

Love Advent

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving message of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments, Prayer and Service to others.

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MASSES

Saturday, December 17, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Kathleen Cox

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

 7:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the De Wispeleare
 † & Needham Families

9:00 a.m. Larry Kuntz

11:00 a.m. † Judy Auer

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Monday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Ann Tippman Reitz

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

 8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Laux & Minick
 Families

6:30 p.m. † John Kuhn

Tuesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

 6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the
 Missler & Gonda Families

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

 8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the
 Virginia Marcenzo & Chickeno Families

6:30 p.m. † Tom Steele

Wednesday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday, St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

 6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the William F.
 Martin Family

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:15 a.m. † Amber Firestine

6:30 p.m. † Louis B. Schneider

Thursday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Peter Johnston

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:15 a.m. † Alicia Eaton

6:30 p.m. † Elisa Tiglao

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday, St. John of Kanty, Priest

 6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the
 Grace Leinweber Family

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:15 a.m. † Elaine Baumgartner

2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. † Vivian Welch

7:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:15 a.m. † John Stody

Saturday, December 24, Vigil, Christmas

4:00 p.m. † Margaret Fortier

 6:30 p.m. † Msgr. Edward Hession &
 Msgr. John Suelzer

12:00 a.m. † Ed Morris

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

 7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

9:00 a.m. † Deceased of the Robert Barrand Family

11:00 a.m. † Suzanne Tippmann

 5:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18

Sun., Dec. 18: Is 7.10-14/Rom 1.1-7/Mt 1.18-24

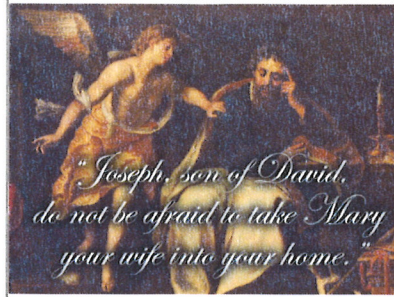
Mon., Dec. 19: Jgs 13.2-7,24-25a/Lk 1.5-25

Tues., Dec. 20: Is 7.10-14/Lk 1.26-38

Wed., Dec. 21: Sg 2.8-14/Lk 1.39-45

Thurs., Dec. 22: 1 Sm 1/24-28/Lk 1.46-56

Fri., Dec. 23: Mal 3.1-4,23-24/Lk 1.57-66


**Fourth Sunday
Of Advent
Welcoming Light**
Reading I

 Isaiah 7.10-14
 (Birth of Emmanuel)

Reading II

 Romans 1.1-7
 (Greetings from Paul)

Gospel

 Matthew 1.18-24
 (The birth of Jesus)

Key Passage: When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Adult: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

Child: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

Saturday, December 24

 4:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Sara Bentz, Roby Kaufman, Beth Miller, Kate Sweigert

Altar Servers: Katie Keefer, Colin Lytle,
 Charlotte Sweigert

Lectors: Donna Kaiser, Martin Sweigert

Sacristan: Darlene Simpson

 6:30 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Kate Jones, Matt Smith, Patty Sosenheimer,
(1 Volunteer Needed)
Altar Servers: Allie Hofrichter, Andrew Jacob,
 Danny Jacob

Lectors: Steve Harper, Rita Barile

Sacristan: Christy Jacob

 Midnight **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Carmen Crabill, Claudia Crabill, Sr. Imelda
 Effiong, Edward Koors (C Carolyn Tyndall)

Altar Servers: Matthew Bulanda

Lectors: Mary Lou Morris,
(Volunteer Needed)
Sacristan: Tina Schneider

Sunday, December 25

 9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Tom Ade **(3 Volunteers Needed)**
(EMHC Captain Volunteer Needed)
Altar Servers: **(3 Altar Servers Needed)**
Lectors: Dennis Redding, Kitten Pratt

Sacristan: Jose Castillo Romero

 11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Tes Sanderlin **(2 Volunteers Needed)**
(EMHS Captain Volunteer Needed)
Altar Servers: **(Volunteers Needed)**
Lectors: Tara Christen, Beau Strack

Sacristan: Darlene Simpson

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

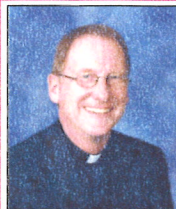
Sat., Dec. 24: Vigil-Is 62.1-5/Acts 13.16-17,22-25/Mt 1.1-15

Night: Is 9.1-6/Ti 2.11-14/Lk 2.1-14

Dawn: Is 62.11-12/Ti 3.4-7/Lk 2.15-20

Day: Is 52.7-10/Heb 1.1-6/Jn 1.1-18

A Mass is now being offered at the Parkview Medical Center Hospital Chapel at 9:00 p.m. on Sundays for workers who otherwise are not able to attend scheduled parish Masses on the weekend.



