

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

And raising his
eyes toward his
disciples he said:
“Blessed are you
who are poor,
for the kingdom
of God is yours.”

Luke 6:20

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades,
Bishop of Fort Wayne/South Bend
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MASSES

Saturday, February 15, Vigil, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Robert, Donna & Mark Murphy

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Lauer Family

11:00 a.m. † Walter & Nellie Wood

5:00 p.m. † Bernice Cielec

Monday, February 17, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Timothy Kelly

8:15 a.m. † Richard Love

6:30 p.m. † Arlene O'Connell

Tuesday, February 18, Weekday

6:15 a.m. Special Intention of Dolores Kindred

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

8:15 a.m. † Sandy Palmersheim

6:30 p.m. † Donna Dent

Wednesday, February 19, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Joe Kraft

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

8:15 a.m. † Albert Gillig

6:30 p.m. † Vicki Sue Miller

Thursday, February 20, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Cynthia Maguire

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

8:15 a.m. † Frederic Walter

6:30 p.m. † Marilyn Mae Maher

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, February 21, Weekday, St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Mary Ann Schneider

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

8:15 a.m. † Edward Muhlenkamp

6:30 p.m. † Anthony Vince

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour & Benediction

Saturday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:15 a.m. † Kathryn Current

2:30 p.m. Wedding - Federspiel—Keasey

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

Saturday, February 22, Vigil, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Eric Anthony

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Sally Miller

9:00 a.m. † Matt Woodrum

11:00 a.m. † Dennis Cuney

5:00 p.m. † For Our Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

Sun., Feb. 16: Jer 17.5-8/1 Cor 15.12,16-20/Lk 6.17,20-26

Mon., Feb. 17: Gn 4.1-15,25/Mk 8.11-13

Tues., Feb. 18: Gn 6.5-8;7.1-5,10/Mk 8.14-21

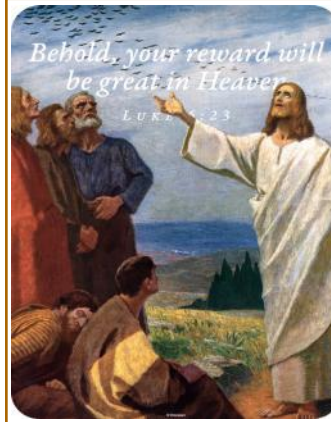
Wed., Feb. 19: Gn 8.6-13,20-22/Mk 8.22-26

Thurs., Feb. 20: Gn 9.1-13/Mk 8.27-33

Fri., Feb. 21: Gn 11.1-9/Mk 8.34-9.1

Sat., Feb. 22: 1 Pt 5.1-4/Mt 16.13-19

CONFESSIONS AT ST. CHARLES IN THE CHAPEL
Monday thru Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m. until last heard
Saturday—2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reaching Out to Others

Reading I

1 Jeremiah 17.5-8
(True Wisdom)

Reading II

1 Corinthians 15.12,16-20
(The Resurrection and Faith)

Gospel:

Luke 6.17,20-26
(The Great Discourse)

Key Passage: And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."

Adult: In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did?

Child: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

Saturday, February 22

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Kathy O'Neil, Chuck Smith, Emily Walden,
Kirk & Lisa York

Altar Servers: Hunter Carteaux,
Justin Johnson, Rebecca Kaufman

Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta

Lectors: Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandall

Sacristan: Cheryl Morello

Sunday, February 23

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Cheryl Prater, Judy Sherron, Mona Sproat,
C.J. Steigmeyer, Max Tinkel
(C Susie Hague)

Altar Servers: Luka Bacak, Ayden Denney,
Danny Jacob

Lector: Susie Hague, Barb Hartman.

