

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Charles Parishioners:

I am looking forward to seeing you again next weekend. I hope all of you have had time to be with your family and friends over the summer.

In our work-dominated society, it is necessary to focus our energies from time to time on the relationships that sustain us. May the spirit of Sabbath rest influence our attitude to worship all year long. We need to be reminded that every Sunday is intended to be a restful and a prayerful day, a little touch of summer.

"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day"

Geary Creedon

PARKING FOR MASS

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY has made available to St. Charles parishioners, 75 parking spaces on their surface lot during Sunday Masses. The parking lot entrance is located on Kirkwood between Fairfax Drive and Washington Blvd. Please note that George Mason also uses the lot during these times and cannot be responsible for any property loss or damage. In the spirit of cooperation, we thank them for their consideration.

ST. CHARLES PARKING: We are working on the traffic flow in the Church parking lot to avoid parking difficulties. Please be patient with us during this transition. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Marvin Mayorga at the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The Parish Offertory Envelopes have several purposes. They provide you with a convenient way to support your Parish. They also help our Parish Office track your contribution so that we may provide you with a tax statement at the end of each year. Without your name, address, and the clearly stated amount of your donation, we are unable to accurately track your contribution. If you do not wish to use the envelopes, please notify the Parish Office in writing. We would prefer you use the envelopes; however, donations in check forms are also credited to individual registrations. Please note: if you are not a registered parishioner, your donations can not be recorded! Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. PLEASE NOTE THE MASS SCHEDULE ABOVE.

- *Baptismal preparation in English, previously scheduled for August 26, has been rescheduled for August 19. Please call the parish Office to register.*
- *The Parish Office will be closing at 5:00 PM the week of August 13-17. If you have a meeting scheduled during this week that requires the use of one of the office keys, please call the Parish Office to make other arrangements.*

LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2001

7:30 Parishioners
9:00 Robert Somma by Joe Frascione
11:00 Karen Sears George by Gregory J. Toland
1:00 Efraim Guterrez by Lila & Gus Vega
*Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19;
Luke 12:32-48*

Monday, August 13, 2001:

9:00 Marjorie Rubinger by the Rubinger family
7:30 (at the Arlington Detention Center) for Inmates
Readings: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 14, 2001:

9:00 Lorraine Kirchgessner by Louise Montavon
7:30 Gisele Ayala by Susana Moncayo
Readings: Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday, August 15, 2001:

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

9:00 Hector Chavarro Jr. & Sr. by Cecilia Chavarro
12:00 Glyne Goodridge by the St. Charles Staff
7:30 Mae Merrick by Lynne Pilot
*Readings: Revelations 11:19;12:1-6,10;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56*

Thursday, August 16, 2001:

9:00 Irene Emmet by George Macdonald
Readings: Joshua 3:7-10,11,13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 17, 2001:

9:00 Rosaleen Thompson by Twila Gavin
Readings: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 18, 2001:

9:00 Frank & Gwedonline Gradoville by Savery Gradoville
5:00 Charles Eward Dyer by Patricia Weth
Readings: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

Please pray for

Please remember to keep in your prayers, those who are sick and those who suffer, especially: Eileen Bruno, Judy Birt, Sr. Margaret A. Cook, Connor Cozoli, Michael Andrew Herdoiza, Mary Catherine Kern-Herdoiza, Mary Theresa Kern, Jeanne Newell, Joshua Solano, Diane Dickerson-Herbst, Dorothy Schleeper, John Portaria, Mary Casey Darden, Arthur Simolunas, Jared Spaerh, and Mary Gerwin. Let us also pray for those who have died, especially: Jean Zupan.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

We need your help!! A wheelchair-bound disabled veteran is in search of a roommate. This veteran is a Spanish speaking, non-smoking male in his mid 50's. If interested or to hear more about this person please contact our Social Justice Minister, Bernardo Vasquez at 703-527-5500, ext. 13.

