th, for faculty NWEA Inservice. Plan accordingly. Thank you.

BLESSED EASTER WISHES TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES!

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) - "If Jesus is risen, then - and only then - has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then He, Jesus, is someone in whom we can put absolute trust; we can put our trust not only in his message, but in Jesus himself, for the Risen One does not belong to the past, but is present today, alive." These are the words spoken by Holy Father Benedict XVI at noon on Easter Sunday, April 8, from the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica.

Congratulations to the cast, crew, and directors for a wonderful production of PRINCESS WHATSERNAME!

It is amazing every year to watch all of the rehearsals come together and the cast and crew put on another fine performance! I love to see the joy involved as the students act, sing, and dance. All involved did an excellent job transforming the Hession Center into a faraway landscape of princes, princesses, mistaken crushes, and true love. Thank you all for another proud production!

Honor Roll Continental Breakfast Receptions

Grades 5 and 6, April 19, 7:00 a.m. breakfast, 7:15 a.m. awards program. Grades 7 and 8, April 20, 7:00 a.m. breakfast, 7:15 a.m. awards program. Students in grades 5--8 who were on the Honor Roll for all four quarters (three quarters from this current year and the last quarter from the previous year) and their parents are invited to attend a continental breakfast and awards ceremony. Invitations were mailed before Spring Break to all eligible Honor Roll students. If your child was on Honor Roll all four quarters and s/he did not receive an invitation, please call Linda in the school office. During the breakfast, supervision will be provided in the school library for siblings (pre-school age also). Please park in the corner parking lot near Trier/Reed Roads and enter door #13 near the Parish Hall.

Volunteers!

A volunteer is someone who unselfishly devotes time and efforts to helping others. Volunteers spread kindness, change lives, and make a significant difference in countless ways. Thank you to so many of our parents, grandparents and parishioners for being inspirational volunteers who are treasured every day! Please join us at Mass on Friday, April 21, as the student body offers prayers of thanksgiving for all of our volunteers!

ISTEP+ Part 2- The ISTEP+ Part 2 testing window is April 17 through May 5 for all students in grades 3 through 8 and will be online. We will not test Monday, April 17, this is the day after Easter. Students should be finished testing (except for make-up tests) Wednesday, April 26. For this part of the test, students will be using their Chromebooks (grades 6-8), Ipads (grades 4-5) or our school computers, desktop or laptop (grade 3). We do ask that no appointments be scheduled for this time, ensuring that the students will not be absent during testing. Make-up tests will be given to students who have been absent, but these are not in the best testing environment, as testing space and test administrators are not as readily available. Please help the students to be in school and on time. You can check out the ISTEP+ online experience with the following link: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/experience-online>

The School Office Is Now accepting Choice Scholarship (Voucher) Applications

For those families who have previously participated in the voucher program, red envelopes are coming home with documents outlining what steps are needed to be taken for this year's application. Please follow the directions in the envelope and apply by April 14th. If you have any questions, please contact the school office, or stop in. Thank you.

Is Your Child Eligible for A Choice Scholarship (Voucher)? Even if your child has not received a Choice Scholarship previously, your 2016 income (adjusted gross income on your 2016 tax returns) may now qualify you for a voucher. Please look over the income guidelines in the table below and double check your adjusted gross income. If you have questions, please call the school office, or simply stop in. Thank you.

2017-18 Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household (Adjusted Gross Income 2016 Tax Returns)

Household Size # of parents + dependents in household (Ex. 2 parents & 2 kids=4)	100% Rdx Lunch Eligibility Income Level for a full Indiana Choice Scholarship Column A	150% Rdx Lunch Eligibility Income Level for a partial Indiana Choice Scholarship Column B	200% Rdx Lunch Eligibility Income Level for a continuing partial Indiana Choice Scholarship Column C
1	\$22,311	\$33,467	\$44,622
2	\$30,044	\$45,066	\$60,088
3	\$37,777	\$56,666	\$75,554
4	\$45,510	\$68,265	\$91,020
5	\$53,243	\$79,865	\$106,486
6	\$60,976	\$91,464	\$121,952
7	\$68,709	\$103,064	\$137,418
8	\$76,442	\$114,663	\$152,884
Each Additional Person	\$7,733	\$11,600	\$15,466

