

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

State of the Parish 2026

To the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Community,

The Parish Council, as a representative body of our parish family, serves as an advisory body to our pastor. Our mission is to serve and guide the Parish of St. Charles Borromeo through effective leadership, communication, and counsel for the growth and unity of the Church.

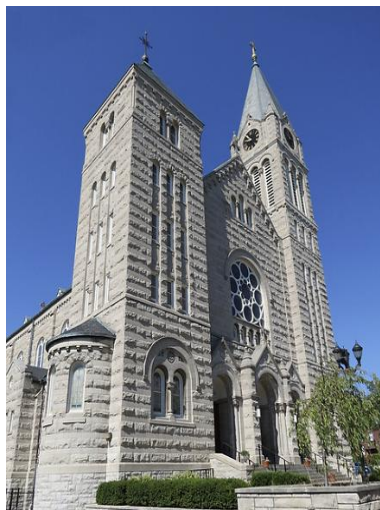
In keeping with this commitment to transparency and communication, we are pleased to share this annual report. In accordance with our updated Parish Council By-Laws, the work of the Council is organized through five commissions: Worship & Spiritual Life, Education, Outreach, Community Building, and Administration. The following report highlights the activities and accomplishments within each of these areas over the past year, as well as the opportunities that lie ahead.

We encourage you to prayerfully reflect upon this information and continue to join us in service and stewardship so that St. Charles Borromeo may remain a vibrant sign of Jesus Christ to all.

St. Charles Borromeo Today

St. Charles Borromeo Parish was founded over 200 years ago. From humble beginnings in 1791, our parish has grown into a community of over 1,200 active families worshipping across two campuses. Throughout generations, parishioners have faithfully built and sustained a strong foundation rooted in Catholic faith and tradition.

Today, our parish includes two campuses within our boundaries.



The Borromeo campus, located near the Missouri River, is home to St. Charles Borromeo Church, with seating for approximately 450 parishioners per Mass. The campus also includes our parochial school serving preschool through eighth grade, parish offices, and parish gathering spaces that host faith formation programs, ministry meetings, social events, and community activities.

The Portage des Sioux campus, located near the Mississippi River, is home to St. Francis of Assisi Church, with seating for approximately 200 parishioners per Mass. The campus also supports a PSR program, parish events, and long-standing traditions within the Portage community.



We are blessed to share clergy with our neighboring parish and are served by:

- Reverend James Theby – Pastor
- Reverend George Staley – Associate Pastor
- Transitional Deacon Michael Laugeman

In addition, we are served by three Permanent Deacons:

- Deacon Carlos Garcia
- Deacon Scot McCullough
- Deacon Steven Moeller

This year, St. Charles Borromeo was honored to be selected as a **Bicentennial Jubilee Designated Pilgrimage Place** within the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In honor of the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese, the Holy See, through the Apostolic Penitentiary, granted a plenary indulgence available to the faithful through July 26, 2026. This designation recognizes both the historic legacy of our parish and its continuing role in the spiritual life of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Additionally, this year the Church has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year on the occasion of the Eighty Centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Rome has granted a plenary indulgence to all the faithful who participate in the Year of Saint Francis by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to Saint Francis. We are fortunate that our Portage des Sioux campus adheres to the standards established by this special decree, and the indulgence provided will be available through the entire year.

As we continue strengthening unity between our two campuses, we are encouraged by the growing sense of collaboration and shared mission across the parish.

Parish Council Commission Structure:

In accordance with our Parish Council By-Laws, the Council organizes its work through five commissions: Worship & Spiritual Life, Education, Community Building, Outreach, and Administration. Each commission is represented by members of the Council who serve as liaisons to the ministries within their area of focus. This structure allows the Council to better coordinate, review, and support the many ministries that contribute to the spiritual and communal life of St. Charles Borromeo.

What follows is a summary of the activities and developments within each commission over the past year.

Worship & Spiritual Life Commission

The Worship & Spiritual Life Commission supports the liturgical life of our parish by overseeing ministries such as music, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers. Through careful coordination and faithful service, these ministries help ensure that each Mass is reverent, welcoming, and spiritually enriching for our parish community.