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Next week, we will celebrate Christmas. Our Masses will begin on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and Midnight. On Christmas morning, Masses are at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. With Christmas falling on a Sunday, there is only one Mass obligation; any of these five Masses will count for both

Christmas and Sunday. Please invite family and friends to join us. We would love to have a full church for all of our Masses.

There are still many opportunities for confessions this week. St. Jude will have a Penance Service at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening and St. John, New Haven at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening. At St. Charles, we have confessions this week Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. We will also have confessions Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. until all are done and Friday afternoon from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. We will not offer confessions on Saturday afternoon.

When our church renovation was done, some flaws remained in the terrazzo floors. While most are pretty minor, there are some shallow ruts in the main aisle that are obvious enough to show up in wedding photos. The terrazzo workers are going to be here the week after Christmas to grind and pour some new terrazzo. Because of the work in progress, the church won't be available from Dec. 26 until Dec. 31. We will place an altar in the Gathering Space and offer our daily Masses there, just as we did during the renovation. The church will also not be available for funerals that week. If there is a need, we will borrow a neighboring church, as we did with funerals during the renovation.

The diocese is sponsoring an Andrew Dinner, to be held here at St. Charles on January 3, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Any young men aged 16 and over who would like to hear more about the priesthood and seminary are very welcome. Contact me at fathertom@scbfw.org or Father Koehl at fatherkoehl@scbfw.org and we will make your reservation.

The Cupertino Classic is an annual basketball game in which our young priests compete with our seminarians. This year it will be played at St. Joe H.S. in South Bend on December 27, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free for this fun event. [The basketball series is named after St. Joseph of Cupertino, an Italian friar who had the gift of levitation. He could fly.]

St. Charles is honored to host a Diocesan Eucharistic Conference on Saturday, January 14. Bishop Rhoades will lead this Saturday event, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. The day will include Mass, talks on the Eucharist, question and answer time with Bishop Rhoades, and lunch. You can register on the diocesan website at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist. I would advise not waiting too long to register....Registration is limited to 1000 people.

Fr. Tom

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD.

CATHOLIC FAITH TOPICS is a program focused on explaining our Catholic faith to those who don't know her teachings. This will equip you with the Scriptural evidence that supports Catholic teaching. The sessions will start with a 30 to 40 min. talk and then an open Q&A. There are five different presenters including Fr. Tom and Fr. Koehl. It will take place on the second Tuesday evening of every month in rooms C & D in the Hession center, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please join us for all the sessions or just those subjects that interest you. The schedule is:



- Jan. 17 Eucharist: Body, Blood, Sole and Divinity of Jesus Christ.
- Feb. 14 Salvation: Is It Faith Alone or Did God Give Us More?
- Mar. 14 Communion of Saints: The Workings of the Body of Christ.
- Apr. 11 Catholic Moral Teachings: Why the Church Doesn't Change with the Times.
- May 9 Mary: The Ark of the Covenant, Perpetual Virgin, and Queen of Heaven.
- May 16 Mary: The New Eve, Mary's Sinlessness and Mother of God.

OPLATEK

The Polish Christmas Wafer, is available again this year. Please stop by the Parish Office to pick up the wafers. (\$2.00 per package, three to a pack). Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



Borromeo Bash is February 4th! We have an ambitious goal of \$85,000! We are confident with this generous parish and school families we will accomplish that goal! We are still looking for both live and silent auction items and of course gift cards! If anyone has a time share or vacation home, or a fun experience or another idea or something for our silent auction, please reach out to

borromeobash@gmail.com or a committee member or on Facebook.

The SCRIP office has designed a special form to make it easy to donate to Borromeo Bash, the colored form is available where SCRIP is sold and attached to the newsletter. Fill out the form and they will get the SCRIP to Borromeo Bash.