St. Charles Craft Show - Fine Arts Boosters are in need of parent volunteers to assist with the St. Charles Craft Show. The current Craft Show chairperson has other commitments and is unable to continue. If we do not have volunteers to help keep this going, the Craft Show will not continue. The Craft Show not only brings in funds for Fine Arts Boosters, it also gives the St. Charles community an opportunity to come into the school and get together. The Craft Show is typically the first Saturday of November and raises about \$6,000 for fine arts. Below are a few areas in which help is needed:

1. Operations- Manage the applications, communicate with school, manage set-up
2. Marketing- Place ads & manage signs
3. Kitchen- Purchase, prepare, & help serve food
4. Volunteers- Manage the volunteers during Friday night set-up and during the Craft Show on Saturday

If you are able to help with any of these positions, please contact Kevin Hoersten at kevinhoersten@stcharlesschoolfw.org or call the school office, (260) 484-3392.

Fine Arts Award for 8th Grade Students

Attention: any 8th grade student involved in the fine arts (drama, band, choir, chimes, string orchestra): The St. Charles Fine Arts Boosters will be awarding \$100 awards to two eighth grade students who have excelled in the fine arts. Students may pick up an application at the school office if they are interested in applying. The application, along with letters of recommendation, is due to the school office no later than Thursday, April 20. Winners will be announced at the spring concert.

Congratulations to Our State Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair Fair Participants!

It was a long and exciting day for David Thurber (grade 4) and Zach Schubert (grade 7) at the 29th Annual Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis on April 1st. Both boys talked to many judges, and represented St. Charles well. They came home with a certificate and medal. David was also awarded a certificate of Merit along with \$50.00 for "Best Project for work related to Tribology". Great job boys!

21st Century Scholars Program

Your children may be eligible for college tuition through the 21st Century Scholars program. Students in the 7th or 8th grade who qualify for the program can receive up to four years of college tuition to attend an eligible Indiana public or private college or university. The scholarship may be reduced depending on the availability of the student's family to contribute to college. Income guidelines:

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$29,637
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273

For each additional person in the household, add \$7,696

*The scholarship amount may be reduced depending on the availability of funds and the availability of the student's family to contribute to college. **The only time you can apply for this program is when the student is in 7th or 8th grade. Students must be enrolled by June 30th of their eighth grade year!!** Apply online at www.scholars.in.gov or call Mrs. Robinson., 969-4036 for info.

Karen Needs Our Help!

Karen Hope's life was recently thrown into upheaval when she was hospitalized with cardiomyopathy. She has been diagnosed with end stage heart failure, and a heart transplant is her only hope for survival. Karen's surgeon hopes to find the perfect match for her soon, but she needs our help. The cost of a transplant can be overwhelming.

You may know Karen from St. Charles Church, where she's directed music and liturgy for 34 years. Karen has shared her gifts with members of the parish every Sunday and at the most meaningful moments of our lives, rejoicing at our weddings and grieving with us at funerals. Or you may know Karen through the children she fostered and adopted, Cynthia and Tom. Karen's life has been one of generosity. After many years of helping others, Karen is now the one who needs our support.

Transplants are life-saving, but financially draining. Even with insurance, Karen is facing very high expenses including copays, expensive medications, rehabilitation, and possibly in-home care after the transplant. Costs could top \$20,000.

To help with the financial burden of Karen's uninsured expenses, a fundraising campaign in her honor has been established with Help Hope Live, a trusted nonprofit organization that has been providing community-based fundraising guidance to patients and their families for more than 30 years. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law, are held by Help Hope Live in the Great Lakes Heart Transplant Fund, and are administered by Help Hope Live for transplant-related expenses only. Please consider a contribution.

For updates on Karen's progress or to make a donation, go to <https://www.helphopelive.org/campaign/12678>.

Gratefully, Susan Ensley, Karen's friend

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Carly Majewski, Ashley Thiel, Blake Tippmann, Dylan Miguel, Anna Steigmeyer, Riley Murphy, Sawyer Tippmann, Eleanor Coomer, Mateo Carrillo, Nick Krouse, Elijah Faulkner, Keira Lin, Gavin Wirt, Savannah Straessle, Isabella Rennecker, Katie Feipel, Emma Tone, Jordan Webb, Rhea Pablo, Nolan Hammon, Layla Walburn, Kennedy Heinze, James Harkless, Clarissa Jones, Claire Frazier, Grace Hughes, Faith Federspiel, Delaney Schieber, Lucas Straessle, Simon Garrett, Harry Bauer, Dakota Tadsen, Isaac Conrad, Gage Taylor, Nick Owens, Maura O'Boyle.