One of the most significant developments this year was an adjustment to the parish Mass schedule. In response to changes in priest assignments and the number of clergy available to serve our community, the parish implemented a revised schedule that now includes a Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. This addition provides greater flexibility for families and parishioners while ensuring continued access to the Eucharist across both campuses.

Our current Worship schedule includes:

Sunday Mass

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

Sunday 8:15 AM (St. Francis of Assisi campus)

Sunday 10:00 AM

Sunday 12:00 PM (Spanish Mass)

Confession Schedule

Wednesday 5:00–6:00 PM

Saturday 2:30–3:45 PM

First Sunday of each month after 8:15 AM Mass
at St. Francis of Assisi

Daily Mass

Monday–Friday at 8:00 AM

Wednesday at 6:15 PM (Spanish Mass)

Adoration

Every Monday 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

3rd Saturday of the month 8:00 PM-Midnight (Spanish)

These adjustments reflect our continued commitment to making the sacraments accessible while responsibly stewarding the clergy resources entrusted to our parish.

Within the Commission, improvements this year have included more efficient scheduling of servers, lectors, and ushers, continued training opportunities for those discerning service as Eucharistic Ministers and lectors, and efforts to recruit new singers and instrumentalists to strengthen our music ministry.

As a designated Bicentennial Jubilee Pilgrimage Site, we are especially mindful of the spiritual opportunities available during this year of grace. We remain grateful for the many parishioners who serve faithfully in liturgical ministries and invite others to prayerfully consider how they may participate in the celebration of the Mass.

Education Commission

The Education Commission supports the mission of faith formation within St. Charles Borromeo Parish, overseeing ministries that nurture spiritual, intellectual, and moral development across all ages. This includes our parish school, Parish School of Religion (PSR) programs, sacramental preparation, and adult faith formation initiatives.

St. Charles Borromeo School

The largest ministry our parish supports is our parochial school. We currently have over 288 students enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade. As a parochial school, this ministry unites with the parish in our mission to form disciples and build up the life of the Church, and we are guided by the Holy Spirit in our mission. Through the integration of faith and academics, our school forms students in knowledge and virtue, equipping them to seek truth, live with integrity, and serve God and neighbor.



- 288 Total K-8th students, 174 Families K-8th Families
- 87% of school families listed St. Charles Borromeo or St. Peter in St. Charles as their parish
- 32 Faculty and Staff

Rooted in our Catholic faith, students engage in intellectual, spiritual and moral formation to prepare them for a life guided by truth. Central to this formation is frequent reception of the sacraments and active participation in parish life. Students are led to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and provided with opportunities to deepen this relationship with him. Through the school's practice of the faith and rich sacramental life, they deepen their understanding of the Gospel, grow in virtue, embrace Christian service, affirming their commitment to Christ and His Church.

Students are challenged academically in all core subjects and encouraged to grow as a whole person through specials like STEM, PE, Art, and Music. NWEA testing occurs three times a year in all grade levels to set goals and assess growth. Teachers are able to utilize NWEA data to drive instruction and meet the unique needs of each child. St. Charles Borromeo is in the top ten schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis for both growth and achievement on NWEA Map Growth Assessment. Eighth grade students continue to have a 100% acceptance rate to their top high school of choice, and recent graduates have gone on to attend: Duchesne High School, St. Dominic High School, Incarnate Word Academy, CBC High School, DeSmet Jesuit High School, St. Joseph Academy, and more. The school also has a Learning Consultant, Nurse, and Counselor to help meet the needs of our students as a whole.

As students progress to 8th grade, they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation by strengthening their knowledge of the faith and their dedication to serve God's people. These experiences shape them into young men and women ready to carry on this mission of spiritual growth, academic excellence, and servant leadership.

The cost to educate each student exceeds \$9,000 per year, and to support this vital ministry, the parish provides an annual subsidy to assist the K-8th grade community. This financial support helps bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of education, allowing families to provide their children with a well-rounded academic foundation rooted in Catholic values. For the past school year, this subsidy exceeded \$750,000, ensuring that Catholic education remains accessible to our families.

This subsidy has come to represent over 75% of St. Charles Borromeo Parish's weekly offertory, which, without changes to our overall revenue, makes long-term sustainability increasingly challenging. For more than a decade, roughly 60% of

the parish's operating funds have supported the parish school annually. While school enrollment remains on par with a parish of our size, offertory contributions have declined, leading to great reliance on parish savings to maintain this vital ministry. Without a balanced approach, we risk jeopardizing not only the school's future, but also other essential parish ministries.

