

CHRISTMAS *Blessings*

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

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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Bishop of Fort Wayne/South Bend

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MASSES

Saturday, December 23, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Elaine Baumgartner

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Msgr. Edward Hession

11:00 a.m. † Fr. Philip DeVolder

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

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. † Margaret Lynch-Fortier

6:30 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Midnight † Ed Dobosz

† Ed Morris

Monday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

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

11:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the DeWispeleare & Needham Families

Tuesday, December 26, St. Stephen, the First Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Rose Marie Hegge

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

8:15 a.m. † John Stody

6:30 p.m. † Dick Borden

Wednesday, December 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:15 a.m. † Msgr. John Suelzer

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

8:15 a.m. † Conrad Cierniak

6:30 p.m. † Thomas & Mary Alice Kleber

Thursday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:15 a.m. † Henrietta Trentadue

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

8:15 a.m. † Darrell Vande Zande

6:30 p.m. † Karen Schleinkofer

Friday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Freddie Samuel

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

8:15 a.m. † Zoe Haas

6:30 p.m. † Fred Tone

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

8:15 a.m. † Veronica Bartoch

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

Saturday, December 30, Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00 p.m. † Marie Dunderman

Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Anna Kumbakkeel

11:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Walter & Rowe Families

5:00 p.m. † Gene Tippmann

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

Sun., Dec. 24:2 Sm 7.1-5,9-11,16/Rom 16.25-27/Lk 1.26-38

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

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

Day:Is 52.7-10/Heb 1/1-6/Jn 1.1-18

Tues., December 26:Acts 6.8-10;7/54-59/Mt 10.17-22

Wed., December 27:1 Jn 1.1-4/Jn 20.1a,2-8

Thurs., December 28:1 Jn 1.5-2.2/Mt 2.13-18

Fri., December 29:1 Jn 1.3-11/Lk 2.22-35

Sat., December 30:1 Jn 2.12-17/Lk 2.36-40

*"Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you
have found favor
with God."*

Fourth Sunday
Of Advent

Acceptance of
God's Will

Reading I

2 Samuel 7.1-5,8b-12,14a,16
(The Lord's promises to David)

Reading II

Romans 16.25-27
(Doxology)

Gospel

Luke 1.26-38
(The Annunciation of the Lord))

Key Passage: Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Adult: When have you followed the example of Mary and said, "Let it be done to me as you say?"

Child: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Roby Kaufman, Edward Koors, Kathy O'Neil,
Laura Underwood, Emily Walden

Altar Servers: Lorenzo Escueta, Justin Johnson, Maeve Miltner

Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek

Sacristan: Rachele Harkenrider

Sunday, December 31

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Judy Sherron, Anne Tinkel
(2 Volunteers Needed)
(C Maggie Kleber)

Altar Servers: Henry Gabet, Joey Gabet, Andrew Jacob

Lectors: Susie Hague, Chris Stock

Sacristan: Judy Sherron

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Katie Eckrich, Sr. Imelda Effiong, Lee & Trinh Ly, John Magsam, Kate Sweigert
(C Kathy Vande Zande)

Altar Servers: Sophia Crates, Marilyn Finley, Jillian Scherschel

Lectors: Ann Isch, Mary Lou Morris

Sacristan: Joe & Maria Eifrid

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Sarah Brust, Edwin Capuyan, Claudia Crabill, Teresa Michel, Jerry & Sharon Nuerge
(C Norma Baisinger)

Altar Servers: Ronnie Buskirk, Kathryn Henry, Maya Rivera

Lectors: Benjamin Franke, Beau Strack

Sacristan: Julie Weingartner

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Sara Bentz, Malachi Palumbo, Tom Pyc
(1 Sub Needed) (Teresa Burke)

Altar Servers: Audrey Rottinger, Charles Tippmann **(1 Sub Requested)**

Lectors: Nathan Pillie, Retta Kohrman

Sacristan: Lynn Adamson



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

"It is a good and holy thought to pray for the dead." (2 Maccabees 12)
We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of **Larry Rose**.



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We welcome the guests and relatives who join us this weekend for our great celebrations of Christmas. Together we welcome Jesus into our world, and individually we each welcome Jesus into our lives. For any guests who do not have a church home, you are most welcome to consider joining us at St. Charles. Give us a call or go to our parish website, stcharlesfortwayne.org. The website has a lot of information about the parish as well as a registration form to join the parish and information for anyone who might want to consider becoming Catholic.

