

St. Charles Parish

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FR. KENT KAUFMAN
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Chances are this issue of *The Chimes* will be arriving in your mailbox during **National Vocation Awareness Week**. This year's observance, November 1-7, is part of tradition that dates back to 1976. The timing of the week has shifted from October to January, and for the past six years has been anchored in early November.

The weeklong celebration promotes vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education. The hope is that we are all renewed in our prayer and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Here at Lima, we are fortunate to have such an active **Serra Club** in our community. Currently, the club has 69 members of which 47 are parishioners at St. Charles. Two of those members, Leo Hawk and Dick Haas, are the club's two charter members, who began in 1965. Yes, that's one year before I was born!

Kevin Kidd, also from St. Charles, is the current president for Serra. Other clubs in our diocese are located in Tiffin and Toledo. Gino DiMatta, also from St. Charles, is the Regional Director for the Great Lakes

Region. Needless to say, the Serra Club of Lima and St. Charles Parish have had a strong partnership for a very long time!

In fact, this year, the partnership between St. Charles and the Serra Club is stronger than ever! The Serra Club has moved its meetings from LCC to St. Charles so that the Mass and the program can be livestreamed to members unable to attend in person due to Covid-19. Using our livestream platform anyone is welcome to tune in on the second Thursday of the month (November 12) for Mass at 5:45 pm and the program's speaker at about 7:00 pm. The Serrans enjoy a catered meal in between Mass and the program.

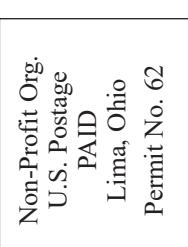
Over the years, the Serra Club of Lima has helped to sponsor many worthwhile activities on local, diocesan, national, and international levels. Here at St. Charles, they have sponsored many high school youth to attend the Steubenville Summer Conference. They have

helped college students with alternate spring break service retreats. They have offered support for the Vocations Retreat offered to our seventh graders.

In fact, the Vocations Retreat will take place this year on Thursday, November 5. In past years, other area Catholic schools would join up here at St. Charles for the retreat. This year, the other schools will be connecting with the speakers virtually and each school will coordinate their own local Mass, lunch, and program activities.

In the last decade, St. Charles has celebrated the ordination of two parishioners—Fr. Matt Rader in 2010 and Fr. David Kidd in 2016. I am sure the prayers and support of the Serra Club and our parish was a factor in their discernment.

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St. Charles Catholic Church
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Summer Aebker
Liturgical

Open Hearts Concert Series

Thank you to all who made the opening concert of our community classical music concert series, Open Hearts, a success! Two wings of the church were filled with socially distanced and masked audience members who received the guitar duo Petar Jankovic and Daniel Duarte warmly despite the cool evening temperatures. The atmosphere was electric! Online viewers were also with us experiencing the exciting program of Latin, Spanish and Balkan music. In addition, three door prizes of Amazon gift cards at \$50.00 each were given away and Fat Kid BBQ was on site, rounding out an evening of Covid-safe live entertainment by international award-winning artists.



Coming up next, on Dec. 5th at 7:30 p.m., join us either in person or livestream for Russian Concert pianist Vitaly Serebriakov as we continue our journey of multiculturalism by opening our hearts and doors through the universal language of music. These concerts are free and open to the public, so invite your friends and family for an evening out of live entertainment not to be missed!

Competition "Citta di Senigallia" in Italy, "The Art of XXI Century" Competition in Greece, the 6th International Competition "Music Without Limits" in Lithuania, the

2nd International Rachmaninov-Gesellschaft e.V. Competition in Germany, and the MVSO Concerto Competition in Dayton, OH. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Recognition Award for talented youth given by the Russian Ministry of Science and Education. Mr. Serebriakov has performed and collaborated with such conductors as Alexander Skulsky, Vladimir Plaksin, Igor

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**SR. YVONNE
FISCHER, OSF-T**
Pastoral Care Coordinator

St Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

The Outreach Commission is focusing on St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and its wonderful history of serving the poor in the Lima area. May its witness and love continue with our generosity. Thanks to Alice Giesken for her leadership and organization skills and for sharing her thoughts about the pantry with us.