Addressing this financial challenge requires a collective response. Our goal is to continue supporting the school while securing long-term stability for the entire parish, with whom our mission is one. As the Parish Council, we recognize that this situation developed over a number of years and is not the responsibility of current school families alone. It is a shared challenge that calls for a shared commitment from the entire parish community.

The school has been actively managing expenses to align with enrollment continuing to provide high-quality education and faith formation. Annual tuition adjustments help address rising costs, including staff salaries, health insurance and benefits, and necessary expenses for facilities and instructional materials. The school works closely with the Archdiocese to identify cost-saving measures, ensuring that both the school and parish can thrive together.

Annual tuition for a single child is \$7,809 with several significant changes to the tuition in the next school year:

- 2 children will be \$12,159
 - 3 children will be \$14,291
 - Any non-Catholic or non-parishioner family will be subject to a fee of \$500 per child
- * Non-Parishioner is defined as not registered in St. Charles Borromeo or St. Peter's Parish

Parish School of Religion (PSR) – St. Charles Borromeo Campus

The PSR program continues to serve over 124 students in grades 1–8, while accompanying additional adults through OCIA and sacramental preparation. During the current formation year:

- 59 children are preparing for First Holy Communion
- 51 students are preparing for Confirmation
- 31 individuals are participating in OCIA formation

This year also introduced a pastoral shift in the structure of PSR, moving classes to Wednesday evenings so students and families could participate in Mass as part of their formation experience. This change reflects the parish's desire to ensure that faith formation flows directly from the liturgical life of the Church, with the Eucharist at its center.

The program is currently supported by 13 catechists and volunteers who assist with instruction and formation each week. As the PSR program continues to grow, the need to strengthen and cultivate a stable team of catechists will become imperative. Strengthening this team will allow our parish to provide better support to students, greater consistency for families, and stronger collaboration among those serving in formation.

From an administrative standpoint, we have made meaningful progress in organizing sacramental records, enrollment data, and attendance tracking. In addition, the program continues to support families with unique learning needs through individualized formation plans, as well as homeschooled students participating in sacramental preparation.

Looking ahead, long-term priorities for the program include strengthening connections between catechesis and students, expanding whole-family catechesis, increasing opportunities for Sunday worship and Eucharistic Adoration in all grades to deepen our connection to the liturgy. The goal is to cultivate a culture of discipleship in our parish. Through the PSR formation, we help raise a generation of Catholics who know Christ, love His Church, and live their vocation with courage and fidelity.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) – St. Francis of Assisi Campus

Expanding upon that mission, the PSR program at the St. Francis campus currently serves 23 students from 12 families, with classes organized across multiple grade levels.

At this campus, students also participate in parish service initiatives such as the Fall Food Drive and the Christmas Giving Tree, with older students helping organize events such as the parish Easter Egg Hunt for younger children.

The program celebrates three All-School Masses each year, including the Feast of St. Francis, the Mass for First Reconciliation, and the Mass celebrating First Holy Communion. These celebrations help connect students and families more deeply to the sacramental life of the Church.

Community Building Commission

The Community Building Commission supports ministries that foster fellowship, discipleship, and connection within the St. Charles Borromeo community. This year, the Commission identified and organized 28 active ministries serving parishioners of all ages across both campuses.

These ministries provide opportunities for faith formation, fellowship, service, and cultural engagement within our parish. They support youth development, young families, adult faith groups, parish traditions, and community gatherings that strengthen relationships throughout the parish.

One of the Commission's primary goals this year was to identify all active ministries and ensure they are clearly represented on the parish website so that parishioners can more easily discover opportunities for participation and involvement.

The following ministries currently fall under the Community Building Commission:

- Athletic Association
- Borromeo Parish Picnic
- Borromeo Quilters
- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Dinner Auction (biennial)
- Faith Alive in the Home
- Fish Fries
- Girl Scouts
- Hispanic Bible Study
- Hispanic Choir
- Hispanic Emmaus Men
- Hispanic Emmaus Women
- Hispanic Nocturnal Adoration
- Knights of Columbus
- Ladies Sodality
- Men's Bible Study
- SCB Golf Tournament
- Set Ablaze Prayer Group
- Special Needs Support Group
- St. Charles Young Adults
- St. Francis Parish Picnic
- St. Francis Quilters
- Trivia Night
- Women's Bible Study
- Women's Fellowship
- Young Adult Bible Study
- Young Married Couples

Through these ministries, parishioners continue strengthening relationships, deepening their faith, and building unity across the St. Charles Borromeo parish family.

