



# 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 December, we **'press on' To Seek God**. A related virtue is humility which is an awareness that all one's gifts come from God and appreciation for the gifts of others. When we are humble we don't act as if we are more important than other people. We are happy to serve others and think other people's needs are important. God gives us what we need. In humility, we **press on to seek God** at all times!

*"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19*

## Upcoming Schedule Changes

**Monday, December 7th Out of Uniform Day for all Students & Staff!** By decree of Fr. James. Neat, clean, & modest as always.

<b>Friday, December 18th</b>	<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>Students dismiss at 1:00 p.m. Aftercare will be open.</b>
<b>Monday, January 18th</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed</b>
<b>Monday, February 15th</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>Presidents' Day Observed</b>

**Dear Parents and Students** - Wishing your families an Advent of peace, forgiveness, hope and joy! Seek God! A few items:

1. **Please pray for our second-grade students** who will be receiving the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation this Saturday, December Dec. 5th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church**. The students have been studying diligently and praying like little angels in preparation for this big day. They are nervous but excited to receive the sacrament for the first time. I thank their teachers and parents for encouraging and supporting them so well. What wonderful **Faith example** you provide.
2. **SCBS again supporting Catholic Charities assisting Christmas Families in need!** We are collecting through next week. Each year you're very generous with this project & I'm sure all will do what you can! Program details on pg. 2. Thanks!
3. **St. Charles Athletic Association Athletics update:**
  - a. Protocols for Attendance at basketball games has been upgraded to 'Essential Personnel & Parents/Guardians Only' This means no Grandparents, siblings, friends, etc. Thank you for your cooperation.
  - b. In the meantime, we continue to work on a streaming solution in our gym that will work for all eight teams and provide needed privacy of viewing for our students and families.
  - c. Parents of fall and winter athletes should receive notification of athletic fees invoice today, Dec. 4th, through FACTS. Parents, you should receive an email notice of an impending withdrawal. This notice provides a 10-day buffer before any transactions occur. Understand that we have invoiced participation fees only. We will invoice separate 'You Can Lend a Hand/Burger King Booklet' fees on January 4th to help spread out the withdrawal amounts over two months.
  - d. **The USDA did extend free lunch for all students through the end of the 2020-21 school year.** Students will still need to pay for an extra entree and for a milk not included with a hot lunch.

## TODAY'S CATHOLIC Serving the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend DEC. 2, 2020 / NATIONAL

### Use of Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 vaccines is morally acceptable, say bishops

WASHINGTON (CNS) — While confusion has arisen in recent days in the media over "the moral permissibility" of using the COVID-19 vaccines just announced by Pfizer Inc. and Moderna, it is not "immoral to be vaccinated with them," the chairmen of the U.S. bishops' doctrine and pro-life committees said Nov. 23.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, addressed the issue in a memo to their brother bishops. A copy of the memo was obtained by Catholic News Service Nov. 24.

"Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development or production," the two prelates said. "They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products.

"There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote," they continued. "Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines, then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching."

Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann cited three Vatican documents that "treat the question of tainted vaccines": the 2005 study by the Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived From Aborted Human Fetuses"; paragraphs nos. 34-35 in the 2008 "Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions" ("Dignitatis Personae") by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; and the 2017 "Note on Italian Vaccine Issue," by the Pontifical Academy for Life. (article continues pg. xxxxxx)

"These documents all point to the immorality of using tissue taken from an aborted child for creating cell lines," they explained. "They also make distinctions in terms of the moral responsibility of the various actors involved, from those involved in designing and producing a vaccine to those receiving the vaccine.

**"Most importantly," they added, "they all make it clear that, at the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health."** (article continues pg. 3)



## St. Charles Borromeo School Students Assist Catholic Charities this Christmas! -Gift Cards please!

In past years, St. Charles School has adopted families through Catholic Charities to assist at Christmas. The organization expresses gratitude for the generosity of our families during past Christmas seasons. Many families have been blessed by your kindness.