We will once again be playing the popular punch game and this year will be adding a couple new games with prizes of bourbon and jewelry. We are excited for the fifth year of this great event with fellowship with our church and school families and friends.

A THANK YOU FROM ST. PATRICK'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for your generosity with the Giving Tree where Saint Patrick's Food Pantry was blessed with a truckload and half of food and toiletries. We also appreciate your weekly food gifts. The community of our neighbors will be most appreciative. May God bless you.

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. Next class is Wednesday, March 8, 2023.





SCRIP NEWS

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse is now available from **SCRIP**! This card is a multiple-restaurant gift certificate that also can be used at Cheesecake Factory, Cracker Barrel, Red Robin, and Red Lobster. This is a great gift idea for family or friends that like to eat at a variety of restaurants or when you can't make up your mind! It is available in \$25 denominations and earns an 8% profit. Make sure to pick up a recent order form and see all the new retailers!

Only 4 **SCRIP** shopping days left!

OPEN! Mon. through Thurs., Dec. 19-22: **SCRIP** office is open 8:30 a.m. to noon in the parish office basement. Pickup is available until 4:30 p.m. at the Parish Office. Orders will be filled with available inventory on hand.

CLOSED! Fri., Dec. 23rd through Mon., Jan. 2nd: **SCRIP** will be closed from this Friday through Monday, January 2nd. Make sure to stock up on gas and grocery cards so you have enough on hand to make it until 2023. The **SCRIP** office will open on Tuesday, January 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

Online Customer Tip: E-cards can be sent as a gift via email through the RaiseRight app or website. This is a great (last-minute) way to get gift cards to loved ones without using snail mail. After you enter the amount of the e-card, make sure to check the box "Send as a Gift by Email" *before* you add it to your cart. You will be asked if you want to deliver it now or choose a later date. Choosing a later date is nice so you can buy it now, but have it received on Christmas, a birthday, or anniversary in the future. You will then be prompted to enter the recipient's email address and a note from you. After you have saved the information, checkout as usual. The recipient will get an email with instructions on how to redeem the e-card. This can also be used to get **SCRIP** e-cards to family away at college or even out shopping when you can't be with them.

Borromeo Bash needs gift cards for their games on February 4th. **SCRIP** has a special green order form you can use for your donation. Or, add a card to your own order and include a note indicating which cards you are donating. We will make sure it gets sent to the Borromeo Bash and you earn the credit.

To place your order, call 260-969-4027 or email scrip@scbfw.org. You can also send in your order with your school student. We are in the office weekday mornings until noon to serve you, and you can pick up your order at the Parish Office until 4:30 pm. Check out our order form online at www.StCharlesFortWayne.org/scrip

Volunteers:

Mon, Dec. 19 – **Classroom Delivery:** Christine Wulpi & Jamie Wyss

Sat/Sun, Dec. 24/25 – Merry Christmas (no sales)

Sat/Sun, Dec. 31/Jan. 1 – Happy New Year (no sales)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Religious Gives Thanks

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests.

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE SITE FOR DECEMBER: ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH, CHURUBUSCO



Each month, you are invited to take a self-guided pilgrimage to a site of Eucharistic significance in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The December pilgrimage site is St. John Bosco Parish in Churubusco, a parish whose patron had a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Pilgrims are invited to download a pilgrimage passport at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist and self "stamp" the passport each time you visit a site. When six sites have been visited, bring the passport to Divine Mercy Gifts in South Bend or to [Good Shepherd Books & Gifts](http://GoodShepherdBooks.com) in Fort Wayne to receive a free gift!