In research for this article, I learned that St. Vincent lived 1581 – 1660 and was canonized a saint in 1737. It stated that he started works of charity, opened hospitals and organized two religious orders that still exist today. It also said that he was a man of action rather than theory. That sums up who we are today; all of the volunteers at St. Vincent's Food Pantry are hard workers, most of them retired.

St. Vincent De Paul has been active in Lima for over 50 years and continues to help with food and other needed assistance such as utility assistance, an occasional bus ticket, etc. Everyone is a volunteer we have no paid staff.

At the pantry, the volunteer work consists of making appointments for food pickup, ordering food and hauling it weekly, packing boxes and bags with a variety of healthy food, bagging Panera each week for the food distribution, assembling frozen meat, eggs, butter for each family according to family size.

**Fr. Thomas at St. Vincent's
Food Pantry**

well as register them on a computer which is required by the West Ohio Food Bank where we purchase or receive at no charge most of the food. This past year we have had wonderful fresh produce from WOFB as well. When it is available each household receives a box of fresh vegetables and/or fruit each month.

When Covid began we stayed open. We never missed a day and actually added a couple of extra days in early April to fill the need. We have changed how we dis-

tribute the food. We no longer have clients come into our office but rather do it more as a drive thru which limits the clients' exposure and the volunteers' exposure. We have continued to operate for 50 plus years due to the generosity of the parishioners of the four Catholic parishes in Lima. Prior to Covid the monthly donation to St. Vincent from all four parishes totaled an average exceeding \$3,000. Recent months have been some less but we are very careful with our expenditures and have benefited from food cards from Meijer also. The food pantry board works very hard to be good stewards of what we receive.

If you want to know how much time a volunteer spends at the pantry, it depends on the "job" you have. Volunteers who make the food appointments work for two hours once a week. Those who help on the days we

are open are there from approximately 12:30 until 2:30. During that time we serve in excess of 30 households. The boxes and bags are filled when we are closed so they are ready for distribution on the days we are open. The shelves can be stocked during down times on our open days. Food pickup requires a pickup truck however we also need men to unload at the pantry. Those volunteers are busy for 30 to 60 minutes and are called to help when we have a load to get from WOFB.

If you would like to know more or perhaps feel called to participate in this ministry, please call the parish office to volunteer for the pantry. The Thrift Store is also always looking for volunteers. We share a building at 928 S. Main St.

A few of the volunteers pause from their work at the pantry to smile for the camera.



**St. Charles Catholic Church
Mission Statement**

**To build a community of faith
united with Christ in the Eucharist,
living as disciples,
sharing God's love and grace.**

Pastoral Council, June 2018

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stcharleslima.org

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Put A Fork In It!

We often go about our lives with little real understanding of the interior workings of other people. This issue might be made worse if we were also unable to understand the language of all the people around us. Many years ago, I found myself in this situation. I was serving as a missionary in Honduras for a summer. One of the older missionaries that I lived with was named Maynor. He had a habit of joking with me all the time and would often squeeze the muscle on my shoulders. It was quite painful, but it was done in jest. One evening, I decided I would get him back. He was sitting at the table eating, and I squeezed his shoulders just as hard as he squeezed mine. He immediately stabbed me with a fork, which left a nice scar and an exciting story for years. I did not, and could not have known what was going on in his life that day. His fiancée broke off their engagement, and he was in pain, and it all came flying out at me. I wanted to hurt him back because I didn't understand, but thankfully the head of the house talked me down and explained even though I could, I shouldn't.

Secrets Revealed

This incident taught me more than you can imagine, and it wasn't just to be wary of forks, though I am. It showed me that to understand others; they first need to reveal what's going on in their own life and situation. When we look at our life, we realize that there is nothing that we have that has not been given to us. This

is true in our relationships with others, as well as our relationship with God. God has revealed himself to us. It is in Christ that man is most fully revealed to himself. "The light of Christ shines, as in a mirror, upon the face of Christians; as it spreads, it comes down to us, so that we too can share in that vision." (Lumen Fidei). When other people reveal important information like pain, suffering, or joy, it helps us understand and know them. So with Christ, his very existence as the living Word of God informs us about the inner workings of God. The more information we have about a person, the better the decisions that we can make. For example, if I had known that Maynor was having such a difficult time, I might have chosen a different time to inflict added pain on someone already suffering. As Christians, we have the opportunity to see what Christ desires of us so that we can better understand how we are to respond and live. This means that we should know what it is that Christ has revealed to us! Christ has been shown to us profoundly, especially through Sacred Scripture. God has shown himself to us and helps us to understand our moral life. The beatitudes, in particular, reveal to us the uniquely Christian concepts of Jesus' moral teaching. The Beatitudes show us that the unique character development necessary for a Christian is charity. Christ not only tells us this, But He also exemplifies how to live it by his life.