Catholic Charities has changed their program in recent years. In an effort to be good stewards of their resources, Catholic Charities is transitioning from offering the opportunity to "adopt" or "sponsor" a specific family to whom sponsors provided "gifts" to the practice of accepting donated gift cards and limited material items most requested by families in need. Donated gift cards, in lieu of wrapped and unwrapped gifts, will be distributed to families served by Catholic Charities who are experiencing challenges in meeting basic needs such as food, warm clothing, rent or utilities. This way they can be assured that children and other vulnerable persons served are housed and warm during the Christmas season.

Also, due to limited capacity on staff and in volunteers, Catholic Charities will not be able to coordinate appointments for families & organizations to drop off items, but will accept the donations of gift cards to assist the many families with whom they work.

Examples of most needed gift cards include:

- > Grocery or multi-purpose stores gift cards (e.g., Kroger, Wal-Mart, Meijer)
- > Gas cards & Citilink bus passes (i.e., fuel for transportation)

Our regular Friday collections at Mass on December 4 and December 11 will be used to purchase gift cards for Catholic Charities. Anything extra which you would like to donate to this cause, please send to the school office marked Catholic Charities. When you are purchasing SCRIP, please consider purchasing an extra gift card for these people in need. Christmastime is indeed a time of year to rejoice and celebrate. As a Catholic organization, Catholic Charities appreciates our desire to give to others reminiscent of the gifts the Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus. Thank you for your assistance!

## Calendar Update

December 5	BDHS Merit Scholarship Exam 8:45am (8th graders, pre-registered) First Reconciliation 10:30 am <del>Advent Fish Fry cancelled</del>
December 6	Second Sunday of Advent
December 7	Reconciliation for students in grades 3-4-5
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day ( <i>non-obligatory this year due to COVID</i> )
December 9	Beginning Band (grade 4+) parent information meeting, 6:00 pm in band room
December 12	Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
December 13	Third Sunday of Advent
December 18	2nd Quarter Ends, early dismissal at 1:00 pm
December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec. 19 - Jan. 3	No School
January 4	School resumes
January 5	Instrument Fitting for Beginning Band, by appointment, 4:30-6:30 pm
January 18	No School

**BEGINNING BAND** - Any grade 4 student, as well as older students, with an interest in music, is invited to join the beginning band. There is a parent informational meeting on **Wednesday, December 9**, in the school band room. The meeting is 6:00-6:30 pm. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to schedule a specific time slot to have their student "fitted" for a band instrument and to make arrangements to rent a band instrument. There will be an instrument fitting on Tuesday, January 5, beginning at 4:30 pm. The Band Room is located on the lower level of the Hession Center. Please enter the school at door #3 (near the gym) and the posted signs will direct you to the South Stairs and the Band Room. If you are unable to do stairs, please see the custodian for directions to the elevator. All students interested in joining the band must have an appointment for a fitting on this day. Students have the opportunity to rent instruments at this January meeting so that they have them for the first day of band class which is Tuesday, January 19.

**ATTENTION: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans** - The new parish ministry schedule is in preparation for **February thru May, 2021**. Please submit your availability information **via the web terminal**, or email at [ministries@scbfw.org](mailto:ministries@scbfw.org). You may also call the office, 260-484-6570. **Deadline is January 4, 2021**. Thank you! *Karen Hope*

## SCRIP NEWS

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY of Advent** – This week we begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent, just 20 more days until Christmas.

As we worry about social distancing, sanitizing, mask wearing, and more sanitizing; one wonders how we will ever be able to get our Christmas shopping done. Then there are those who are worried about how they will be able to have the kind of Christmas they are used to because of the financial stresses this pandemic has caused.

If there was ever a year where focusing on the true meaning of the Christmas season was relevant, this is the year. It has been a very difficult year in many ways. However, the silver lining has been taking time to slow down and reflect on the important things in our lives.

The **SCRIP** team is ready to help you with your Christmas shopping. Gift cards can make online shopping safe and easy, gift cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers, gift cards are easy to mail and **SCRIP gift cards** generate rebates that earn money for the parish as well as each purchaser. Why not let the money you spend on Christmas gifts this year put a little something back in your pocket.