Volunteers needed for English Program with Catholic Charities Hogar Hispano. Please call ESL Program Coordinator, Sally O'Dwyer at 703-534-9805, ext.222, between 9 AM - 1 PM.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Our Special Thanks to IRELANDS FOUR COURTS for their support.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

How can nature be effectively defended if justification is claimed for acts which strike at the very heart of creation? Is it possible to oppose the destruction of the environment while allowing in the name of comfort and convenience, the slaughter of the unborn and the procured death of the elderly and infirm, and the carrying out, in the name of progress, of unacceptable interventions and forms of experimentation at the very beginning of human life?
 Pope John Paul II, June 12, 1999 homily in Zamosc, Poland

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Charles School needs to upgrade its classroom computers. If your workplace is upgrading and could donate used Pentium 233 Mhz or better PC's, please contact either the School Office (703-527-0608) or Randy Bender (703-527-2476). Individual PC donations or funds toward the purchase of new PC's are also very welcome.

Congratulations to our 300 Club winners for the month of April and May. They are: Katherine Nestor, Nilda Keres; Teresa Marler; Bert Sweigart; and Marianne Duffy for the month of April. Our winners for the month of May are: Margaret Decourcey; Linda Goodman; Mario Pinizzotto; Ken and Marie Milow; and Robert Volkert. We would like to thank all our members for supporting Catholic education!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – RCIA: Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or do you know someone who is? Join us for our remaining sharing session from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the Upper Room on August 21st. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or pick up a copy of our new brochure.

Help Needed: Assistants for confirmation preparation are needed to help retreats and classes. If interested or in need of more information, call Cathleen O'Brien at 703-312-1182. Also, Catechists and Assistants needed for Sunday Grade-based classes. If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information please call the parish Office at 703-527-5500.



TOP PARISH WEBPAGES FOR JULY

The San Carlos homepage (in Spanish) jumped to #6 in July on our list of most popular pages on www.stcharleschurch.org. The parish home page kept its #1 position, followed by the celebrants' schedule (who's saying which Mass) at #2, with the virtual Parish Office (forms and staff listing) moving into the third spot. C'YA reached fourth place. The ministries index rounded out the top 5, with the CAFÉ summer reading list slightly ahead of the Eucharistic Ministers schedule. The most popular form downloaded was for religious education registration. The PMM newsletter edged out the Work Camp flier. You'll find these and 100's of more pages on your parish website, so visit us this week to keep connected. And share our address with a friend!

NEIGHBORHOOD C IS GOING ELECTRONIC

If you'd like to list your email address in the neighborhood directory for alerts on Neighborhood C events and other news, please contact Tammi McKinley or John Fraas, Neighborhood C representatives, at 703-358-9434 or regansmom@hotmail.com.

PICNIC TIME!!

Neighborhood E will hold a picnic on Sunday, August 26, 2001 from 1 to 4 PM on the grounds of Lyon Park at the corner of Pershing Drive and Fillmore. Turkey, ham and drinks will be provided. If your last name begins with: A-M, please bring a salad or side dish; N-Z, please bring appetizer or dessert. Please respond to Jan Martin at 703-528-0736 or Pat Horner at 703-524-5437 or e-mail: phonerner@erols.com. Bring the kids. We hope to see you there for good food and good company.



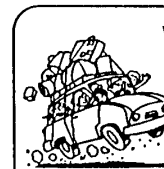
*Don't cash it!
 Don't deposit it!
 Turn it over, sign it, and write:*

***"Pay to the order of the
 St. Charles Capital Campaign."***

Our tax refund checks are a wonderful opportunity for us to do even more – above and beyond our pledges – to Build the Spirit and Build the Parish Community Center Here at St. Charles.

You can simply place your check in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Thank you again for your continuing generosity and spirit of sacrifice.



VACATIONING?

**Your PARISH
 BILLS DON'T!
 Remember your
 SUNDAY ENVELOPE**

- Last Week's Collection: \$15,564.88
- Last Week's Tithe of \$1,556.49 was for our sister parishes in Cavaillon & Gros Marin, Haiti.
- This Week's Tithe is for St. Charles Outreach.
- Next Week's Tithe is for AFAC.