Sacristan: Christy Jacob

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Lee Ly, Mike & Susan Maskal, Dan Vought, Sr.
(2 Subs Requested)
(C Jan Hoy)

Altar Servers: Elaine Coleman,
Sophia Crates, Claire Wulpi

Master of Ceremonies: Jillian Scherschel

Lectors: Lynda Houk, Mary Lou Morris

Sacristan: Ann Isch

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Sarah Brust, Teresa Michel, Kelly Tippmann,
Jerry & Sharon Nuerge, Tim Miller
(C Thomas Auer)

Altar Servers: Abby Hasselschwert,
Christian Koehler, Zack Tippmann

Master of Ceremonies: Will Hasselschwert

Lectors: Benjamin Franke, Beau Strack

Sacristan: Rachele Harkenrider

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
John Rorick, Debbie Stevens
(2 Volunteer Needed)
(C Teresa Burke)

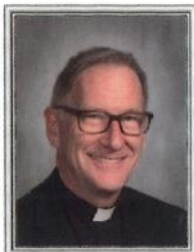
Altar Servers: Bryson Merrell, David Morris,
Declan Tippmann

Master of Ceremonies: Rafael J. Cucueco

Lectors: Steve Horine, Anna Laisure

Sacristan: Carolyn Tyndall

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Lent is just two and a half weeks away. Now is the time to start thinking about it. We want to be sure that this will be a sacred season and that we'll grow in our lives of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As I mentioned in last week's column, we are planning on offering Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the daily Mass chapel on Wednesday of Lent from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. We will need at least two people committed to be here each hour on Wednesdays. There is an electronic sign-up on the very top of our parish website homepage, stcharlesfortwayne.org. We will also have sign-up sheets in the back of church beginning this weekend. I encourage those who are able to choose an hour for each Wednesday of Lent.

Another Lenten prayer suggestion: I have been told that the podcast "The Rosary in a Year" has been a great way to deepen the life of prayer. It is produced by Ascension Press and easy to find on the internet. There is a ten or fifteen-minute presentation each day and you can start and stop whenever that works for you. Another good idea for Lent.

Finally, as almsgiving is an important part of the spiritual journey of Lent, I would commend two different projects in our parish this year. First, the Rice Bowl. This is the effort of Catholic Relief Service to help with charities around the world. Many of us will remember the little cardboard rice bowls from our childhood. We will be distributing them again this year at St. Charles. A second effort we would like to highlight: Cross Catholic Outreach is an organization which is focused on drilling wells to provide clean water in remote parts of Africa. We are going to work with Cross Catholic Outreach this Lent to see if our parish can build a well or two. More information will follow.

Fr. Tom

**ROSARY, MASS
ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

Friday, February 21, 2025
Rosary—6:00 p.m. Mass—6:30 p.m.
Adoration & Benediction



Catholic Apologetic Study

This program is to help Catholics explain our faith to other Catholics and non-Catholics. It will take place on Saturday mornings during Lent, 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., starting on March 8 and ending on April 10. We will meet in the Community Room just off the Gathering Space. There will be two 30 to 40 minute talks with Q & A time. There will be study handouts so you can continue your studies at home. There will be coffee and refreshments available. The subjects are: Fr. Tom's Pope on a Rope, The Papacy/Apostolic Succession, Early Church Fathers, End Times, Communion of Saints, Prayer, The Mass, Worship in Spirit and Truth, Indulgences/Purgatory/Confession, Grace, Human Suffering, and The Trinity.

**Attention Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion to the Homebound!**

The Diocese is asking people who take Holy Communion to non-family members, to receive their diocesan safe environment certification. The process of certification involves several steps including online training and passing a background check. Please contact Casey Ryan at the parish office to get started: 260-969-4026, or stcadulted@gmail.com

LECTOR TRAININGS

New and current Lectors are invited to attend free training organized by the Diocesan Office of Worship.

Lector training will be held on March 1, Fort Wayne, Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, 7215 St. Joe Rd., from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Advanced registration is required by Wednesday, February 26, prior to the training. For full details, frequently asked questions, and registration, visit diocesefwsb.org/trainings.

