



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Weekly Update 30~ April 11, 2019

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. APR 12** 8:00 AM K-8 School Mass  
K-4 Lenten Day of Renewal  
1:45 PM 8th Grade Re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross (Church)  
5:45 PM Final Lenten Soup Supper and Stations (Doran Hall)
- SA. APR 13** **10:30 AM Penance Service (Church)**
- MO. APR 15** Charge to Serve T-Shirt Day  
Out-of-Uniform Pass Day  
SCRIP Orders Due  
Charger Visit  
12:10 PM 5th Grade DARE Graduation (Doran Hall)
- TU. APR 16** Parkway Pizza Fundraising Day  
5th-8th Grade Spirit Wear Day  
6:30 PM School Advisory Council (104)
- TH. APR 18** 9:15 AM Holy Thursday All-School Prayer Service (Gym)  
7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass (Church)
- FR. APR 19** **School Not in Session — Easter Break**  
3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy (Church)  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)
- SA. APR 20** Holy Saturday - 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass
- SU. APR 21** Easter Sunday - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses
- MO. APR 22** **School Not in Session — Easter Break**
- TU. APR 23** School Resumes  
NWEA Testing Begins  
**7:00 PM Confirmation** (Cathedral)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

So, here we are again. I'm working with my laptop on my lap, and kids running around the house, jumping over me, trying to hide behind me, and attempting to find out just how far my patience will stretch. This too will pass, the sun will shine, and the snow will melt.

We've missed a lot of school this year due to snow day, which is highly unusual. Because of so many missed school days, our public school district chose to add 2 days to their calendar, March 29 and April 22. We chose not to add days because each St. Charles school day is 30 minutes longer, which adds up to significantly more contact time for the year, and because we need the time to prepare for accreditation. This decision was

discussed and supported by our School Advisory Council. In the big picture, the loss of days is frustrating but won't have a noticeable negative impact on our students' academic career.

Tomorrow is the Lenten Day of Renewal, ending with "Live Stations," and I'm hoping that everything goes as planned. In the case of a closure tomorrow, we will be in touch about rescheduling "Live Stations" for a day next week. We are truly hoping that our Lenten Day of Renewal is not interrupted.

Currently, we are in crunch time preparing for our onsite accreditation visit April 24-26. I'll be in touch next week about what this means for parents. One thing you should know is that a team member may contact you and ask you questions about the school and your experience. Our accrediting organization is called MNSAA, so you don't mistake them for telemarketers.

The preparations for this visit have taken me away from some of my normal tasks and slowed down my responsiveness to staff and parents alike. I thank you for your patience and understanding and promise to go back to being a good principal after this is over. ;-)

God bless your day,  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

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## **Reminder: School is Not in Session on Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22**

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### **NEW: We Need YOUR Help! Volunteer Opportunities**

We have LOTS of upcoming volunteer opportunities...duties include Middle School Open Gym & Dance Chaperones, Borromeo Bash Support, Staff Appreciation Lunch/Recess Supervisors, 5th Grade Lemonade Stand support, 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast and Home and School Council Co-Chairs! Check back, as we'll be adding more to wrap up the 2018/19 school year! More information and sign-ups can be found here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afad29abfb6-stcharles>. Many hands make work light!

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### **NEW: Get your tickets for the Borromeo BASH on May 4!**

It's time to Party Up at the Downs on May 4 for the 2nd annual Borromeo BASH! This year's Kentucky Derby theme is sure to provide a fun night of dinner, drinks, games, auction items, music, and celebrating our school together. Find a sitter and get your tickets NOW for Saturday, May 4. Please invite your friends and family - this is a community event. To purchase your tickets and get more information, go to: <https://stchbschool.ejoinme.org/bash>. We hope to see you there!

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### **Register Now for SUMMER CAMPS at St. Charles School**

As much as it doesn't look like it today, summer is right around the corner... Check out these great summer camps:!

**Art Camps** for students going into grades K-9 (6/10- 6/13)

**Basketball Camps** for students going into grades 2-9 (6/10 - 6/13)

**Volleyball Camps** for students going into grades 4-9 (6/17- 6/20)

**Floor Hockey Camp** for students going into grades 5-9 (6/17 - 6/20)

More information and registration forms here: [Summer Camps](#)

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## **Matching Funds for St. Charles School ~ Relevant Radio® Banquet on April 26**

Attend the Christ Brings Hope Banquet on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the JW Marriott – Mall of America, and you can designate matching funds for St. Charles School – thanks to a generous anonymous benefactor. Relevant Radio will honor Archbishop Bernard Hebda at this festive evening to support Catholic radio in the Twin Cities. Come and meet the people behind the microphones on Relevant Radio 1330 AM! To register, go to the Events tab at RelevantRadio.com, and select MINNESOTA. You may also purchase tickets by calling 612-643-4117.

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## **2018 Education Tax Information**

Click here for the 2018 [K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit Form](#).

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## **2019-20 School Enrollment is Open**

Do you know a family who may be interested in learning about St. Charles School?

