

Feast Day of St. Charles Borromeo

November 4th



His Life

Columbia Encyclopedia: St. Charles Borromeo

1538-84, Italian churchman. His uncle, Pius IV, summoned Charles, a student at Pavia, to Rome in 1560. In rapid order he was made cardinal-deacon, administrator of the Papal States and of the archdiocese of Milan, and papal secretary of state. Despite a large personal fortune, St. Charles lived a simple, ascetic life. He was most zealous in encouraging reform in the church and was largely responsible for reopening (1560) the Council of Trent, of which he was the guiding spirit. In 1563 he was ordained priest, consecrated bishop, and then received the pallium for the see of Milan. He was 28 years old when, at Milan, he began introducing vigorous reforms, especially in the education of the clergy, enforcing the council's decrees for the institution of diocesan seminaries. He was exceedingly strict with the clergy, and he met much opposition. In 1569 some disaffected men tried to assassinate him. He worked untiringly to alleviate suffering in the pestilence of 1576. He was an exemplary pastor. There is a huge statue of him near Lago Maggiore and a monument to him in the cathedral at Milan, which he had completely redecorated. Feast: Nov. 4.



Prayer to St. Charles Borromeo

O Sainly reformer, animator of spiritual renewal of priests and religious, you organized true seminaries and wrote a standard catechism. Inspire all religious teachers and authors of catechetical books. Move them to love and transmit only that which can form true followers of the Teacher who was divine. Amen.



Our Church History

A church was built and was dedicated to St. Charles Borromeo on November 4, 1917 ([November 4 being the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo](#)). This church building was used for the next 34 years until 1951, when a new church was built.

In 1922 [Fr. Joseph Schermesser](#) was appointed pastor of Seneca and also of its mission Church, St. Charles Borromeo, Picayune. Fr. Schermesser celebrated his first Mass in Picayune on January 2, 1922, and came twice a month by train. Later, when the road was built, he made the 50 mile trip by automobile. He did this until September 1950, when St. Charles Borromeo was made a parish.



On August 19, 1951, the new church on Goodyear Boulevard, was dedicated by Bishop Gerow. High Mass was celebrated with [Fr. John Niemeyer](#), Pastor, as celebrant, [Fr. Joseph Schermesser](#) of Lumberton as Deacon, Fr. Charles Tierney, Hattiesburg, as Subdeacon, and Fr. Hoseph Koury, Jackson, as the Master of Ceremonies. The choir was the all-male graduate members of the LSU Catholic Student Center Choir of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Our parish continued to grow and it was impossible to enlarge our existing church. Our old church was torn down and our present church was built in the same location.

The first Mass offered in the New Church on November 4, 1999, the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo. The second Mass offered in the New Church on December 12, 1999, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



The new Church opened for daily Mass on March 17, 2000, the Feast of St. Patrick.

For the complete history of our church please go to our parish website:

<http://www.sborromeo.org/scb.htm>



History of our School

- In 2004 our program started out two days a week and we averaged eight students.
- In 2005 we expanded to five days a week and had two classes with a total of 16 students.
- In 2006-2007 we added a Kindergarten class, along with three Preschool classes and enrolled 30 students.
- 2007-2008 - We're proud to become St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Elementary School and are able to offer preK-3 through 3rd grade with over 50 students attending.
- 2008-2009 – 4th grade was added and we have 82 students enrolled.
- 2009-2010 – We continue to grow with 98 students, and 5th grade has been added this year.

<http://www.sborromeo.org/school/aboutus-history.html>

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Religious Education

St. Charles Borromeo, after realizing that little children didn't know the faith, founded CCD. He would be very proud of our CCD program, 88 students attend Sunday morning classes, 80 students attend Wednesday evening classes. There are 47 students in the Edge “junior high” program and 65 students are enrolled in our Confirmation program.

Our parish also offers Sunday morning Bible study and RCIA for adults.



St. Charles Borromeo Burial Place



On September 21, 1751, his body was transferred from the metropolitan cathedral of Milan to a chapel built by Count Renato Borromeo in piazza S. Maria Podone, Milan.