EUCCHARISTIC SAINT FOR DECEMBER BLESSED NIELS STENSEN WAS

Born to a Lutheran family in 1638, Blessed Niels Stensen was a famous scientist. As an adult, he specialized in medicine, particularly in the new science of anatomy. He discovered new organs and glands in the bodies of both animals and human beings. He is renowned for his work on the human brain, providing the basis for research throughout the following 200 years. His attendance at a Corpus Christi procession in 1666 moved him to consider Catholicism. After a thorough examination of the original Hebrew and Greek texts of the Bible, he wrote, "I became deeply convinced of the truth of what the Catholics [believe about the Holy Eucharist]". He converted to the Catholic faith and was ordained a priest in 1675, and later a bishop. There is only one human response to the self-giving love which shows itself on the cross and lives in the Church as the true bread of humanity," he wrote. "The more we discover and say "yes" to this love, the less do we remain as merely ourselves. The love of Christ urges us on." He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988. His feast day is Dec. 5. Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

EUCCHARISTIC REFLECTION FOR DECEMBER THANKSGIVING AND WORSHIP

The word "Eucharist" literally means "thanksgiving." To give thanks properly, we should take a full, conscious, and active part in the liturgical celebration. We need to be conscious of the gift we have received, a gift that is none other than the Lord Himself in His act of self-giving. We become conscious of this gift when we actively engage our minds, hearts, and bodies to every part of the liturgy, allowing God through the words, actions, gestures, and even the moments of silence to speak to us. We actively and consciously participate by giving our full attention to the words being spoken in the prayers and the Scriptures, even if we have heard them hundreds of times before. We do so also by listening to the homily and reflecting upon how the Lord may be speaking to us through his ordained minister. We actively give thanks when we join in singing and in the responses; when we kneel, stand, and sit; and when we pay attention to the liturgical seasons where the entire history of what God has done for us, in and through His Son, is revealed to us. Our gratitude is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta reportedly once said: "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. Read this and each month's full reflection at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

ST. CHARLES VOCATION COMMITTEE Volunteers Are Welcomed for the Vocation Crucifix

Stop asking for a sign and become one. Consider becoming a Priest or Religious (Isaiah 7.10-14)

It's simple and rewarding. A family or individual will take the Vocation crucifix home for a week and pray daily for vocations! Prayer book is included. Return the vocation crucifix to church the next weekend. A reminder letter will be sent. Sign up book is in the Gathering Space. Volunteers are needed for **December & January**.





COME CELEBRATE AT ST. CHARLES THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!

RECONCILIATION

This Week

Monday thru Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 22 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 23 - 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass

Prelude begins at 3:30 p.m.

Music by St. Charles Chamber Choir and the
Jaenicke Woodwind Quintet

6:30 p.m. Mass (Incense Will Be Used)

Prelude begins at 6:15 p.m.

Music by The Parish Children's Choir

Midnight Mass (Incense Will Be Used)

Prelude begins at 11:35 p.m.

Music by the St. Charles Adult Choir
and Brass Quartet

CHRISTMAS DAY

No 7:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass

Prelude music will begin at 8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Mass

Prelude Music will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Choir

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on
Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26

Hope you enjoy the time with your family!

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December 12

REBECCA BUCHANAN



Christmas Caroling

all are welcome

7-9 pm on Thursday, December 22nd
Join us in spreading some Christmas cheer to the neighborhoods around St. Charles Parish. We will end the evening with cookies & hot cocoa!

Info & Sign-up
www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/carol

MEN'S REKINDLE THE FIRE CONFERENCE

Join over 1,000 men at our 2023 **Rekindle the Fire Catholic Men's Conference on February 18**, at the **South Bend Century Center**. This year's conference will be one of the most talked about, with three of the most dynamic speakers to date. This year the men of Rekindle will hear from **Chris Stefanick, Jason Evert, and Paul Kim**. Seats are limited and will SELL OUT. Go to rekindlethefire.net to order your ticket today. Receive a \$5 discount through December 31, and students are ½ price. If you have any questions or want to sponsor this amazing conference, please email us at rekindlethefiremen@gmail.com.

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BDHS Alumni



Do you have news to share? Perhaps an address update, job change, marriage, or birth announcement? Please let us know by using this link: <http://www.bishopdwenger.com/Address-and-News-Updates> Also, if your high school graduating class year ended in a "3" or "8," then your class should be gathering

for a reunion in 2023! If you or someone you know is planning a class reunion, please contact Ingrid (Tippmann) Nicholson at inicholson@bishopdwenger.com. Thank you!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022

Saturday, December 31, 2022 is the deadline for receiving 2022 contributions to be credited to your 2022 record. Please place your contributions in the collection basket, or drop off any donations you wish credited for the year 2022 to the Parish Office before this deadline. Checks need to be dated in the year 2022.

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