

# **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**

## **State of the Parish 2025**



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 through effective leadership, communication, and counsel for the growth and unity of the Church. In keeping with this commitment to communication, we are pleased to share the following report with the community.

This report highlights several achievements over the past year as well as the opportunities that lie ahead of our community. In fellowship we encourage you to pray over the information the council has collected. For the betterment of the St. Charles Borromeo Community, we pray you will strive with us in service and stewardship to be a sign of Jesus Christ to all.

## St. Charles Borromeo Today

St. Charles Borromeo Parish was founded over 200 years ago. We have grown from a small log cabin to a parish with over 5,725 souls, but our history has not been without challenges. Only recently we merged St. Francis of Assisi and St. Charles Borromeo into one parish, and we continue working to unite traditions, ministries, and communities between these two churches – a process that takes time and patience.

Today, our parish boundaries include two campuses:

- The Borromeo campus is on the southern portion of our parish boundary and is near the Missouri River. It includes the St. Charles Borromeo Church with a capacity for 450 souls per Mass. In addition, a parochial grade school exists on the site. The building houses a pre-Kindergarten program as well as Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school children during the day. On evenings and weekends, the building is used for everything from our PSR programs in the classroom, athletic association activities in the gymnasium, fundraisers & social activities in the cafeteria, and retreats & community gathering in the St. Charles Borromeo Room. Separate from the church and school is an onsite parish office/rectory. The rectory currently houses our Episcopal Vicar who is serving in Archdiocesan ministry.
- The Portage des Sioux campus is in the northern portion of our parish boundary and is near the Mississippi River. It includes the St. Francis of Assisi Church with a capacity for 200 souls per Mass. In addition, a school building exists on site that is utilized for activities including a PSR program.

Between these campuses we are blessed to share three priests with a neighboring parish:

- Reverend James Theby – Pastor
- Reverend Christopher Schroeder – Senior Associate Pastor
- Reverend George Staley – Part-Time Associate Pastor

In addition, we have three Permanent Deacons:

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



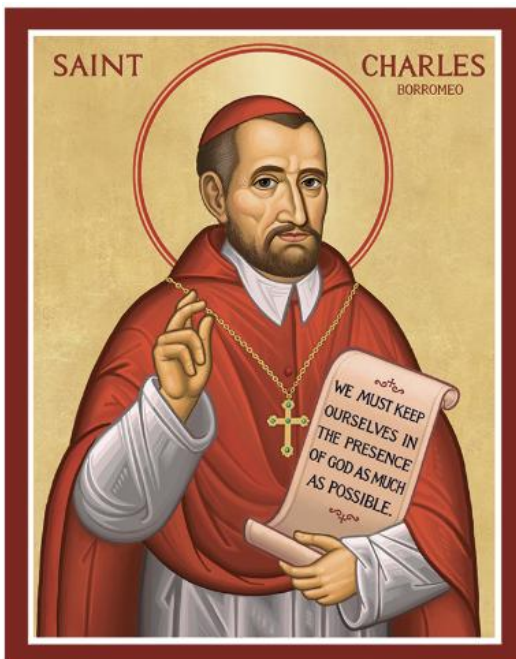
## Capital Campaign

A capital campaign is a dedicated, large-scale fundraising effort focused solely on building renovations and significant improvements, separate from regular parish operations and other fundraising initiatives. On July 29 of last year, we began a Three-Year Capital Campaign with the goal of raising \$2,300,000. Our Capital Campaign is broken into three phases and includes the following work on the Borromeo campus:

1. **Church Roof Replacement:** The existing slate roof was designed to last 80 years and we were blessed that it lasted for over 100 years. Given these repairs occur once in a lifetime, the cost for replacing the roof is \$1,200,000.00. Given the existing roof exceeded its lifespan, there is no part of this repair that will be covered by insurance. This initial phase was planned for 2024-2025 and pending weather conditions, we are near the completion of this work.
2. **Church Interior:** The second phase begins in 2025 and is focused on the interior of the Church. This space needs work including plaster and painting of the ceiling as well as updating the lighting, sound, and security systems. At the start of the Campaign, this work was estimated at \$135,000.00 and insurance did not cover original damage on the ceiling due to neglect. Beyond the original damage, the Parish staff will work with the roofers on any interior repairs that arose due to their work.
3. **Campus Maintenance:** The third phase is planned to occur in 2025-2026. This includes deferred maintenance of the buildings and parking lots. This involves general maintenance on the Borromeo Church, school, and office/rectory, as well as resurfacing all three parking lots. The total is estimated at \$1,000,000 and the work is not covered by insurance.

