



# St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Newsletter

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**Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did**

**Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge**

During the month of November, we **'press on' To Be Content**. The Cardinal Virtue of Justice, usually represented by a scale, helps us weigh what is due God and other people and act accordingly. Life will present us with different choices. The virtue of justice enables us to choose the fair and kind decision for everyone involved. A decision each of us need to make is to be content with what we have, to express gratitude to God for all we have. During November we celebrate the American holiday of Thanksgiving which is a very appropriate time to be grateful. So, this month, let us have an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving, and being as we **press on to be content!**

*"Let your life be free from love of money but be content with what you have, for he has said,  
'I will never forsake you or abandon you.'" Hebrews 13:5  
"Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you have made my destiny secure." Psalm 16:5*

**Please read** the article: **Bishop Rhoades' comments on Pope Francis' civil union remarks -Today's Catholic** later in this newsletter.

**\*\*\*The HASA 300 Club is still accepting members!** We have 150 signed up so far. That would make the odds of winning one in 150 weekly. \$100 provides 54 weekly opportunities to win! Become a member of the 300 Club! Buy one today! Read on!\*\*\*

**COVID-19 Reminder: If you have multiple children and one child has COVID symptoms, then all the children should stay home until there has been a communication with our School Nurse, Mrs. Tippmann.** This will save both parents and school the inconvenience of having to send siblings home during the school day. Parents, please follow the normal absence protocols, either calling or emailing, and in your message explain the illness - what symptoms your child is experiencing. Mrs. Steinau will record the absences and reasons, and Nurse Tippmann will call home and discuss the situation and whether or not isolation/quarantine is needed. Overall, parents, you are doing a great job with all of this. The more communication the better! COVID symptoms to watch:

Severe headache	Persistent cough	Diarrhea	Vomiting	Loss of taste or smell	Fever 100.4 or higher	Abdominal pain
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You can email Nurse Tippmann any time at [nurse@stcharlesschoolfw.org](mailto:nurse@stcharlesschoolfw.org). She will respond promptly. Thank you everyone. -Rob S.

## Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you are well. On behalf of our teachers, I want to thank you for spending time with us for conferences last week. We always enjoy visiting with you, and we care greatly about your children and appreciate your involvement, prayers, and overall support.

I also appreciate the efforts of our faculty and staff as they press on through this school year. In a message to the teachers last week I shared the following, *"Continue to wash, wipe, mask, hand sanitize, etc., as we head into winter. There is no magic cure for all of this but I commend you for your common sense, strength, courage, and ability to adapt. We have to all communicate with one another as to needs, concerns, hopes, and successes. I have asked for 'good' and you have met and surpassed 'good' so keep up the good work. We have some breaks coming up and we will squeeze a few more in there as we go. Thank you."* Great work everyone!

**Today, November 4th, we celebrated the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo and Sr. Genevieve's birthday!** Many thanks to our grade 4 students and their teachers for leading our Feast Day Mass celebration! The students were dressed in their saints costume and looked fantastically authentic. The Mass was streamed to our classrooms so that all of the students could participate spiritually in union with the Mass. Thank you also to Sr. Genevieve who has continued to faithfully serve our school children for 38 years. She has been a role model, leader, mentor, guardian, and friend to so many, and we wish her God's blessings on this, her Birthday!!

**With Deepest Sympathy to two of our students and their families:** Please keep in prayer the soul of Elgin Davis, Sr. who was laid to rest Tuesday. Elgin Sr. is the Father of Elgin Davis, Jr., grade 5. Please keep Elgin, Mother, Camelia Mendez, and all of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Also sadly, please keep in prayer the souls of Christiane Rivera and her husband Josh Delp who were laid to rest last Friday. The couple recently passed in an automobile accident in Virginia Beach. Christiane is the older sister of Maya Rivera, grade 6. Please keep Maya, Mother and Father, Jeanette and Tony Rivera, and all the family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Congratulations to Mrs. Maria Conroy, our St. Charles Borromeo 'CHRIST THE TEACHER' 2020-2021 Award Recipient!** St. Charles Borromeo School is proud to announce Mrs. Maria Conroy, Kindergarten Teacher, as our Christ the Teacher recipient for this school year. Mrs. Conroy is in her 15<sup>th</sup> year with St. Charles with four previous years teaching at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel School. She has spent all of those years instructing and loving her Kindergarten students. Maria has been married to her husband Chris for 29 years, and together they have three children, twins Nathan and Olivia, both 22, and Danny aged 18.