Just a few **SCRIP tips** for placing orders this year. SCRIP has also felt the effects of COVID. In an effort to be prudent with the funds the parish graciously invests in the SCRIP program, we are carrying a smaller inventory this year. This simply means that we might not be able to fill every order right away, *so plan ahead*.

***MONDAY MORNINGS BEFORE 9 AM*** is the most important thing to remember. That's when we place our order to replenish our inventory. If you have a large order or a special order, we really need to have it *before* 9 am on Monday morning. If you send an order in with your student on a Friday or Monday morning, anything we don't have will be available by the following Thursday. Please take the time to carefully fill out all the information on the top of the order form especially a good phone number where you can be reached if we have a question about your order, as well as your student's name and room number for delivery of your filled order.

Working together we will get through this pandemic, this Christmas and the rest of this year. Best of all, we can help ease the financial stress the parish has felt.

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

**Dec. 7 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Kristina O'Neal**

**Dec. 11 – Jane Cavacini, Kelly Tippmann, Berniece Williams**

**Dec. 11 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jen Eisaman**

**Dec. 12 – Natalie Jackson, Bernadette Smith, Cindy Stults**

**Dec. 13 – Mary Jo Amorini, Mary Rose Lorenc, Carolyn Tyndall**

**Dec. 14 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Kelly Tippmann**

**Dec. 18 - Leeandra Camos, Sue Rohling, Carolyn Tyndall**

**Dec. 18 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Sara Fischer**

**Dec. 19 - Cathy Jacob, Maryann Quinn, Cindie Rosswurm**

**Dec. 20 - Kasey Eckland, Terri Wallace**

#### **Use of Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 vaccines is morally acceptable, say bishops** (continued from pg 1)

In a Nov. 21 statement, the president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association, Mercy Sister Mary Haddad said CHA ethicists, "in collaboration with other Catholic bioethicists," used the guidelines released by the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life in 2005 and 2017 on the origin of vaccines and "find nothing morally prohibitive with the vaccines developed by Pfizer and BioNTech (Pfizer's German partner) and Moderna."

She also said CHA "believes it is essential that any approved COVID-19 vaccine be distributed in a coordinated and equitable manner," because COVID-19 "has had a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, low-income communities, persons with preexisting health conditions, and racial and ethnic minorities." CHA encouraged Catholic health organizations "to distribute the vaccines developed by these companies."

Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann did not point to any specific media outlets claiming the moral unsuitability of the vaccines. However, after Pfizer and Moderna announced their vaccines, at least two Catholic bishops warned against using them, saying they are morally tainted.

On Nov. 11, Pfizer and BioNTech announced that results of a large ongoing study show its vaccine is 95% effective; the vaccine is already being manufactured and has been since October. Five days later, Moderna said preliminary data from its phase three trial shows its coronavirus vaccine is 94.5% effective in preventing COVID-19.

Pfizer and Moderna are applying to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for emergency approval of the vaccines, which would quickly pave the way for distribution of the vaccines. The FDA is to meet Dec. 10.

On Nov. 16, Bishop Joseph E. Strickland of Tyler, Texas, tweeted the Moderna vaccine "is not morally produced. Unborn children died in abortions and their bodies were used as 'laboratory specimens.' I urge all who believe in the sanctity of life to reject a vaccine which has been produced immorally."

In a Nov. 18 video posted on his diocesan website and subsequent interviews with local media, Bishop Joseph V. Brennan of Fresno, California, weighed in on the vaccines, saying: "We all want health for ourselves and for others. We want to promote that also ... but never at the expense of the life of another."

In May, the Trump administration launched Operation Warp Speed, the moniker of its initiative to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to Americans as quickly as possible. The program has funded the manufacturing of six promising vaccine candidates, two of which are the ones announced by Moderna and Pfizer.

As soon as the FDA approves their vaccines for distribution, Operation Warp Speed hopes to distribute 300 million doses around the country by January. Because Moderna and Pfizer's vaccines involve two shots per person, this would be enough to immunize 150 million Americans. Other COVID-19 vaccines on the horizon include one being developed by AstraZeneca with Oxford University.