We are humbled by the generosity of over 200 parishioners who as of February 15<sup>th</sup> have so far contributed \$466,000 toward our goal. We still have over 80% to raise and encourage all parishioners to participate in this three-year Campaign. Your gifts, given in faith and love, will allow future generations the ability to enjoy St. Charles Borromeo.

While we continue to raise funds, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has already provided our community with a \$250,000.00 loan. That allowed us to begin the roof replacement in 2024, avoiding any concerns that additional damage to the interior Church ceiling may occur due to neglect.



## Stewardship

Stewardship is the responsible management of the gifts God has entrusted to us. Our time, talents, and treasures support the mission of the Church.

With your time and talent, our parish supports a number of ministries including the Athletic Association, Baptismal Preparation, Bible Study, Borromeo School, Choir, CRHP, Communion Ministry to the Homebound, Grief Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Sodality, Quilters, Scouts, Special Needs Support Group, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Totus Tuus, Women's Fellowship, Youth Ministry and dozens more.

The St. Charles Borromeo parish ministries, operations, and daily needs are sustained by your generous financial donations. These weekly contributions ensure our church remains a place of worship, faith formation, and community outreach. Thank you for your generous support.

As we go into the future, the parish council wants to ensure parishioners are aware they have several easy and secure ways to financially support our parish electronically. These options allow for consistent giving, even when you are unable to attend Mass in person.

- Faith Direct is a trusted electronic giving service that allows you to set up recurring donations directly from a bank account or credit/debit card. With Faith Direct you can automatically contribute to the weekly offering allowing the parish to sustain its ongoing ministry. In addition, you can support designated ministries through special collections. Enrolling in Faith Direct is available in the Online Giving link found on our Parish website

### St. Charles Borromeo - Faith Direct

- Bank Bill Pay is another way to give electronically. Setting up an automatic bill payment through your bank account allows the bank to schedule a recurring contribution that is mailed directly to the parish office. This setup may change from bank to bank, but it allows you to automatically contribute without a bank fee.
- Employer Matching Gift programs are also available depending on your company. Employers with these programs sometimes match dollar for dollar contributions to St. Charles Borromeo, and over the past two decades we have successfully collected over \$1,000,000 thanks to the generosity of these programs. Please check with your employer or HR benefits to see if they will financially contribute to the parish, school, or one of our ministries.

In addition to regular giving, special fundraising efforts are held to support specific projects beyond our normal operations. These fundraisers do not cover weekly operations, but instead help the community grow and develop in meaningful ways.

- The Annual Quilt Social is held in March. Thanks to the time and effort put into making these handmade quilts, the proceeds are a special fundraiser for our Portage des Sioux campus.
- Our Lenten Fish Fry occurs throughout Lent and is held in the Borromeo Campus cafeteria. The proceeds raised directly support our parochial school. Thanks to our schoolchildren and families for volunteering each year to make this a success. It gives our community a chance to gather in fellowship and ensures our parish school remains affordable and sustainable.
- Annual Portage des Sioux Picnic in August. This event occurs at our Portage des Sioux campus. The proceeds go to the parish and ensure we continue supporting our ministry in the Portage area.
- Annual Borromeo Parish Picnic in October. This event occurs at the Borromeo Campus, and it is our largest parish fundraising event of the year. The proceeds go to the parish and several ministries volunteer for the picnic as a portion of the proceeds will support their ministries throughout the year.
- The Biennial Parish School Auction. This event occurs every other year at the Borromeo Campus. This fundraiser supports specific initiatives for our parochial school. The previous auction allowed our school to purchase smart boards and updated our school security systems. The upcoming 2025 auction will support playground safety, updating the cafeteria chairs, and repairing the school roof. While these updates and repairs to the roof are needed, this however is separate from the capital campaign, and none of the funds raised from the auction will be used for the capital campaign.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity in time, talents, and treasures this past year. The continuous stewardship of our parishioners allows St. Charles Borromeo Parish to continue growing into the future. As we are called to share in the work of the Church, we thank you in advance for continuing to support our mission.