Outreach Commission

The Outreach Commission supports ministries that extend Christ's love beyond the walls of our parish through service, charity, and compassionate accompaniment. These ministries reflect our call to be a visible sign of Jesus Christ in the broader community.

Among the most active outreach efforts is the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which continues to assist individuals and families experiencing hardship. Through direct support and parish generosity, this ministry provides practical assistance while offering dignity and hope to those in need.

Our seasonal initiatives also remain strong. The Giving Tree during Advent and the Thanksgiving Food Drive, supported by students in our PSR programs at both campuses, provide essential resources to local families. These efforts not only serve those in need but also teach our young parishioners the importance of living the faith through works of mercy.

Additional ministries, including St. Patrick Casserole, Baby Bottle Drive, and Meal a Month to support families in crisis, and pro-life initiatives, allow parishioners to walk alongside others during times of need and transition.

Through these outreach efforts, St. Charles Borromeo continues its long tradition of service rooted in faith. We remain grateful to the many volunteers who give generously of their time and talents.



Administration Commission

The Administration Commission supports the responsible stewardship of parish resources, facilities, and long-term planning. This includes oversight of parish operations, financial transparency, capital improvements, and coordination with the parish business office and Archdiocese.

Stewardship & Parish Giving

The continued work of St. Charles Borromeo Parish is made possible through the generous stewardship of our parishioners. Parish families support the mission of the Church through regular offertory contributions as well as participation in special initiatives such as the Capital Campaign and parish fundraising events.

Parishioners can contribute in several ways, including traditional offertory envelopes, PushPay online giving, bank bill-pay services, and employer matching gift programs where available. These options provide flexibility for families to support the parish consistently throughout the year.

We remain deeply grateful for the generosity of the parish community, whose faithful stewardship sustains the ministries, facilities, and outreach efforts of St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

Capital Campaign Update

In July of 2024, St. Charles Borromeo began a three-year Capital Campaign with the goal of raising \$2.3 million to address significant facility needs across our parish campus. This effort reflects our shared commitment to preserving the historic church and campus entrusted to our care while preparing these spaces for future generations of parishioners.

We are grateful for the generosity of the many parishioners who have already supported this effort. As of January 2026, more than \$828,000 has been contributed by over 270 donors, allowing important work to begin across the parish campus.

The most visible accomplishment of the campaign has been the replacement of the historic slate roof of St. Charles Borromeo Church, ensuring the preservation of our parish's most sacred space for years to come. Additional

improvements completed during this time include the replacement of the gym roof, rectory roof, and preschool wing roof, along with repairs to interior church ceiling areas impacted during the roofing project.

These improvements represent an important first step in the long-term care of our parish facilities. Future phases of the campaign will focus on additional campus needs including improvements to the school roof, parking lots, church interior maintenance, lighting updates, and campus safety enhancements.

As with many capital campaigns, progress into future phases will depend upon continued participation from our parish community. Additional contributions will allow the parish to replenish funds used for the initial work and responsibly move forward with the next phase of improvements.

We remain deeply grateful to the many parishioners who have already contributed to this effort. For those who may still be discerning their participation, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Capital Campaign as we continue caring for the buildings and spaces that serve our parish community.

Through the generosity of our parish family, we are preserving the legacy of faith entrusted to us while ensuring that St. Charles Borromeo Parish remains a place of worship, formation, and community for generations to come.

Parish Operations & Financial Overview

The parish fiscal year runs from July through June. The financial statements included in this report reflect the results of Fiscal Year 2024–2025.