The issue we find in God's self-Revelation is similar to that of our miscommunications with people. Sin has a way of breaking things up and stabbing into the heart of our problems. God cannot be known by reason alone. There are certain things that, by our mental capabilities, we can work out what it is that God desires of us to do. Yet, without the gift and grace of faith, we cannot do this entirely by ourselves.

In some cases, it may be okay to punch someone who has just stabbed you. There again in others, like mine, it might not be. What is the right response? Faith

gives us an understanding of what we ought to do concerning morality. Ultimately it is centered on love. Carol, the head of the house in Honduras, sat me down and explained that it was ok for me to be angry. However, in this instance, it would be better to show mercy and kindness. Our human nature is not always so finely attuned to know the right thing to do in every situation. Yet in faith, guided by love, we can see what it is that God desires of us. Because the moral guideline of Christians being the Beatitudes are not necessarily understood through our reason. It is difficult for us to love this intensely. Faith in Christ and the grace of the Holy Spirit aid our reason and understanding to see that Christian morals are above and beyond human logic.

When Carol sat me down and told me how I should react, it was with someone's authority over me. She had the right to instruct me in matters of faith and morality. The Church exercises that same right by guiding us to the truth and keeping us from error. Without moral guidance from others and left to our own devices, we are corrupt and prone to sin. The one faith of the Church helps keep us united in a single faith. When the right answer is not simple or easily understood by our reason alone, the Church guides us with the power given to Christ's teaching office and instructed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The teaching authority of the Church is not one of punishment, but as Carol guided me, it is loving fatherly guidance that serves to guide us closer to Christ by remaining in the truth. I tell people often that without community, we cannot see our flaws. It is as if we are looking into a mirror and are standing nose touching the mirror. The Tradition of the Church serves as the community of believers who help us to see ourselves as we indeed are.

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JULIE FISCHBACH
Youth Faith Formation
Coordinator

In our last publication of The Chimes, I wrote about sacramentals and specifically holy water. I would very much like to continue to talk about these tools of our faith in this article and in the next coming articles. This small prose is on pictures and statues as religious articles.

Growing up, my grandparent's home had a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a sick call crucifix that you could see when you first walked in the back door, a relief of the Ten Commandments, and at least a small cross in most rooms (I don't remember if there was one in the bathroom). I knew I should have a cross somewhere in my house when I finally had a home of my own, you know, so God could be there and bless us. At the time, I suppose I almost looked at it like some magical amulet of protection rather than what it was.

I mean that is what we are supposed to do, right? Like God isn't there if we don't have a cross in our house. Of course, that was the old me before I started to think for myself. Before I realized that I was in charge of learning about my own faith rather than relying on others to feed it to me at designated times.

The Sacramentals: Pictures and Statues

Roughly twenty years ago, I was just starting my journey with the CLC in my hometown and we were meeting for a social night at the home of one of our ladies. Her home was updated and beautiful with a baby grand piano in the corner of the living room and perfect for entertaining. But what struck me was the number of religious pictures and statuary mixed right in with pictures of loved ones and mementos of special occasions around the house. As updated and modern and gorgeous as it was, it was still openly and unapologetically Catholic. And I liked it. I had been becoming more

active in learning and participating in my faith and this house and its religious contents sparked my interest and curiosity. I decided that I wanted this for my family right then and there, even though I couldn't put my finger on exactly why.

Forever our churches have always held statues of Jesus, the saints and paintings of Mary and the angels and things of this nature, as well as the stained glass windows



throughout many churches. So much so that many of our brothers and sisters of different faiths have come to make the assumption that we Catholics actually worship these items as well as the ones they represent. Of course we Catholics know that this could not be further from the truth. Even in the old testament, God instructed us to create holy images. One that readily comes to mind is the statues of the cherubim on the arc of the Covenant and (somewhat) more recently St. Luke was said to have painted a picture, or icon, of the Blessed Virgin holding the Child Jesus.