NEW - APRIL 2017 – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

During the month of April, we celebrate national **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. It is a time:

1. to re-commit ourselves to keeping children and youth safe in our homes, parishes and schools,
2. to review our policies and guidelines for the safety of children, and
3. to celebrate the children and youth in our lives.

The Catholic Church joins others across our nation in prayer and effort to end the evil of child abuse. In June, we will mark the fifteenth anniversary since the bishops of the United States wrote, ***The Promise to Protect, the Pledge to Heal*** which contains the ***Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People***. In this document the church affirms the necessity to work for the prevention of child abuse and to help those victims of abuse heal. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of abuse of minors. The ***Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*** includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

To read the document go to: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>

The ***Charter*** also calls for annual audits of dioceses and eparchies to ascertain compliance with USCCB guidelines. Annual audits have been conducted since 2003. Results of the audits are published online in May for the public. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has been audited twelve times, most recently on September 26-27, 2016 and found compliant with the ***Charter*** each time.

To read the Annual Report of Audits for all dioceses in the United States go to: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/reports-and-research.cfm>

Did you know? There is no statute of limitations for removing a cleric who has sexual abused a minor from public ministry in the Catholic Church. A cleric against whom there is an established or admitted act of child sexual abuse is permanently removed from the priesthood, regardless of when the abuse occurred.

All dioceses and eparchies have Victim Assistance Coordinators, ensuring that victims of abuse will be heard. In 2016, dioceses and eparchies provided outreach and support to 250 victims/survivors and their families who came forward to report abuse. Continued support was also provided to 1,510 victims/survivors and their families who reported abuse in prior years.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is Mary Glowaski. She may be reached at: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1458.

Join the St. Charles Cardinals Tennis Club It is time to start thinking about spring sports again! Sign up for the St. Charles Cardinals Tennis Club at cardinalstennis.com! This will be the fifth year for this club. We are limiting the **sign up this year to first 25 students**. The list tends to fill up quickly. This club is open to boys and girls from 5th thru 8th grade. Players of all levels and abilities are welcome. The entire season will last approximately 6 weeks (April 14th thru May 20th). Practices will be held on **Fridays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** at the Kreager Park tennis courts. Matches will be played either at Kreager Park, Sweeney Park or other school tennis courts. Most matches take about 2 hours. We will be playing about 5-6 area middle schools on some weeknights and most Saturdays. Please call Natasha Nuerge at 437-9936 if you have any questions.

April Virtue - Knowledge/Understanding (Gifts of the Holy Spirit)

From *Disciple of Christ Educator Guide*: The gift of knowledge guides one in knowing what to believe and how to share it with others. The gift of understanding enables one to see more deeply into the mysteries of the faith and to judge with certainty all created things.

Scripture: Matthew 5: 5, 8 These are the Beatitudes related to gifts of knowledge and understanding: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. . . . Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God."

Week	Scripture Reflection	Saint Focus - Bl. Miguel Pro, St. Dominic Savio, Bl. Francisco Marto, Bl. Jacinta Marto	Challenge and/or Goal
April 10	<i>"For this very reason make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love" 2 Peter 1:5-7</i>	Bl. Miguel Pro (1891-1927). As a boy, he had many friends, and he loved to play practical jokes. He became a priest at a time when the Catholic church in Mexico was being persecuted. He used his knack for putting together disguises to work undercover and bring the sacraments to many suffering people. He was able to serve his people during this persecution, seeing what was needed at critical moments.	Connect our spiritual life to the teachings of our faith.
April 17	<i>"Who are my mother and my brothers? . . . Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:33-35</i>	St. Dominic Savio (1842-1857) only lived to the age of fourteen, but he became a saint in that short time under the teaching of another saint, John Bosco. Dominic had many friends among the other students. He strove to be a good student and above all a saint. He grew quickly in virtue because he was docile and obedient to all that was taught him.	Know what to believe and how to share it with others.
April 24	<i>"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." Luke 2:40</i>	Bl. Francisco (1909-1919) and Bl. Jacinta Marto (1910-1920) were brother and sister. Together with their cousin Lucia, they saw Our Lady at Fatima when they were only 9 and 7 years old. Our Lady and an angel asked them to pray and sacrifice for the salvation of sinners. They gave their food to hungry children and offered to Jesus the sacrifice of not playing their favorite games so that sinners could be saved.	Have supernatural "good sense" that keeps us from the snares of evil.