We are very blessed to have Mrs. Conroy with us at St. Charles. Mrs. Conroy continues to be a light of learning to her students and parents, as along with her professional knowledge, she models kindness, patience, and caring. As one parent shared, "My child loves Mrs. Conroy and she always encourages her students to try their very best. She makes learning fun and enjoyable for her students. My child LOVES school because of her and this is so important in those early years." Thank you, Mrs. Conroy, for representing so well the spirit of Christ the Teacher!

**VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR** - You are invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online until **November 8!** All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more. You'll love the NEW option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs!

All orders ship **directly to your home & FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25\*

All purchases **support our school** and earn 25% in rewards

We use this reward money to purchase new books for our school library and to renew our online cataloging system.

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click **"Shop Now"** to get started, or go to the school website and select the Book Fair tab!

Thank you for your investment in your child's reading and thank you for supporting our school!

Happy reading! -Mrs. Theresa Knox - librarian

### Calendar Update

November 5 No School  
November 6 No School  
November 8 Virtual Book Fair ends  
November 10 HASA Board Meeting  
November 11 Veterans' Day  
November 13 Interim Period ends  
November 17 School Board Meeting  
November 20 Confirmation 7:00 pm with Bishop Rhoades presiding  
November 21 Confirmation 10:00 am with Bishop Rhoades presiding  
November 25-26-27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving break

### 21st Century Scholars Program

Your children may be eligible for college tuition through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program. Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Income</u>
2	\$31,894
3	\$40,182
4	\$48,470
5	\$56,758
6	\$65,046

For each additional person in the household, add \$8,288

\* 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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students must be enrolled by June 30<sup>th</sup> of their eighth grade year!!**

Apply online at [www.scholars.in.gov](http://www.scholars.in.gov) or call Mrs. Robinson at 969-4036 for more information.

### Calling All Prospective Saints! Set up a tour to visit Bishop Dwenger High School! We want to answer any questions!

In these challenging times in which we are unable to gather, we have three creative ways to share more information about our school to those who are considering attending Bishop Dwenger High School. Please go to this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/202655743619057> for more information about tours of the campus, our virtual video tour, and a video chat/call with a current BDHS student. We encourage you to find out what it means to be a Saint!

### Help is needed at the Homeless Shelter : Just Neighbors.

Our Parish is making dinner the week of **November 8-13** and we need help preparing food and bringing the food to Maggie Kleber's house or Margaret Digan's house. Then we will transport the food items every day to the facility and the staff member will set up the dinner each night. Due to the pandemic we are not allowed to enter the facility but meals are still needed for the families that are temporarily living there. If you can help with a main dish, or side dish, or dessert please email Maggie Kleber at:

[maggiikleber@msn.com](mailto:maggiikleber@msn.com) or call her at 485-4717. Thank you so much for continuing to provide food and prayer for our neighbors just down the street! -Margaret Digan and Maggie Kleber, St. Charles Volunteer Coordinators for Just Neighbors

### THANK YOU

The Teacher Appreciation Committee would like to thank the following people who generously donated money and drinks for the Teacher Conference Luncheon: Angela Bauer, Stephanie Bourounis, Jen Eisaman, Julia Eisaman, Leslie Gibson, Jill Harkless, Tara Henry, Kim Hoffman, Alyssa Keys, Kelly Krouse, Candace Lehrman, Cindy Miltner, Erin Morris, Emily Reeves, Katie Schindler, Amanda Shively, Judy Smith, Audrey Stauffer, Katie Steigmeyer, Debbie Sundahl, Christine Sweigert, Kate Sweigert, Melissa Thompson, Kelly Tippmann, Kim Woenker, Lindsey Worrel. We would also like to thank Maintenance for assisting with the room set up. We could not have treated the teachers and staff to lunch without everyone's help. Thank you, Jenny Steigmeyer & Emily Walden