For information and a tour, simply have them contact Danny Kieffer at 612-781-2643 or sign up on our website: [Tour & Information Request Link](#)

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PARISH Opportunities

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## **Lent and Holy Week**

### **Extra Opportunities to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent**

Tonight, Tuesday, and Wednesday 5:00-5:30 PM

Wednesday 7:30-7:50 AM

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

**Communal Reconciliation Service Saturday, April 13, 10:30 AM (no 8:30 AM Confessions)**

### **Mats for the Homeless Saturday, April 13, 2:30-4:30 PM**

This is a great opportunity for men, women, and families to help flatten plastic bags, sort them, make "plarn" (plastic yarn), and learn how to make mats out of plastic bags for those less fortunate. Meet in St. John Education Center. If you have plastic bags (Target, Wal-Mart, Cub, etc. you get the idea), we are always in need of more. You may also drop off bags in the atrium at church.

### **Share Our Blessings Easter Food Drive - Bags Due Sunday, April 14**

The 12th Annual Easter Food Drive ends this weekend. Help us reach our goal of providing 200 families in the Northeast Community with an Easter meal. There are three different ways to help: fill a grocery bag with suggested menu items, make a monetary donation, or volunteer your time. See the display in the Church Atrium for full details. **Grocery bags and donation envelopes are available in the school office. Bags are due back this Sunday!** This is a great family project for the Lent!

**Fridays of Lent: Soup Supper April 12**

The meal (catered by Panera) begins at 5:45 PM Friday and will go for about an hour. During the last fifteen minutes, a short inspirational video will be shown, followed by a reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ. All are then invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7 PM in the church, which will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. There will be no charge, tickets, or reservations. A free will offering is needed to cover expenses.

**Stations of the Cross** ~ Fridays, 1:45 and 7 PM in the Church. The Servants of the Cross are presenting the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 9:00 AM, noon and 7:00 PM at various parishes. See the link for more details: [Living Stations](#)

### **Holy Week Sacred Liturgies at St. Charles**

Holy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 19, 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 20 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 21, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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### **Extreme Faith Camp for 6th- 8th Graders**

It's time to sign up for Extreme Faith Camp 2019!

When: Monday, June 24 - Friday June 28

Where: Camp Courage in Maple Lake, Minnesota

Who: Current 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students + parent volunteers (You are invited!)

Cost: \$380 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Child; \$360 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Child (Fundraisers are happening this Spring)

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

How to sign up: Return the pre-registration form with a \$50 deposit to either the school or parish office

Sign up: <https://stchb.org/youth>. For more information contact Rachel Houglum at [rhoulum@stchb.org](mailto:rhoulum@stchb.org).

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### **Save the date for Totus Tuus! July 7- 12**

Watch for details.

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### **Prayer Corner ~**

If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at [dkieffer@stchbs.org](mailto:dkieffer@stchbs.org)

- ❖ Please pray for our school office staff member Sue McSherry as she battles cancer.
- ❖ For continued recovery now that he is home from the hospital, for Tim O., a friend of a school family.
- ❖ For eternal rest for Leona Johnson, great grandmother to students Ray, Walter, and Josie, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ Please pray for comfort and peace for Rose Mooney in hospice care. She is great grandmother to students John, Qolbe, and Asher.
- ❖ For eternal rest for Thomas Vana, brother of Craig Vana who is a former St. Charles staff member and long-time advisor. And for the comfort of Thomas's family.

- ❖ For Brady Swenson, a middle school student at Sacred Heart in Robbinsdale. On February 5, on the way to school, he and his father were hit by a drunk driver. **He and his family continue to need much support from all our prayer warriors.**
- ❖ For Henry R.'s grandmother, for a full recovery from heart surgery.
- ❖ Prayers for staff member Mary Kate Calhoun's mother, Kathleen Marin.
- ❖ For healing for Jim Montury, father of staff member Angela, grandfather of former students, Nicole ('10), Abby ('13) & Natalie ('18), great grandfather of student, Leo A.
- ❖ For healing for diabetic complications for Don Krieger, grandfather of student, Jake K.
- ❖ For all St. Charles families, new and old, that they may be strengthened by their faith and sheltered in God's loving mercy.

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## Additional Links

St. Charles Website ~ [www.stchbschool.org](http://www.stchbschool.org)

St. Charles Google Calendar ~ [St. Charles Calendar Link](#)

St. Charles Lunch Calendar ~ [St. Charles Lunch Calendar Link](#)

St. Charles Google Athletic Calendar ~ [St. Charles Athletic Calendar Link](#)

St Charles Volunteers ~ [SignUpGenius - St. Charles](#)

St Charles Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>

St. Charles Parish ~ <http://www.stchb.org/>

[St. Anthony In-House Summer Soccer](#)

[St. Anthony Boosters Baseball](#)

[St. Anthony Boosters Softball](#)

[St. Thomas Academy STEM Event](#)

[Totino-Grace Open House Events](#)

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