CALENDAR

April	17	2-hour delay, faculty NWEA Inservice
	18	ISTEP part 2 begins
	18-19	Kindergarten visits Safety Village
	18	First Communion Bread/Banner Making A-M, 6:00-7:30 in cafeteria and parish hall
	18	School Board meeting, 7:00 pm
	19	Honors' Awards Breakfast - grades 5 & 6, 7:00 am, cafeteria
	19	First Communion Bread/Banner Making N-Z, 6:00-7:30 in cafeteria and parish hall
	20	Honors' Awards Breakfast - grades 7 & 8, 7:00 am, cafeteria
	21	Volunteer Appreciation
	21	Interim Reports go home
	27	Turnstone visit to St. Charles' fourth grade
	29/30	First Communion
	May	1
2		Grade 8 trip to State House in Indianapolis Grade 7 pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame
2-3		pre-Kindergarten assessments 8:00 - 4:00 Hession Center
4		Grade 1 visits Lindenwood Nature Preserve
4		Spring Concert 7:00 pm in the gym (bands, orchestras, choir, handchimes)
8		Grade 2 visits Camp McMillen
9		Eucharistic Adoration all day with Benediction 2:15 pm
11		Grade 4 celebrates Settlers' Day
12		Kindergarten celebrates Field Day

Crohn's and Colitis Walk #TEAMcalVIN- Sunday, May 7, 2017

We are raising money for the Crohn's and Colitis Walk at Parkview Field on 5/7/17 so we can help find a cure! Our son, Calvin, was diagnosed with Crohn's in 2013. He has medication infusions every 8 weeks to keep the inflammation down and had surgery to remove a diseased portion of his bowel in December, 2016. He has been feeling so much better since then, not having daily stomach pains. The problem is that his Crohn's symptoms will return since there is no cure. We don't know if it will be 6 months or 20 years so we pray daily a cure will be found! Please consider joining our team and/or donating to this cause! You can donate online at

<http://online.cafa.org/goto/TeamCalvinWampler> or to the family directly and we will send the donation in for TeamCalvin. Thank you and God Bless!

-Therese Wampler and family



SCRIP NEWS

Happy Easter! - We hope everyone enjoys a very blessed Easter this weekend. It's always a very joyous time for our parish community, a time of celebration and renewal. It's also a time for us to stop and say thank you to all who make our SCRIP program a success.

Spring at Last - Regardless when the calendar says spring is here, it seems that Easter truly announces its arrival. If you have been putting off spring clean up projects, now is a great time to begin. However, make sure you stock up on gift cards for your favorite home improvement stores before you begin so that all your projects can earn that valuable SCRIP credit. We currently have a large amount of Sears inventory.

New Inventory Policy - Recent reports alert us to a change in the way that people shop and this change is forcing many of the traditional "Brick & Mortar" stores to close. Consequently, we feel the need to be cautious in choosing the amount of inventory that we carry for some of these stores. As long as these stores continue to participate in the SCRIP program, we will continue to offer the gift cards; however, the gift cards may not always be readily in stock. You can still earn SCRIP credit with purchases from these stores; you simply need to plan ahead. If you place your order by 9 am on a Monday morning, your gift card order will be available to you by noon on Thursday. We will do our best to help you continue to enjoy the benefits of using SCRIP.

SCRIP Tip - The merchants that participate in our SCRIP program is always changing - new merchants come and some merchants drop out for various reasons. It's important to pick up new order forms from time to time and to read our SCRIP news to keep up with the changes.

Merchant News - We are happy to announce two new merchants to our SCRIP program:

****Hire's Auto** is returning to our program with a **10% rebate**. Simply identify yourself as a *St. Charles SCRIP participant* when you pay your bill; Hire's will send a rebate check on your behalf at the end of the month. You enjoy a profit of **5%** of your total bill.

****AMC Theater gift cards** are now available in **\$25 gift cards** with an **8% rebate**. These cards are accepted at the theaters formerly known as *Carmike's*.