Like Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann, John Brehany, director of institutional relations at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, said a recent interview on the "Current News" show on NET TV, the cable channel of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, that the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines were not themselves produced using cell lines derived from aborted fetal tissue.

He expressed "great respect for Bishop Strickland," calling him "a bold courageous witness to the faith," who is saying "some true things about issues that go back decades in pharmaceutical research and development," in the production of vaccines for measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox and other diseases.

But in the case of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, Brehany emphasized, any connection to aborted fetus cell lines is extremely remote.

For Dr. Robert Tiballi, an infectious disease specialist in Chicago and a member of the Catholic Medical Association, this indirect use raises an ethical issue for Catholics.

"The fetal cell lines were not directly used in the Moderna vaccine, but they were indirectly used several steps away from the actual development of the vaccine," he told "Currents News" in a separate interview.

Any such cell lines were derived from tissue samples taken from fetuses aborted in the 1960s and 1970s and have been grown in laboratories all over the world since then.

In its 2005 study, the Pontifical Academy for Life said Catholics have a responsibility to push for the creation of morally just, alternative vaccines, but it also said they should not sacrifice the common good of public health because there is no substitute.

"Catholics can have confidence if there is a great need and there are no alternatives, they are not forbidden from using these new

vaccines," Brehany told "Current News," but he added: "There is much the Church calls us to do in seeking out alternatives and advocating for alternatives."

Catholics "need to provide the urgency and advocacy" to get pharmaceutical companies to understand there are alternatives to using fetal cell lines to develop vaccines, "so they can see the need for this," he added, echoing the Pontifical Academy for Life.

A case in point is the decision by Sanofi Pasteur to no longer use an aborted fetal cell line in producing its polio vaccines, a move recently approved by the FDA.

Sanofi is one of the companies currently developing a COVID-19 vaccine by utilizing "cell lines not connected to unethical procedures and methods." Inovio Pharmaceuticals and the John Paul II Medical Research Institute are other such companies. -End

## **POSTPONED! BORROMEIO BASH 2021 Rescheduled for Friday, June 4, 2021**

In consultation with Father Tom and Principal Sordelet, the Borromeo Bash Committee has decided to postpone Borromeo Bash to Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We believe this will give us the best opportunity to host a fun-filled evening of fellowship for the St. Charles School and Parish Community. We appreciate your understanding and support, and we look forward to celebrating the successes of a challenging school year at Borromeo Bash 2021 on Friday, June 4 at Ceruti's.

We will continue to accept donations and sponsorships for Borromeo Bash 2021. We realize that many people will still prefer to make their donation during the 2020 Tax/Budget year. Please note that several charitable donation rules were expanded for 2020 only through the CARES Act. Those rule changes may help individuals and corporations in philanthropic support. Further guidance is available at IRS.gov or from your tax professional.

The school and parish community appreciate any support that you might be able to lend during these uncertain times as we continue to prepare for the 2021 event. If there are any concerns or questions regarding Borromeo Bash 2021, please email the committee at [borromeobash@gmail.com](mailto:borromeobash@gmail.com). **Save the Date!**

Sincerely - *The Borromeo Bash Committee*

### **December 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu**

<b>7</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich Raspberry Spinach Salad Fries Pineapple Milk	<b>8</b> PB & J Sandwich Salad w/Ranch & Tomatoes Doritos, Cheese Stick Banana Milk	<b>9</b> Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>10</b> French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Sausage Dragon Juice Mandarin Oranges Milk	<b>11</b> Cheese Pizza Carrots & Dip Pretzels, Go-Gurt Peaches Milk
<b>14</b> Chicken Patty Steamed Carrots Tater Tots Pears Milk	<b>15</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fries Peas Fruit Cup Milk	<b>16</b> Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Toast Applesauce Milk	<b>17</b> Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Broccoli Grapes Milk	<b>18</b> Cheese Omelette w/Salsa Pancake w/Syrup Hash Browns Dragon Juice Mandarin 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.

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