



Community Organizing at St. Charles

What It's All About:

St. Charles is a member of the Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee, a group of 26 Oklahoma City churches (6 are Catholic) and institutions, which have joined together to provide a voice, informed by faith, to speak the needs of our congregations to our elected public servants.

Pope Benedict xvi:

“For believers, the world derives neither from blind chance nor from strict necessity, but from God’s plan. This is what gives rise to the duty of believers to unite their efforts with those of all men and women of good will, with the followers of other religions and with non-believers, so that this world of ours may effectively correspond to the divine plan: living as a family under the Creator’s watchful eye.” *Caritas in Veritate* (29 June 2009), 57

Important Dates:

Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m., Beckman Hall

St. Charles Informational Meeting:

Come to this introductory meeting for this important parish project. House meetings, the answers to all your questions, and more!

Weekend of September 12-13 at All Masses:

Kick-Off for Community Organizing at St. Charles and Sign-Ups for House Meetings in the Parish

Why We're Involved:

“After completing Just Faith in 2007, I became more aware of the Church’s teaching on social justice. I see the Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee as a way to proactively help families in Oklahoma City, especially those just hanging on, and hopefully reduce the need for charity in our community.” Matt Krodel

“I have worked here for St. Charles for almost 25 years now and my failure for most of my years in my ministry was the inability to get our parish involved in going beyond hand-outs to the poor. It is important to feed and clothe the poor, but we are also called to walk beside them, encourage them and assist them in reaching a higher level of existence...maybe even stepping out and living beyond day-to-day. But it makes us feel good to give them something...it is harder to help change our environment that traps them and us in this cycle. I realize I can’t change the world but I can certainly work on my city, with my people and neighbors to make our little bit of life better for each of us. I want OKC to be the best place to live for my family and all of yours!” Margaret Phipps