When I was the younger me, I didn't understand these decorations around my grandparent's house or in the church we attended any more than those of other faiths looking in so I did somewhat understand their concern. The difference is that I gave our faith the benefit of the doubt before I just dismissed it. I knew there was something to some of these objects, especially the rosary. Even as a not-so-great-at-being-Catholic Catholic, I had been exposed to these things enough to have witnessed that there is something there. So I asked questions, but more than anything, I began to learn how

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Welcome Denny Berelsman Our New Director of Facilities

Denny has been married to his wife Sandy for 29 years. He and Sandy are members of St. John the Baptist in Landeck. They have three children: Kyle (25), Kaitlyn (23), and Kelsey (21). In his free time he enjoys bike riding and spending time with family.



Denny will be starting Monday, October 12th. Please welcome him if you get the chance.



LINDSEY KRILE

Life Teen Director

Happy Fall!

Life Teen has begun and we are excited for what we have planned for the rest of this semester!

At our First Life Night on October 11, 2020, we spent time getting to know each other and also exploring what Life Teen means to each teen. The teens who attended wrote down on post-it notes and shared words



or phrases that they associated with Life Teen. Is there anything you would add to their list? Let us know what Life Teen means to you and what makes St. Charles Life Teen unique!

We also introduced our theme for this year: **'Questioning Everything'**. We will be exploring popular questions and objections to our faith as well as questions posed by our teens. **Do you have a question about the Catholic Church or Church teachings?** We invite you to bring your curiosity and question(s) with you to our **next Life Nights on November 7 and December 20** from 6:30-8:30 P.M. in the lower level of the Church.

Looking forward to our next meetings and getting to explore your questions!

For more information and to register please visit <https://stcharleslima.org/youth/lifeteen/>
Follow us on Facebook or Instagram @stcharleslifeteen

LIFE TEEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 8, 2020

December 20, 2020

January 25, 2021

February 14, 2021

March 14, 2021

From 6:30-8:30 PM

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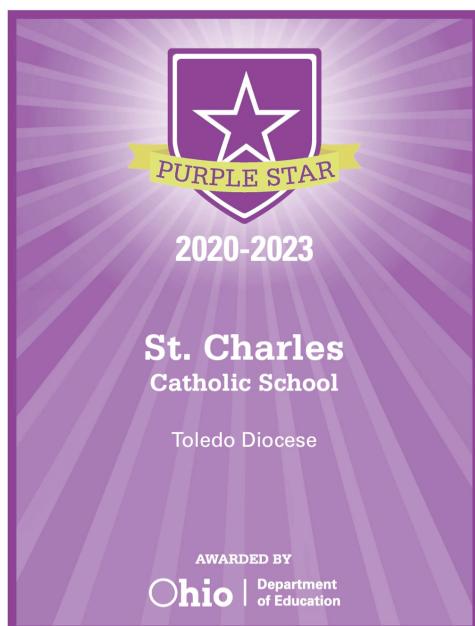
Expressing Gratitude

"In all things give thanks, for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ toward you."
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

November is one of my favorite months of the year. The temperature is finally where it is cold in the morning and beautiful during the day. The fall colors are in full swing. And the holidays that are focused on family and gratitude and caring are upon us.

We have much to be grateful for here at St. Charles Catholic School. We have a wonderful, caring staff from our custodians, our school nurses, our office staff, to all of our teachers. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them and I know your children are in good hands with them. We have supportive parents and community to which we all say thank you for all that you do to make St. Charles Catholic School the amazing school it is today. And finally, we have incredible students, who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged as well as challenging us to become better people. They are why we are here every day!

Our school received some exciting news this fall. It was with great honor that I can share with you



the Ohio Department of Education selected St. Charles Catholic School as a 2020 Purple Star Designee. The Purple Star designation recognizes schools that meet important criteria for serving military-connected students and families. A virtual recognition ceremony with Ohio's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo DeMaria, was held in September. The Purple Star Award and the designation will last for three years, upon which we can apply again. We are very proud of our school's work and are honored to serve our military-connected families at St. Charles.