## Parish Operations

As a parish community, we are entrusted with the responsibility of faithfully caring for the gifts God has given us. For generations, parishioners have generously contributed their time, talents, and financial resources to build and sustain our church, ensuring the St. Charles Borromeo Parish remains a place of worship, faith formation, and service. Their sacrifices and dedication have provided us with the blessings we enjoy today, a strong parish, a vibrant school, and a foundation rooted in faith. It is our duty to honor their legacy by continuing to manage our resources wisely, making thoughtful decisions that allow us to serve our current needs while securing the future of our parish for generations to come.

Below you will find our parish operating numbers. Our fiscal year runs from July to June, and we hope the transparency will provide insight into our financial needs and resources. Please note that our Capital Campaign began immediately after the end of the last fiscal year. Therefore, those contributions and expenses will not be reflected in the reports below.

INCOME STATEMENT	July 2020 - June 2021	Jul 2021 - June 2022	July 2022 - June 2023	July 2023 - June 2024
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
Total Income	3,158,831.52	3,107,340.58	3,440,188.17	4,267,018.23
Total Expense	3,262,482.83	3,386,928.25	3,450,466.75	4,030,044.14
Net Ordinary Income	(103,651.31)	(279,587.67)	(10,278.58)	236,974.09
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
Total Other Income	414,697.05	402,213.71	9,300.73	8,519.60
Total Other Expense	175,530.94	94,725.07	46,790.73	200,550.69
Net Other Income	239,166.11	307,488.64	(37,490.00)	(192,031.09)
<b>Net Income</b>	135,514.80	27,900.97	(47,768.58)	44,943.00
BALANCE SHEET	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Total Checking/Savings	521,930.46	200,914.45	208,730.44	269,867.39
Total Accounts Receivable	36,170.44	41,094.10	32,397.30	12,853.66
Total Other Current Assets	1,642,278.48	1,538,262.60	1,494,956.69	1,522,752.24
Total Current Assets	2,200,379.38	1,780,271.15	1,736,084.43	1,805,473.29
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Total Accounts Payable	20,187.56	28,568.17	33,959.65	38,952.85
Total Credit Cards	1,004.50	6,461.15	391.88	2,060.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	161,646.82	113,726.09	117,985.74	135,770.17
Total Current Liabilities	182,838.88	148,755.41	152,337.27	176,783.13
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>				
Total Long-Term Liabilities	413,925.73	0.00		
Total Liabilities	596,764.61	148,755.41	152,337.27	176,783.13
<b>Equity</b>				
3900 - Fund Balance	1,468,099.97	1,603,614.77	1,631,515.74	1,583,747.16
Net Income	135,514.80	27,900.97	(47,768.58)	44,943.00
Total Equity	1,603,614.77	1,631,515.74	1,583,747.16	1,628,690.16
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	2,200,379.38	1,780,271.15	1,736,084.43	1,805,473.29



## St. Charles Borromeo School.

The largest ministry our parish supports is our parochial school. We currently have over 328 students enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade. The school provides a well-rounded education that nurtures each student's development. Rooted in our Catholic faith, students engage in intellectual, spiritual, and moral development to prepare them for future success and a life guided by faith and values.

- 328 Total students from 213 Families.
- 80% of these students / families list themselves as Parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo

In addition to their academic formation, students experience key sacramental milestones that strengthen their relationship with God and the Church. In 2nd grade, they prepare for and receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. These sacraments mark an important step in their spiritual journey and provide them with the nourishment needed to grow closer to Christ.



As they reach 8th grade, to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the students deepen their understanding of the faith and service, affirming their commitment to Christ and His Church. Through these experiences, our students grow from children into young men and women ready to live out their faith in their daily lives.

The cost to educate each student exceeds \$8,500 per year, and to support this vital ministry, the parish provides an annual subsidy to assist the K-8<sup>th</sup> 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 \$700,000, ensuring that Catholic education remains accessible to our families.

