

# Parish VOICE

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## ELECTING THE NEW POPE

Rumors have been swirling around St. Charles ever since the stunning announcement by Pope Benedict XVI that he would be retiring at the end of February, 2013. People in the know immediately looked to our Pastor, Fr. Dave, as a possible successor to the Holy Father. Witnesses report that Fr. Dave has been sizing up white cassocks while also practicing his "Papal Blessing" from his rectory window to the kids as they were leaving school in the afternoon. However, knowing that those who campaign for Pope are rarely elected to the position, Fr. Dave will probably deny interest in the job should you ask him.

All of this, of course, is a result of Pope Benedict choosing to retire, the first Pope to do so in over 600 years. Citing his advanced age and declining health, the Pope felt a younger man, such as a Vocations Director from San Francisco, would be more suited for the position. The wheels were immediately put in motion by the Vatican to follow the necessary steps for electing a new Pope.

In the near future, and it may have already happened by the time you read this article, a Papal Conclave will be convened to choose our new spiritual leader. The men who elect the Pope are all Cardinals under 80 years of age. The rules governing the elec-

tion were promulgated by Pope John Paul II in his document "Universi Dominici Gregis." Any Catholic male, for instance, a parish priest from San Carlos, is eligible to be Pope. However, in recent centuries, all Popes have come from the College of Cardinals.

Once the Conclave begins, the Cardinals will be sequestered in the Vatican and allowed no contact with the outside world until a new Pope is chosen. These leaders of the Church will spend their time in prayer and discussion as they mull over potential candidates. Guided by the Holy Spirit, they will vote 4 times each day, in the Sistine Chapel, twice in the morning

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Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this edition of the Voice, we might be blest with a new pope or very close to one being elected. I am reminded of an incident involving Pope John XXIII the day after his election. The Archbishop charged with Vatican security came to Pope John with the question of whether and when he would like to stroll in the Vatican gardens as his predecessors did.

Out of curiosity Pope John asked why he wanted to know this. The Archbishop responded, "because then the cupola of St. Peter's would have to be closed to visitors." Pope John replied: "Excellency, we promise you: during the stroll we will give no cause for scandal." Good Pope John saw the entire world as part of his family and every parish community his "family photo album."

During this moment in our church let us pray for our new Holy Father that he will gather our church together to try and

discover what unites us and set aside whatever can divide us. Too often we seem to focus on a negative image of the world, and yet we have truly been blest with a gift from God, a creation in which we have been made in His very image. God sent His own Son into the world that we might have life. That is the Easter message we proclaim every year when we shout out to one another "Happy Easter," and "He is Risen, He is truly Risen!" Every year we have a new beginning, as in any new beginning, it fills the heart with hope.

If you do not notice me around for some weeks after Easter, the reports of me in Rome are truly exaggerations. I will be on pilgrimage so please keep me in your prayers as you will be in mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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and twice in the evening, until a candidate receives two thirds of the vote.

Outside the Conclave, the world will wait with baited breath. After each vote, the ballots will be burnt. If no Pope has been elected, the onlookers in St. Peter's Square will know this by the black smoke the burned ballots give off. Once a Pope is chosen, the ballots are burned with special chemicals, causing white smoke to go up, bells will be rung, and the world will know the joyous news

that the Church has a new shepherd! Shortly thereafter will come the official announcement, "Habemus Papam!" "We have a Pope!" Dare we say it, "Pope David I"? As of this writing, only the Holy Spirit knows for sure! (However, I understand the Men's Club is currently figuring out how to convert Fr. Dave's truck into a new and cooler Popemobile. Details will follow in later editions of the Voice.)

Written By Deacon Mike Murphy

### Mexico Mission Trip—20th Anniversary

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Mexico Mission Trip. This ministry was founded by the efforts of many, including Father Joe Bradley, Father John Ryan, Bob and Joann Thompson, Mike and Martha Young, Lynn Mullen and Steve Medina. All the participants and the parish are so blessed to be able see the founders' vision of youth ministry and to be able, over the years, to experience all that the Trip can be.

The ministry does not just involve the individuals who make the Trip but is a product of the efforts and support of the whole parish. So many parish groups have helped including Charlie's Angels and the Confirmation Program, each run by Tami Palladino, the Men's Club and Scripture Camp. In addition Amor Ministries have put together the Mission support and details in Mexico.

Over the years the Trip has built close to fifty houses and has

touched many lives in Mexico. The teens and others on the Trip have been incredible representatives of St. Charles Church, the Archdiocese and their faith.

This year Saturday May 18th and Sunday May 19th are Mexico Mission Trip Celebration Week-end. As is tradition, Saturday will feature the fundraising dinner which will have some surprises. On Sunday the 11 a.m. Mass will be the 20th Anniversary Celebration Mass. We hope to have participants from yesterday and today, including some special guests. Please celebrate with us both at the fundraising dinner and the Mass.

This ministry is a wonderful example of the faith of the founders, the participants and the entire parish!

**The Mexico Mission  
Fund-Raising Dinner will  
be on May 18, 2013!**

### Teen Faith Sharing Program Has Great Success

This Spring St. Charles has sponsored a teen faith sharing program which explores, prays about and reflects on the Sunday Mass readings. The sessions provide a chance for the young people to seek out the presence of God in their daily struggles and

joys. Father Dave and Tami Palladino each led a group. A Fall session is being planned. This Summer we will once again have a Bible Study for students entering 9th through 12th grades. Please contact Tami at 591-7349 ext. 405 if you are interested.