Our Priests Visit the Third Graders

By Tina Pignataro

In third grade religion, our students learn about many things. The seven Sacraments, the Mass, the Rosary, and our Mother, Mary, are among these topics. Father Kent kicked off a weekly Wednesday visit to third grade. Recently, he taught students about Mary and the rosary. He even gave out rosaries from Bethlehem to those who did not have one of their own! The third graders are looking forward to more talks with Father Thomas and Father Kent!

From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald

Autumn is the time for beautiful fall leaves. Jack and Charlie used chalk blending them together to create brilliant fall colors on their leaves.



Kindergarteners Matthias, Peyton, and Cecilia completed their construction paper pizzas.



The third grade art students studied Vincent van Gogh and his famous masterpiece Starry Night painted in 1889. We studied van Gogh's trademark of coils, swirls and waves that created a sense of movement and harmony in his paintings.



As a result of the Parish Assessment Renewal process and in an effort to keep our parishioners better informed we have developed a Facebook page and a Twitter account.

The various activities and ministries of the parish will be posted to these social media sites.

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Lima Central Catholic High School News

Submitted by Sue Janowski



Tennis – Gold Racquet Award (OCTA)

Seniors **Morgan Chaney, Ally Oravitz, and Nicole Patricio-Agosto** have received the Gold Racquet Award for earning a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher and at least 2 Varsity letters.

Congratulations Morgan, Ally and Nicole!



Morgan



Ally



Nicole

Tennis – Silver Racquet Award (OCTA)

Juniors **Carrie Heider and Noah Nuesmeyer** have received the Silver Racquet Award for earning a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher and at least 2 Varsity letters.

Congratulations Carrie and Noah!



Carrie



Noah

US History

Students in Mr. Misiakiewicz's US History class participated in socially distant group work! Our remote learning students joined in real time via their iPads.

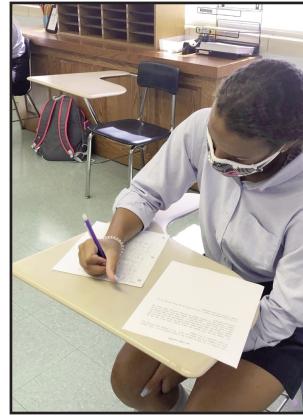


AP Biology

Mrs. Schenk's AP Biology students set up & designed their own investigation involving animal behavior. They researched pill bugs to determine what types of environments they prefer then, using choice chambers, are observing different circumstances to see which the bugs prefer.

Physical Science

Students in Ms. Huber's Physical Science class participated in a Hotwheelin' physics lab to determine speed and acceleration.



Advanced Algebra 2

Student's in Mrs. Thompson's Advanced Algebra class doing what they do best...problem solving!



English

Students in Mrs. Schmerge's sophomore English classes did a gallery walk today to evaluate each others' mini literary analyses.

Theology

The Diocese of Toledo purchased licensing rights for each school to show "Fatima" to their students. Our Theology teachers scheduled a few days in their classes for this purpose. We hope our students not only learned about these historic theological events, but also understand why Father Herr chose Our Lady of Fatima as the patron saint of Lima Central Catholic.

Zoology

Students in Mr. Thompson's Zoology class working on a Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium laboratory investigation.



Teen Leadership

Our Teen Leadership Corps class presented our custodians (Bobby, Scott and Doug) with goodie bags for National Custodian Appreciation Day. They also saluted the funeral procession of LCC Alumnus and Army Veteran Steve Hahn (Class of 1973)

Download Our New Parish App!

Our St. Charles Borromeo app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter.

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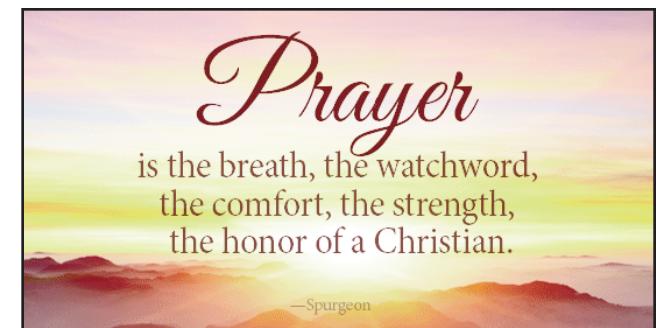
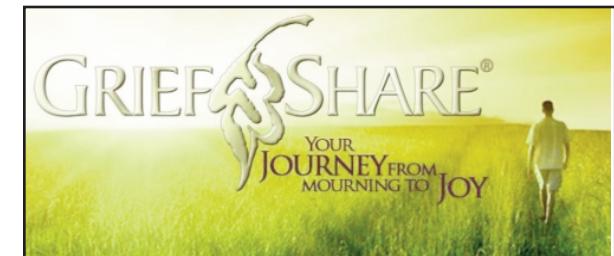
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to use some things properly for prayer. In doing so I realized that there is a part of us that longs for something tangible we can hold on to, something to look at, something to touch, something to sing, chant or recite, something that interacts with the senses to give shape and form to our invisible faith, our invisible prayers, and invisible love.