Unfortunately, this subsidy accounted for over 70% of St. Charles Borromeo Parish's weekly offertory, making it increasingly difficult to sustain longevity without changes to our overall revenue. For more than a decade, approximately 60% of the parish's operating funds have been used to subsidize the parochial school each year. While school enrollment remains strong, fewer people are contributing weekly, which has led to a growing reliance on utilizing parish savings to sustain this important ministry. Without a balanced approach, we risk compromising not only the future of our school but also other vital ministries within the parish community.

Addressing this financial challenge requires a collective effort. We want to continue supporting our school while ensuring long-term sustainability for the entire parish. As a Parish Council, we recognize this situation has developed over many years and it is not the sole responsibility of current school families. It is a shared challenge that requires a shared response from the entire parish community. By working together, we can find solutions that allow us to maintain this ministry without placing undue financial strain on any family.

At the same time, the school is actively exploring ways to reduce expenses while maintaining the high-quality education and faith formation it provides. The council has confirmed there are no existing plans to eliminate administrative positions at this time, and most grades will continue to support two classrooms as they have in the past. However, to help address rising cost- including the Archdiocesan mandated increase in salary for school staff, a significant rise in health insurance and benefit rates, and ever-growing costs associated with occupancy and materials mandated – a tuition increase will be necessary for the next academic year. Moving forward, we will continue to evaluate cost-saving measures while ensuring the needs of both the school and the parish are met.

Annual tuition for a single child is \$7,438 with several significant changes to the tuition in the next school year:

- 2 children will be the cost of one child + 55% of one child’s tuition
- 3 children will be the cost of one child + 83% of one child’s tuition
- Any non-Catholic or non-parishioner family will be subject to a fee of \$500 per child, increasing to \$1,000.00 in the fall of 2026 and \$1,500 in the fall of 2027.

\* Non-Parishioner is defined as not registered in St. Charles Borromeo or St. Peter’s Parish

K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Annual Tuition for the 2025-2026 school year:

Tuition First Child	Parish Subsidy	Tuition Two Children	Parish Subsidy	Tuition Three or More Children	Parish Subsidy
\$7,438	<b>\$2,150</b>	\$11,580	<b>\$8,479</b>	\$13,611	<b>\$16,640</b>

*For the 2025-2026 school year, registration fees will remain at \$200.00 per student K-8th, with a maximum of \$600 for families with 3 children or more. Registration fees are to be paid at the time of registration and are non-refundable after March 31st, 2025.*

While the parish subsidy does not extend to our preschool program, we do have 27 students actively enrolled this year.

The Preschool Annual Tuition for 2025-2026 school year:

	3 Days MWF Full Day	3 Days MWF Half Days	5 Days Full Day	5 Days Half Days
First Child	\$5,415.37	\$2,572.82	\$9,325.05	\$4,437.83
Second Child	\$4,873.74	\$2,315.53	\$8,392.55	\$3,994.04

*For the 2025-2026 school year, registration fees for preschool will remain \$100.00 per student. Registration fees are to be paid at the time of registration and are non-refundable after March 31st, 2025.*

### Parish Life & Ministry Updates

Over the past year, our parish ministries have continued to flourish, offering spiritual growth, fellowship, and service opportunities for parishioners of all ages. As mentioned, the most active ministry remains our parochial school, serving students and families throughout the school year. Through faith-based education, sacramental preparation, and community service, our school continues to nurture the next generation of Catholics. Our liturgical ministries have also remained strong, with dedicated parishioners serving as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and ushers, all of whom help create a welcoming and reverent worship experience. Additionally, our music ministry continues to enhance our liturgies, with both an adult choir and a children’s choir leading us in prayerful song.

Several special events have brought our parish family closer together. Both parish picnics as well as the Lenten fish fries welcomed long-time members and new families, strengthening our bonds through fellowship and shared traditions. Initiatives such as the Giving Tree and St. Vincent de Paul outreach have allowed us to serve those in need, reflecting Christ’s love through action. Whether through service, prayer, or education, these efforts continue to enrich our parish life and invite all to be active participants in our faith community.