For a priest, Advent is a whirlwind season of confessions. I have heard confessions this season at St. Therese, St. Jude, St. Vincent, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John New Haven, St. Anthony in Angola, and Bishop Dwenger. Fr. Bobby and Fr. James would have similar lists. Here at St. Charles, in addition to our six hours of confessions each week, we had First Reconciliation for our second graders, Confessions for our school students and our Religious Education students, and an evening Parish Penance Service. We were blessed by the fifteen different priests who came to help us. The Church has a great gift in this Sacrament of Healing.

January 1 is a Holy Day, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. While this is usually a Holy Day of Obligation, this is one of those days which our bishops determined would have no obligation if it falls on a Saturday or Monday. We will honor Mary, the Mother of God at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 31, and our only Mass on Jan. 1, at 8:15 a.m.

We received word this week of a generous bequest from the Estate of Joe and Dene Dahm, given to the St. Charles Canter/Hession Endowment. This endowment fund is used for tuition assistance in our school. Please remember Joe and Dene in prayer.

Finally, knowing that Christmas is such an important time for families to gather and to express their love, let us offer prayer this weekend for all families. For most of us, it is in the family that we are brought to the faith and it is in the family that we learn to love. May Christ be at the center of our families. The Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated next weekend.

Fr. Tom

Volunteer Opportunity

Science Fair Judges Needed - The traditional St. Charles Borromeo School, in-person, board-with-presentation, Science Fair is back! This means that 40-50 volunteers are needed as judges! The St. Charles School Science Fair is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024. All judging will start at 8:15 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. Depending on presentations, we might end early. Lunch will be available for judges. Anyone interested in helping to judge the science fair, please click on this QR code and complete the Google form. All judges must have a current background check completed with the parish/school within the last 4 years. This can be done on the school website at <https://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/safe-environment-certification>. If you have any questions about judging, please contact the school at schooloffice@stcharlesschoolfw.org. Thank you for helping to bring back this wonderful tradition!



O God, Who's mighty Son was born in Bethlehem those days long ago, lead us to that same poor place Mary laid her tiny Child. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. And as we look in wonder and praise, make us welcome Him in all new life, see Him in the poor and care for His handiwork; the earth, sky and sea. O God, awaken in our hearts, love and gratitude for your infinite goodness and give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

Merry Christmas from Walking with Mom's in Need

Please pray for the following members of our parish community who will soon marry.

II Shea Odle—Drew Steenport



**ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN
DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD**

The Vocations Office is hosting two Andrew Dinners for young men ages 16 to 30 to learn more about Seminary and the Priesthood. The dinners will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, January 4**, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, with Holy Hour beginning at 5:00 p.m., and on **Friday, January 5**, at St. Pius X in Granger, with Holy Hour beginning at 5:00 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. RSVP is required by Wednesday, December 27 at diocesefwsb.org/discern-priesthood or call 260-422-4611.

**HASA 300 CLUB 2023-2024 \$ 150.00
December 18**

JEFF & CAITLIN LONGBERRY

Create a Legacy of Hope

The **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** invites you to join them in building a **Legacy of Hope** by praying for the success of their capital campaign. Funds will help to serve more families, promote self-sufficiency, and create equity for those in need by making improvements to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store downtown. Learn more and donate at svdpsfw.org. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ by helping those most vulnerable in your community.



**ADORATION & BENEDICTION
December 29**

Rosary—6:00 p.m.

Mass—6:30 p.m.

**Adoration and Benediction
7:30 p.m.**

During a Holy Hour, our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and love for the poor more compassionate.

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



RECONCILIATION

This Week
Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 28, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Mass

Prelude begins at 3:30 p.m.

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

Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/PTQXLpxsexE>

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

Prelude begins at 6:15 p.m.

Music by The St. Charles Children's Choir

Midnight Mass (Incense Will Be Used)

Prelude begins at 11:30 p.m.

Music by the St. Charles Adult Choir

Strings and Brass

CHRISTMAS DAY

No 7:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass

Music by Cantor and Organ will begin at 8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Mass

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

Contemporary Choir

Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/Xs332USBb1s>

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26

Hope you enjoy the time with your family!