## SCRIP NEWS

**Thanksgiving time** – With COVID numbers increasing, many of us are trying to decide how we will spend Thanksgiving this year. Regardless whether you will gather with family and friends or spend the day with only the members of your immediate household, there is certainly a lot to reflect on and be thankful for. Please consider using **SCRIP** gift cards when shopping for the items for your feast, gas for your travels, or as a way to help those in need. You and the parish will both benefit from the rebates that result from using **SCRIP**.



*\*\*If you will be traveling in the near future and plan to stay at a hotel, we currently have **\$150** available in **Choice Hotels** which is good at any of the hotels in the Choice Hotel Family.*

*The gift cards have a 3% rebate, making them a great way to benefit from your hotel stay.*



Undoubtedly, **Christmas** plans will also be different this year. That is all the more reason to start planning earlier than usual. Avoiding family gatherings may have us sending more gifts than normal; so, starting early will be important. Don't forget that gift cards make great gifts, especially when sending them to loved ones near and far. You don't have to know the exact size or color and it allows the recipient to choose something they want.



**Congratulations** to the winner of our Halloween giveaway, **Bernadette Smith!**  
We truly appreciate your support of the St. Charles **SCRIP** program.

## VOLUNTEERS:

**Nov. 9 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Christine Wulpi**

**Nov. 13 - Cheryl Morello, Kristina O'Neal, Kara Straessle**

**Nov. 13 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Sara Fischer**

**Nov. 14 - Cathy Jacob, Maryann Quinn, Cindie Rosswurm**

**Nov. 15 - Arianne Davis, Nancy Hartig, Lisa York**

**Nov. 16 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Kelly Tippmann**

**Nov. 20 - Angela Bauer, Sue Christle, Peggy Keefer**

**Nov. 20 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Laura Ijames**

**Nov. 21 - Mary Jones, Jill Onion, Tom Ryan**

**Nov. 22 - Cathy Yaggy, Jennifer Hogan, Roberta Keerfer**

## Bishop Rhoades' comments on Pope Francis' civil union remarks - Today's Catholic

*The following is a response from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to remarks made by Pope Francis in the movie, "Francesco," which have been widely discussed.*

FORT WAYNE — A quote about civil unions from Pope Francis included in a brief passage in a new documentary about his pontificate entitled "Francesco" made headlines around the world last week. The Holy Father's words were mostly applauded by those who support same-sex marriage and criticized by those who oppose same-sex marriage. Many were just confused by the pope's words in the documentary. Since the Vatican has not yet issued a clarification, I have decided to offer my own interpretation because many of the faithful of our diocese have asked me for an explanation. Perhaps later, or even before this article goes to print, the Holy See will offer a clarification.

These are the words of Pope Francis quoted in the documentary: "Homosexual people have a right to be part of a family. They're children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable because of it. What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered."

Pope Francis said these words in 2019 during an interview with a Mexican television network. I have learned that the documentary joined together answers of the pope to two different questions in the original interview, which partly explains the confusion. The first question had to do with the integration into the Church of people living in irregular situations. The Holy Father answered by mentioning how homosexual persons should never be rejected or excluded by their own families. That is what Pope Francis was referring to in the first three sentences quoted in the documentary about homosexual persons "having a right to be part of a family, etc." Basically, they should not be rejected or excluded by their own family or by the Church. Of course, this reflects the teaching of the Church. The Catechism states that persons with same-sex attraction "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity." They should always be loved unconditionally.

The last two sentences in the above quote were the pope's answer to another question in the Mexican television interview, a question about same-sex marriage. The Holy Father responded that "it is an incongruity to speak of homosexual marriage," and then said, in the snippet shown in the documentary: "What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered."