As our parish continues the process of merging the St. Francis of Assisi community with the St. Charles Borromeo Parish, we recognize the importance of understanding which ministries remain active and how they are serving our community. While many groups and programs have continued, we know that others may have evolved or changed. To better support the parish, the council is working to update our list of active ministries. We invite all parishioners currently leading a ministry to complete a short survey.

### [Ministries Annual Registration Form](#)

This will take no more than 5 minutes, and your input helps the community know which ministries are still active.

## Challenges & Opportunities

We currently faced several challenges that required careful consideration and planning. One of the most notable concerns, which has persisted for over a decade, is the continued decline in Mass attendance. This trend is not related to the changes made during Covid or the All-Things-New initiative that adjusted our mass schedule but rather reflects a long-term pattern. Unfortunately, this decline has a lasting impact on our parish life, affecting engagement, community connection, and financial sustainability. As fewer parishioners attend Mass regularly, we have seen a decrease in participation, which in turn affects our volunteer base. Many ministries that were once vibrant and active are no longer available due to a lack of committed volunteers.



This decline in Mass attendance directly compounds the financial challenges we face, particularly in maintaining our parochial school. While the school has experienced strong enrollment in the last decade, the reality is that with fewer people supporting the parish, we are increasingly relying on parish savings to sustain this important ministry. Each year for the past decade, the financial expense of a parochial school has exceeded more than half of the parish's operational funds. This strains our resources, limiting the support we can provide to other ministries and creates long-term risk for the overall health of our parish and school.

Looking ahead, the archdiocese will expect every parochial school that uses more than 50% of a parish's weekly funds to create a long-term sustainability plan. We are not concerned about the school's viability for the coming year, as it continues to see strong enrollment. However, as a Parish Council, we recognize that it has taken over a decade to reach this point, and we want to ensure long-term sustainability for the future. Without greater involvement and support from the community, it will become increasingly difficult to maintain a balanced and sustainable approach to both our school and other ministries.

While we acknowledge the challenges this trend presents, the problem is solvable, and it provides an opportunity for renewal. With an evangelic heart, we can reach out to not only those who have drifted away but also to families involved in our school who may not yet be active in the parish. By inviting them to join in our parish community, we hope to strengthen our connection to the Mass and other sacramental activities, fostering a deeper sense of unity and engagement among all members of the parish. This is a time for us to reimagine how we live out our faith and build a stronger, more resilient community for the future.

## Future Communication

As we move forward, we invite you to join us in the continued growth of our parish by offering feedback, sharing ideas, and participating in parish activities. Together, we can strengthen our community and meet the challenges ahead with faith and resolve. Recently we were able to gather with the community following the 8:00 AM Mass and are grateful for the participation and feedback we received. Given the success, we hope to have additional Meet & Greet sessions in the future.

We also recognize the importance of efficient communication as a council, and we are actively working with the office staff to update and improve our ability to communicate more efficiently. Without the need for a complete website overhaul, we will work on adding regular communications to the website. These updates will allow us to better connect with the parish community, keeping everyone informed and engaged of what was recently discussed at Parish Council.

Lastly, we appreciate your patience with the roof repair. As it is near completion, we look forward to regaining the parking spaces from the upper lot. This includes additional disabled parking spaces and will make it easier for all parishioners to attend services and events.



## **Moving Forward Together in Faith**

As we look ahead to the coming year, we remain grateful for the faith, generosity, and dedication of our parish community. Your prayers, service, and support are the foundation of St. Charles Borromeo, allowing us to grow together as a family in Christ.

We encourage you to stay engaged, share your gifts, and continue strengthening the bonds of our parish. Whether through attending Mass, participating in ministries, supporting parish initiatives, or reaching out to those who have drifted away, your service and involvement is essential to our mission. Together, we each have a vital role in ensuring St. Charles Borromeo remains a vibrant and welcoming community for generations to come.

Additionally, as some members of the Parish Council complete their terms, we are seeking new individuals who are passionate about serving our parish and helping to guide its future. If you are interested in joining the council, we encourage you to submit your information for consideration. Your voice and leadership can make a meaningful impact in shaping the direction of our parish. Please send an email with your name and contact information to:

[parishcouncil@borromeoparish.com](mailto:parishcouncil@borromeoparish.com)

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

In Faith and Service to Christ,

**The St. Charles Borromeo Parish Council**

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