Be a Saint, Apply Now!

Bishop Dwenger High School new student enrollment is open for the Class of 2028! Now through January 15, all students can apply to become a Saint! Continue your Catholic education by attending Bishop Dwenger. Founded on the four pillars of spirituality, service, academics, and active, all students are taught be "Citizens of Two World" by embracing a college preparatory curriculum rooted in the Catholic Faith. Join the Class of 2028 today by going to **bishopdwenger.com** > **Menu button (top right)** > **Admissions** > **New Student Application**. All applications are completed online through the link provided on the page. In honor of the school's 60th Anniversary, the registration fee is waived through February 1. If you have any questions regarding Admissions or want to learn more about what Bishop Dwenger has to offer, contact the Admissions Coordinator, Cindy Johnson at 260-496-4703 or at cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com.

Open Positions at BDHS

Bishop Dwenger currently has open positions for employment. If interested, get more details on the school's website at: <https://www.bishopdwenger.com/employment>. Consider joining the Dwenger Family!

- Head Tennis Coach
- Full Time Maintenance/Custodian
- Math Maternity Leave (March-May)
- Cafeteria Help
- Bus Driver

Kingdom Builders is hiring
a Development Director!

This part-time position propels Kingdom Builders as we build an army of adorers. We're seeking a trust-worthy, organized lover of Jesus, who is tech-savvy and passionate about building and maintaining relationships.

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Sponsor of the Week

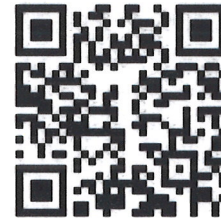
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The *Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend, Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers High Schools* are excited to share an important opportunity that could significantly benefit our students and the community. As we navigate the ever-evolving landscape of education, it is essential to prepare our students for the workforce effectively. To this end, we are exploring the possibility of opening a Catholic Focused Career Tech Academy in our area.

Your insights and opinions will be vital in making informed decisions regarding St. Joseph the Worker Career Technical Academy. We want to ensure that any educational endeavors align closely with the needs and aspirations of our church community and its families.

Scan this QR code and take a few minutes to complete our survey! Your responses are completely confidential!

Please share this and encourage your friends, family, neighbors and fellow parish families to participate. Together, we can help shape the future of Catholic education!



CUPERTINO CLASSIC:

PRIESTS V. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

The annual Cupertino Classic priests vs. seminarians basketball game will take place on **Wednesday, December 27**, at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne. Join us for this great night of Catholic fellowship to encounter vocations and enjoy the game! The day kicks off with Mass at 3:45 p.m. in the Queen of All Saints Chapel, located in Bishop Dwenger High School. Adoration will follow Mass until 6:00 p.m. Tipoff is at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to this free family-friendly event. Please pray for continued vocations to the priesthood. For more information, visit diocesefwsb.org/Cupertino.

SIGN UP NOW TO TAKE HOME THE ST. CHARLES VOCATION CROSS Months of DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sign-up book is located in the Gathering Space.

Each Sunday a family, couple, or individual will come forward during the Parish Vocation Prayer to receive the "Vocation Cross and A Special Book of Vocation Prayers" written for each day of the week. In taking the cross, they commit themselves to pray during the week to encourage more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The Vocation Cross would need to be returned to the Sacristy before the following weekends Masses.



Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them.



BORROMEO BASH

Dear Friend of St. Charles Borromeo Parish & School,

We are pleased to announce that the 6th annual Borromeo Bash will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Ceruti's. This past February, as a school and parish community, we gathered together for a delightful evening of food and fellowship, while successfully raising over \$72,000. Thank you to all, who through your generosity and kindness, have continued to support the needs of our school's students, faculty, staff and all our parishioners!

Borromeo Bash, through your kindness, has raised approximately \$385,000 over the past five years. We have also been blessed that many of our planned projects utilized matching funds or additional grants from an influx of State and/or Federal funds received during the Covid years. This unforeseen funding led to projects being completed at lower than expected costs to the parish. The computer lab, improved security system, high efficiency lighting, and more - all would not have been possible without the Borromeo Bash. Instead of spending frivolously, the Borromeo Bash Committee held onto the funds until we could properly channel money towards other needed projects - for instance, after an unforeseen delay last year, new school windows are finally in the works!