It is important to note that Pope Francis has always opposed same-sex marriage. As archbishop of Buenos Aires, he spoke strongly against a proposal to legalize same-sex marriage in Argentina. He spoke of same-sex marriage as an "anti-value and an anthropological regression." As pope, he has many times spoken of marriage as the union of man and woman. In his apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, he wrote: "There are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family."

Pope Francis has also been very clear that children have a right to a mother and a father. He wrote the following in *Amoris Laetitia*: "Every child has a right to receive love from a mother and a father; both are necessary for a child's integral and harmonious development... Respecting a child's dignity means affirming his or her need and natural right to have a mother and a father."

But what about civil unions for homosexual couples? When he spoke out against same-sex marriage in Argentina, Pope Francis did not speak out against civil unions for same-sex couples. As pope, he said the following in a newspaper interview in 2014: "Marriage is between a man and a woman. Secular states want to justify civil unions to regulate different situations of cohabitation, pushed by the demand to regulate economic aspects between persons, such as ensuring health care. It is about pacts of cohabitating of various natures, of which I wouldn't know how to list the different ways. One needs to see the different cases and evaluate them in their variety."

It seems that Pope Francis is open to some kind of civil union or civil "living together" (the word he used in Spanish is "convivencia," not "union") for cohabitating adults. Perhaps he has in mind something different from the homosexual civil unions criticized in the 2003 document from the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Perhaps Pope Francis is in favor of a civil arrangement that gives certain benefits to two people who live together and share domestic responsibilities. This would not be based on a presumed sexual relationship nor be giving legal recognition to homosexual unions per se. It would just be giving some civil protections and benefits (e.g. hospital visitation rights, health care insurance benefits, social security survivor benefits) to two adults living together and dependent on each other. This could include two elderly siblings or two friends living together. It would not be the recognition of such a relationship as equivalent to marriage. In fact, Pope Francis wrote in *Amoris Laetitia* that "de facto or same-sex unions may not simply be equated with marriage."

I am still hoping that we receive a clarification from Pope Francis or from the Vatican regarding the quote in the Italian documentary "Francesco" about civil unions. Everyone should be clear that there has been no change in Church teaching about marriage or about homosexuality. The teaching of the Catechism has not been changed and the directives of the 2003 Instruction from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith remain in effect. Besides, the Holy Father does not exercise his official teaching office or change Church directives through television interviews.

### November 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

<b>9</b> Chicken Patty Steamed Carrots Tater Tots Pineapple Milk	<b>10</b> Fish Sticks Mac & Cheese Peas Apricots Milk	<b>11</b> Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Toast Applesauce Milk	<b>12</b> Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Broccoli Grapes Milk	<b>13</b> Cheese Omelette w/Salsa Hash Browns Pancake w/Syrup Mandarin Oranges Milk
<b>16</b> Hot Dog Green Beans Fries Peaches Milk	<b>17</b> Ham & Turkey Sub Doritos Veggies & Dip Banana Milk	<b>18</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>19</b> Corn Chips w/Taco Meat Lettuce, Cheese Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	<b>20</b> Bosco Sticks w/Marinara Broccoli Go-Gurt Pears Milk
<b>23</b> Pork Patty Baked Beans Tater Tots Pineapple Milk	<b>24</b> Cheeseburger Lettuce, Pickle, Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Apricots Milk	<b>25</b> No School	<b>26</b> No School	<b>27</b> No School
<b>30</b> Chicken Patty Steamed Carrots Tater Tots Peaches Milk	<b>December 1</b> Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Toast Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>December 2</b> Soft Taco w/Lettuce, Cheese Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	<b>December 3</b> Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Broccoli Pears Milk	<b>December 4</b> Cheese Omelette w/Salsa Hash Browns Pancake w/Syrup Oranges Milk

### Lunch Prices 2020-2021

Milk Only \$0.45

Extra Entrée \$1.50

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTING FORM

Parents can put money into the student's account through your MyPaymentPlus (formerly MyMealsPlus) online account at [www.mypaymentplus.com](http://www.mypaymentplus.com) or by calling 1-877-237-0946 for a small fee. Or, you may send a check with the Lunch Accounting Form below to the school cafeteria. For example, if you have 3 children, send a check for \$90 payable to St. Charles Cafeteria and designate \$30 to each child's account. Each child who will eat hot lunch needs to have money in their meal account. It is recommended to have a minimum of \$14.00 in this account which will pay for five meals. If the student may want additional portions of the main entree, then it is recommended to have a minimum of \$6.00 in the account as well. If you have questions regarding this, you may call the school cafeteria at 969-4028 on school days 8:00-12:30 or the school office at 484-3392.

Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Lunch ID	Payment
Payments are used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.90), Extra Entree (\$1.50), and Milk (\$0.45)				
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			<b>Total Payment Enclosed</b>	

"The USDA and the State of Indiana are equal opportunity providers and employers."

## HASA 300 CLUB 2020-2021 JOIN TODAY!



**Annual Raffle License 148798** Hello Friends! The St. Charles HASA (Home And School Association) would like to thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, in support of our Parish School. We write today to inform you of our 18th annual offer to join the HASA 300 CLUB. This is a fun opportunity for you to personally win money and benefit our parishioners and students.

We still have a few more winners to choose in the 2019-2020 cycle, so please keep checking the bulletin if entered. This past year, which was our seventeenth 300 club, we entered 158 cards out of a possible 300. We have been saving our proceeds for the purpose of making our school as safe as possible. On November 6th we will be installing new security windows in the school entranceway.

Upon completion of the project, visitors will have a welcome access to our entrance, and we will have a secure barrier for our office ladies while visitor credentials are checked. So thank you for your help!

As you can see, the proceeds produce positive results so let us explain how you can join this year's 2020-2021 **HASA 300 CLUB**. (There are only 300 drawings, no more. Thus the name - HASA 300.) For a donation of \$100.00, an index card with your name will be entered on a first-come first-served basis. If 300 people make the suggested donation, this could accumulate a total income of \$30,000.

- ◇ Each week a name is drawn from the 'hat' for a weekly amount of \$150.00.  
Times fifty-two: The payout would be \$7,800.00 for the year.
- ◇ Two special drawings are made in the course of the year: One at Easter and one at Christmas.  
Each of these special drawings pays \$500.00. Times two: The payout would be \$1,000.00.
- ◇ Each winning card stays in the 'hat' for the entire year, so you could win once, twice, etc.
- ◇ Weekly winners will be listed in the parish bulletin beginning the weekend of Sunday, Nov. 1st.

The above payouts of \$8,800.00 are subtracted from the total income - possibly \$30,000 if all donations come in. The remaining profit after payouts will be put towards helping the Parish overall. Proceeds may be used to help with parish tuition assistance, the needs of parish ministries, and other school/parish programs and projects. That's how it works!

So here's what to do: Get out a pen, checkbook, and envelope, and write a check to "**HASA 300 CLUB**" for the number of cards (limit 3) you would want, with a suggested donation of \$100 a card. Then mail your donation to the parish or drop it in the church collection basket marked "**HASA 300 CLUB**". Invite a friend or neighbor to do the same.

The first weekly drawing for 2020-2021 will be Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, so don't delay and you won't miss out on even one of the drawings. Remember, you have 54 drawings to win (52 weeks plus the special drawings). Please give it a try. There are no losers as all profits benefit parishioners in large and small ways.

Again, the 2020-2021 HASA 300 CLUB proceeds will be used towards the **purchase and installation of one emergency exit window in each classroom in case of fire**. Thank you, & remember - We are one body in Christ!

Fr. Tom Shoemaker - Pastor      Stacey Strack - HASA President      Robert Sordelet - Principal (Overleaf)

**Complete, cut, and return this bottom portion of the page. Drop in the Sunday Collection, drop off at the Rectory, or Mail to St. Charles School. The first drawing is Monday, October 26th so don't delay! Suggested Donation is \$100 per card entered.**

**➤ I Wish to Enter & Donate! Name & Address**

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**Make all donated checks payable to: HASA 300 CLUB  
 Please enter my name. I do not wish to donate at this time.  
 Annual Raffle License 148798**

**➤ Name & Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
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