We would like to remind everyone that *Meijer* is currently on bonus at **6%** instead of the normal **4%**. This will last as long as our current inventory lasts. In dollars and cents, it means you earn **\$6** on each **\$100** spent there - **\$3 for the parish and \$3 for you!** We appreciate *Meijer's* commitment to giving back to the community.

VOLUNTEERS:

April 17 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Maria Ellinger

April 21 - Mary Jo Amorini, Tom Neuhaus, Dorla Rice, Amy Copeland

April 21 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Jenny Perkins

April 22 - Jennifer Hogan, Cindie Rosswurm, Tricia Lilly

April 23 - Laurie Amstutz, Brenda Harter, Roberta Keefer

TinCaps Reading Program: St. Charles Game Night

All students who reached their 3rd quarter Accelerated Reader goals and all Kindergarten and 1st grade students have received ticket order information on our annual St. Charles Game Night at the Fort Wayne TinCaps stadium. This game is free of charge for any reader that completes the form and mails it to the TinCaps office.

Our school's assigned game Date: Tuesday, May 30 @ 7:05 PM

Ticket order deadline: Monday, April 24

This game is a great way to end the school year and celebrate all that your reader has accomplished! Remember that you are responsible for mailing the ticket voucher to the TinCaps office by **APRIL 24th**. In return, they will send you a free ticket to the game and a concession voucher. Can't make our game? Simply select a different date that would work better with your schedule.

All information can be found on the ticket order form, but if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Svarczkopf.

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May 5, 6, and 7 - Bishop Dwenger High School presents "Bye Bye Birdie" - the production of the 1950's "Elvis Style Rock and Roll" musical! Special discounts for Families, Military, Grandparents, and BD students. Visit bishopdwenger.com for show times and special discounts. Reserved Tickets are available for all show times. Follow us on our Facebook event page at facebook.com/bishopdwengerchoiranddrama

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017—BACK IN TIME WITH THE VEGGIE TALES registration is open!

Join us for 4 days of Faith-filled fun as we learn about some great Bible stories! Vacation Bible School is for all children ages 4 (PreK) through grade 3. It will be held June 12-15, 2017 from 9:00am through 12:00pm. The cost for one child is \$30, two children are \$50, and three or more children are \$70. Return all registration forms and payments to Amy Johns in the Religious Education office by June 1, 2017 so we can have an accurate number of supplies and t-shirts. Return the registration form today!

Any parents and students (grade 7 and up) who are interested in helping out for the week can volunteer by simply filling out the volunteer form. It can be found on the parish website under Children’s Religious Education and the VBS tab. This can count as service hours for Bishop Dwenger and for Confirmation! Volunteer today!

St. Charles and the Knights of Columbus want to **THANK** all our parishioners, families and the local community who supported the **Annual Lenten Fish Fry**. Great tasting fish—combined with beautiful weather and fun, family and fellowship—resulted in a large turnout—(1000 paid adult & youth combined meals). The funds raised from the Fish Fry can now be used to support future Right to Life efforts, Seminarian Education and St. Charles Youth Ministry and Scout Programs. The **Knights of Columbus** also want to recognize the **St. Charles Athletic Committee** members/family who worked hard and contributed so much to the overall success of this Fish Fry. The Athletic Committee has been the Sponsor of the Annual Fish Fry for many years at St. Charles - and remain major contributors to the planning, organization and execution of this important activity. The continued participation and support of the Athletic Committee helped ensure the overall huge success of this great church event.

Cafeteria Lunch Menu - April 2017

April 17 Corn Dog Tater Tots Corn Peaches Milk	April 18 Egg & Cheese Omelet w/ Salsa Pancake w/ Syrup Hash Brown Oranges Milk	April 19 Chili w/ Cheese Oyster Crackers Baked Potato Pears Milk	April 20 Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Broccoli Grapes Milk	April 21 Fish Sticks Mac & Cheese Green Beans Applesauce Milk
April 24 Pork Patty Fries Broccoli Mixed Fruit Milk	April 25 Soft Taco w/cheese & lettuce Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	April 26 Hamburger w/ Cheese, Pickles & Lettuce Tater Tots Peaches Milk	April 27 Penne Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Salad w/ Ranch Pears Milk	April 28 Cheese Pizza Pretzels Carrots w/ Dip GoGurt Pineapple Milk

Students with a negative balance will not be able to order an extra entree.