Our Income Statement and Balance Sheet are included in this report to provide transparency regarding the financial life of St. Charles Borromeo Parish:

INCOME STATEMENT	July 2024 - June 2025	July 2023 - June 2024	July 2022 - June 2023
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Total Income	4,363,798.92	4,267,018.23	3,440,188.17
Total Expense	4,027,941.05	4,030,044.14	3,450,466.75
Net Ordinary Income	335,857.87	236,974.09	(10,278.58)
Extraordinary Income/Expense (Capital Expense)			
Total Extraordinary Income	9,676.86	8,519.60	9,300.73
Total Extraordinary Expense	1,191,878.99	200,550.69	46,790.73
Net Extraordinary Income/Expense	(1,182,202.13)	(192,031.09)	(37,490.00)
Net Income	(846,344.26)	44,943.00	(47,768.58)

BALANCE SHEET	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Current Assets			
Total Checking/Savings	311,387.39	269,867.39	208,730.44
Total Accounts Receivable	35,714.76	12,853.66	32,397.30
Total Other Current Assets	764,748.16	1,522,752.24	1,494,956.69
Total Current Assets	1,111,850.31	1,805,473.29	1,736,084.43
Liabilities			
Total Accounts Payable	64,549.88	38,952.85	33,959.65
Total Credit Cards	2,339.05	2,060.11	391.88
Total Other Current Liabilities	62,615.48	135,770.17	117,985.74
Total Current Liabilities	129,504.41	176,783.13	152,337.27
Long-Term Liabilities			
Total Long-Term Liabilities	200,000.00		
Total Liabilities	329,504.41	176,783.13	152,337.27
Equity			
3900 - Fund Balance	1,628,690.16	1,583,747.16	1,631,515.74
Net Income	(846,344.26)	44,943.00	(47,768.58)
Total Equity	782,345.90	1,628,690.16	1,583,747.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,111,850.31	1,805,473.29	1,736,084.43

We are grateful for the continued generosity of our parishioners, whose stewardship supports the many ministries and operations of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Through weekly offertory, parish events, and other contributions, the parish can sustain worship, education, outreach, and the daily life of the Church.

For the 2024–2025 fiscal year, total operating income was \$4,363,798.92, while operating expenses totaled \$4,027,941.05, resulting in a Net Ordinary Income (operating surplus) of \$335,857.87. During the year, the parish also

undertook several major capital improvements, most notably the replacement of the church roof and other campus facility projects. These projects resulted in Extraordinary Expenses (Capital Expenditures) totaling \$1,186,424.75. Because these improvements represent long-term investments in our parish facilities, they are accounted for separately from normal operating activity. After including these capital expenditures, the parish recorded a net loss of \$846,344.26 for the fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2025, total parish assets were \$1,111,850.31, with \$200,000 in long-term notes payable related to capital financing for parish improvements. The Parish Council and Parish finance staff continue to work closely together to ensure responsible stewardship of parish resources, careful monitoring of operating expenses, and thoughtful planning for the long-term financial health of the parish.

Looking Ahead

As we look toward the coming year, we recognize both the blessings before us and the responsibilities entrusted to us.

The adjustment to our Mass schedule reflects our commitment to stewarding clergy resources responsibly while maintaining access to the sacraments across both campuses. We continue to encourage active participation in the sacraments and parish life, recognizing that the vitality of our parish is rooted in worship and shared faith.

Our parish school and faith formation programs remain central to the mission of forming disciples for the future of the Church. Continued collaboration among parish leadership, school administration, and the Archdiocese of St. Louis will guide long-term planning while preserving our commitment to Catholic education and formation.

The Capital Campaign will continue to play an important role in caring for our parish facilities. As additional contributions are received, the parish will move forward with the next phases of improvements that will support worship, education, and community life for years to come.

Perhaps most encouraging is the growing sense of unity between our two campuses. As ministries collaborate and parishioners continue serving together, we see new opportunities to strengthen our shared mission as one parish family.

Moving Forward Together in Faith

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for the faith, generosity, and dedication of the St. Charles Borromeo community. Your prayers, service, and stewardship sustain the mission of our parish and allow us to continue growing as a family in Christ.

We encourage every parishioner to remain actively engaged in the life of the Church—through worship, participation in ministries, support of parish initiatives, and outreach to others. Each member of our parish community plays a vital role in strengthening the Body of Christ in this place.

Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Charles Borromeo Parish. May God bless you and your families, and may we continue to walk forward together in faith, hope, and love.

In Faith and Service to Christ,
Your 2025-2026 St. Charles Borromeo Parish Council

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