So are these things sacramentals? Well, technically most of them are not; they would be considered religious articles simply because they are more than decoration but not used and kept particularly for prayer. When we use these things as tools for our faith though, they are more than decorations as well. In our Catholic homes and in our churches, they are there to remind us who we are and to call to mind our faith, to remind us to call on our Lord through prayer, to remind us that he is with us always and we are not alone. We use these things to bring us closer to Him. Sometimes these images open doors for us to instruct our younger members when they ask questions about what they are seeing in the statues or the stained glass. We are not worshipping the Saints or Mary, we honor them, we ask for their intercessions or guidance, and we have them as a model on how to live our human lives like they did. To use these images as a way to help us reflect on the love of God and the sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation is what these things were designed for.

Now I have pictures of my children and my parents, grandparents and extended family all over my house, all prominently displayed. When you come into my home, you will immediately know who I love because of these pictures and where they are placed. These pictures are not worshipped or used as a talisman, they are reminders of who I love and who loves me. Sometimes those pictures remind me to make a call to them to check in, to pray for them, and some pictures just make me smile when I think about our relationship. The picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on my hallway wall where everyone in the house will pass it often is very much that. It reminds me of the One I love, to call on Him, and contemplate the relationship that we have with each other.

I am so glad we have these sacramentals and religious articles in our faith, because I know I am distracted, I know I am self-centered, I know I am forgetful, I know I am weak. So I have these holy articles and sacramentals to help me, to constantly and effectively remind me of the power of His glory, His protection, His forgiveness and mercy and most definitely of His love.

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Made for Greatness

This event in my life and many similar to it have shown me that I need to rely on many things that are not just my reason or gut reaction. When faced with difficult decisions, I look to Christ revealed to us through the Scriptures. I seek out the understanding of the Church Tradition that continues to show me how to grow in both faith and knowledge of what I am to do. Lastly, I seek to live by faith and ask for the grace to do the good and understand that it is for my best good. All of us are made for greatness. We are made to be saints. If we are to accomplish this goal, we need the moral authority found in these three pillars. If even one of them is found lacking, we are prone to fall and often do. As long as we continue to get back up after our failures and seek to use these three as a foundation for our Christian practice, we will undoubtedly continue to grow in holiness.

A Peek Into the Past

Ten years ago, in December of 2010, St. Charles hosted a Christmas Tea for the ladies of the parish. This lively scene was part of the entertainment for that event.



The 12 Days of Christmas is recreated by Claudia DeLong, Linda Hoehn, Grace Stechschulte, Ginny Raymond, and Katie Hooks

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Serra International has published a beautiful new book, *The Harvest is Abundant: Prayers for Vocations*. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, just let us or a Serran know. I leave you with a prayer from the book that was penned by St. Pope John Paul II:

Grace to Consider the Call

Lord Jesus, just as You called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, so many You continue to make Your sweet call heard today: "Come, follow me."

Give young men and women the grace to respond readily to Your voice.

Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labors. Let our seminarians persevere, along with all who are achieving the ideal of a life totally devoted to Your service.

Reawaken in our communities the missionary commitment. Lord, send laborers into Your harvest and do not let mankind go astray because there are not enough pastors, missionaries, and others vowed to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, model for every vocation, help us to answer "YES" to the Lord who calls us to collaborate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

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Zhukov, James Johnston, and David Wilson. He has been on Arizona PBS, WBGUTV and WGTE in Ohio, NNTV and "Prestige" Radio 102.4 FM of Nizhny Novgorod.

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