Our current BB balance sits at just over \$235,000, of which, with additional funds from BB 2024 in February, we hope to put \$250,000 towards the school window replacement project, then turn further attention and proceeds towards a school restroom refreshing/renovation. As good stewards of your generosity, we are committed to helping the school and Parish grow with an eye towards the future.

Fr. Tom has contracted with MARTINRILEY architects * engineers (MRae) to replace all the circa 1970s curtain wall systems with a modern and more energy-efficient wall system. We would like to increase the amount of vision glass within each classroom and have at least one operable window for egress in each classroom. The preliminary construction budget range, based upon previous proposals, will run from \$600,000 - \$900,000 for all windows replaced along the main hallway from the office to the end of junior high. The proposed schedule of work and deadlines for the Window Replacement/Façade Update are as follows:

- Field Work and Data Collection Mid-October 2023 - *Begun*
- Schematic Design with Owner Early November 2023
- 90% Review with Owner Early December 2023
- Construction Documents 100% Complete Late December 2023
 - Construction Substantially Complete End of Summer Break 2024
- Invitation to Bid Early January 2024
- Pre-Bid Meeting Mid-January 2024
- Bid Opening Late January 2024
- Construction Start Beginning Summer Break 2024

Our Borromeo Bash Committee is again seeking individual and corporate sponsorships, and collecting items for both Silent and Live Auctions. As a Borromeo Bash donor, your kindness will help the school and Parish, and you will gain direct visibility with the 2,100 families within our community and receive recognition in multiple ways.

Opportunities for Borromeo Bash sponsorships are:

Royal Flush Sponsor	\$5000	Full page ad in program, Individual signage at event, Logo on event website, and reserved table.*
Four Aces Sponsor	\$3500+	Full Page ad in the program, on event website, as well as 10 dinner tickets. * <i>This donation can be designated in partnership with the committee to potentially help sponsor an Event Activity, Prize or a Live Auction Donation Drive.</i>
Four of a Kind Sponsor	\$2000	Half page ad in program, Logo on event website, and reserved table. *
Full House Sponsor	\$1300	Quarter page ad in program, Logo on event website, and 4 dinner tickets. **
Teacher Recognition Sponsor	\$750	Sponsor complimentary tickets for St. Charles teachers. Includes logo in program, on event website and at a teacher table as well as 2 dinner tickets for the donor. **
Two of a Kind Sponsor	\$250	Logo in program and on event website.

* Reserved Table includes 10 seats.

** Additional Pre-Sale Tickets are available at time of initial donation for sponsorship levels of \$750+ (\$85/Seat Pre-Sale Price)

To set up a sponsorship online, visit our website at bidpal.net/BorromeoBash. You can request an invoice by sending email to BorromeoBash@gmail.com, or mailing the enclosed form.

You can also support Borromeo Bash by donating items from our auction wish list below (or other items you consider interesting and valuable). All auction donations will be acknowledged in the event program.



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We greatly appreciate any sponsorship or donations you can provide. **For sponsorships and donations to be acknowledged in event materials, the transaction or a commitment for a January 2024 transaction must be made by December 31, 2023.** Because St. Charles is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, your donation may be tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to St. Charles Borromeo School, c/o Borromeo Bash, 4910 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815; or a committee member will gladly pick up donations. You can arrange pick-up by sending email to BorromeoBash@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Borromeo Bash committee, thank you for your support and may God Bless you.

Father Tom Shoemaker
Parish Pastor

Rob Sordelet
School Principal

Chris & Roby Kaufman
2024 Chairs

Casino tables are for entertainment purposes only, and free and open to the public.

** Subject to state and local restrictions.*



Borromeo Bash Gift Cards needed! Any denomination accepted. Looking for carwash, restaurants, retail stores, VISA Gift Cards, etc. If you have questions about what is needed don't be afraid to ask, by sending an email to borromeobash@gmail.com. Our many parents and parishioners are connected to many local businesses so we encourage you to support them where you can. If you don't know where to go, visit the bidpal site and make a cash donation or send a check in made out to St. Charles School c/o Borromeo Bash with your student in an envelope marked BBASH. The online site to donate is: <https://one.bidpal.net/borromeobash/browse/donation>

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