## Baptisms

Brady James Dolan  
Ava Michelle Ziegler  
Lamont Justin Quattlebaum  
Kayla Wray Quattlebaum  
Quincy Kyle Quattlebaum  
Everett Jude Tourand  
Gino Edward Rodondi  
Ellie Jane Palladino  
Lucchese Geramoni Stahlhut  
Cash James Pickett  
Roman Allen Brush  
Derek Christopher Armstrong  
Nicholas Vincenzo Ghio  
Bisbiglia  
Natalie Alice Klemens  
Matthew Robert Carney  
Samuel William Carney  
Madeleine Gayle Muscat

## Wedding

Peter Michael Maggs &  
Marisa Imelda Saucedo  
December 31, 2012

### **WINGS** (Women in God's Spirit)

*WINGS welcomes women of all ages and in all stages of life. We seek to nurture ourselves in order to be able to give of ourselves. Supported by one another, the women of WINGS are committed to building a community where love grows.*

The one remaining Spring meeting is on April 10th at 7 p.m in Borromeo Hall. Kayte Mariani will speak about the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Who are they? What do they do? Who do they help?

The suggested donation is \$5 or food for SVDP food pantry. Suggested items include. soup, tuna fish, ramen noodles, peanut butter or mac/cheese.

Questions? Robyn Rourick at [rrourick@gmail.com](mailto:rrourick@gmail.com).

## St. Charles School—Catholic Social Teachings Program

St. Charles School is in the second year of its schoolwide, project-based Christian Service program. Based upon the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, the program is designed to teach students about these themes and put “service to others” into practice. Each class focuses on a specific social teaching and applies its principles through research, outreach, and community service activities.

Goals of the program include opportunities for students to understand why people choose employment with service organizations and why people choose to volunteer to help others.

Kindergarten and fourth grade students focus on the *Life and Dignity of the Human Person*. Kinder-

garten is working with the San Carlos Senior Center, providing the gift of joy to older persons through making cards and singing for the residents. Fourth grade is working with Children’s Amnesty International to better understand the importance of equal rights for all people.

In first and fifth grades, the focus is on *Care for God’s Creation*. First grade is conducting a recycling program while fifth grade is working with Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge to improve the habitat of endangered species.

Second and sixth grade students are both learning about *Options for the Poor and Vulnerable*. Third and seventh grade students focus on *Call to Family and Com-*

*munity*.

Eighth grade students are studying the meaning of *Solidarity* and reflecting on our call as Catholics to advocate for all people. Specific organizations served by these classes include St. Anthony’s Dining Room, The Shelter Network, and Catholic Worker House.

At the end of each class project, the students will prepare informational posters, PowerPoint presentations, or videos that summarize their learning. Each class will provide instruction to panels of adults about the value of Catholic Social Teachings and the importance of service to others.

### Character Education

St. Charles School is implementing a program of Christian Character Education. The program provides age-appropriate information to the children about ways and styles of interacting with others

Complex emotions, beyond “mad, sad, glad,” are explored to promote inclusive behaviors. Goals include supporting a strong sense of self-worth coupled with the importance of sharing time and space with others. Instilling empathy with peers, offering and accepting apologies, and the importance of making good choices are also areas of emphasis

Parents, teachers, and students have expressed positive experiences. This first year of success has validated the importance of the program.

**Please consider participating in our Eucharistic Adoration which takes place the First Friday of every month in the Parish Center chapel from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. - “be still and know that I am God.”**

### Scripture Camp : Kingdom Rock - Where Kids Stand Strong for God

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 24—28, 2013 / 9am – 12:15 pm —**Scripture Camp**. Open to all St. Charles school and parish children who are completing Kindergarten through 4th Grade this year.

Parents: we are still looking for a few volunteers. Volunteering with Scripture Camp is a great way to

make a different in the St. Charles community while spending time with your child(ren). Please contact Michelle Baeza (591-7349 ext. 34 or [mbaeza@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:mbaeza@stcharlesparish.org)) if you would like to volunteer or have questions about the program. Please check the bulletin for sign-up information and other details.

### Men’s Club – Unity / Growing / Giving

The St. Charles Men's Club continues to thrive in 2013. Please join us at our next meeting.

All members of the Saint Charles community are invited to participate in our monthly programs which promise to bring perspective in many areas of our lives. This includes topics related to our children and their wellbeing / internet security and potential threats / men's health / spiritual guidance focusing on life development / and a variety of sport related topics. This is a great way for men in our Parish to meet a wonderful group and share in our life's successes, opportunities, and

struggles. Please stay tuned for announcements in the bulletin and get involved.

There are no membership fees or registration! All men of the Parish are welcome! The Club Meetings are typically held monthly during the school year (always check the Bulletin as dates do change). A \$20 admission charge covers dinner and drinks, entertainment and ever-popular door prizes.

Hope to see you soon.

Kirby Kish  
President



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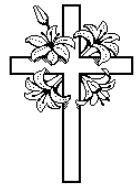
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# HOLY WEEK



## **EIGHTH GRADE STATIONS OF THE CROSS (March 22nd)**

- In the Church
- 2 p.m.

## **PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (March 24th)**

- All Masses
- Blessing of Palms, before each Mass

## **WEDNESDAY (March 27th)**

- Tenebrae, 8:00 p.m.

## **HOLY THURSDAY (March 28th)**

- Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Altar of Repose in Borromeo Hall until 10:00 p.m.

## **GOOD FRIDAY (March 29th)**

- Shadow Stations of the Cross, Music and Meditations, Liturgy of Good Friday 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Shadow Stations of the Cross, 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## **HOLY SATURDAY (March 30th)**

- Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 p.m.

## **EASTER SUNDAY (March 31st)**

- Masses: (No evening Mass)
  - 8:30 a.m. in the Church (Family Mass)
  - 8:30 a.m. in the Gym
  - 11:00 a.m. in the Church
- Easter Egg Hunt for Children follows the 8:30 a.m. Masses