All trainings take place in the church.

**SIGN UP NOW TO TAKE HOME THE
ST. CHARLES VOCATION CROSS
Months of FEBRUARY & MARCH**

**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.

St. Luke tells us today where true blessing lies-and the fleeting rewards of the world. Blessed are we who respond to God's call, happy shall we be.

We will have adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
in the chapel
every Wednesday of Lent
following the 8:15am Mass
until the start of the 6:30pm Mass

Scan the QR code to signup:



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF FORT WAYNE

Reminder: Please remember to return your "Baby Bottle" filled with spare change for the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne. Bottles will be collected in the Gathering Space this weekend. The organization is grateful for your generosity and support.

**SLÁINTE TO ST. PATRICK
A NIGHT OF FAITH, FUN & IMPACT!**

Join Catholic Charities on **Saturday, March 15, 2025**, from 6:00 p.m.– 10:00 p.m. at the Mirro Center in Fort Wayne for an unforgettable evening of Irish music, cuisine, and community—all in support of Catholic Charities, the Social Service Arm of the Church.

As Catholics, we are called to care for the most vulnerable among us. Whether it's providing a warm coat, essential food, job training, or vital clinical services, Catholic Charities is building a brighter future across the 14 counties of our Diocese. By attending Sláinte to St. Patrick, you are directly supporting this mission of serving all those in need.

Why Attend?

- Enjoy live Irish music from Laughing Jack & a live bagpiper
- Savor traditional Irish fare – Bangers & Mash or Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Take part in exciting auctions & raffles to support Catholic Charities
- Include a VIP add-on ticket to a whiskey tasting experience

This 21+ event is a perfect way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day while supporting Catholic Charities. Buy your tickets by February 28: www.ccfwsb.org/stpatrick

Don't miss this chance to have fun, strengthen our faith community, and uplift those in need!

My name is Tatum Miguel and I am a St. Charles alumni, parishioner, and current junior at Snider High School. This year, I have been honored to lead a campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student Visionary of the Year Program. I am raising money for 7 weeks as well as raising awareness of this program. If you would like to help me on my mission, you can go to <https://events.lls.org/in/svoynein25/tmiguel> or scan the QR code below to donate. Thank you so much for your support. God bless!



St. Charles' Girl Scout Troop will be selling cookies following all Masses next weekend, February 22 & 23. Be sure to stop by and show them our support.

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS



A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Thursday, March 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186.

THE DIOCESE IS HIRING: The Diocese is currently seeking applicants for the position of Full-Time Benefits Administrator. Information can be found for this specific position [here](http://diocesefwsb.org/careers) or for all positions, visit our website at diocesefwsb.org/careers.

St. Charles is looking for Cheerleading Coaches for the 7th/8th grade and 6th grade for next school year. 7th/8th grade coaches should have some competition experience. If interested, please contact the Athletic Director, Justin Purdy, via email athletics@stcharlesschoolfw.org.



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



III Lauryn Federspiel— Colton Keasey

Everyone is invited to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul's** "Pins for a Purpose" Bowling Event being held at Thunderbowl on **Sunday, February 23**, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Fun for all ages and abilities with raffles and cash prizes. All proceeds will support local families in need. To register, mail your team name, two bowlers' names, phone number, and \$50 (per team) made out to "St. Vincent de Paul Society" to Thunderbowl, 6700 Lafayette St., Fort Wayne, IN 46816. Thank you!



40 Days for Life- Spring Campaign

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Tuesday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to begin our 40 Days for Life spring campaign. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office on 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13th.

For more info, please visit www.ichooselife.org/40days or call 260-471-1849.

Art Exhibition

*February 22, 2025
St. Therese Parish Hall
6:30pm*

<i>21 and older event</i>	<i>Beer and Wine Flights</i>
<i>10.00 entry fee</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>Two E&S's Bubblee</i>	<i>Hatfield and Sons</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>Cocktails</i>
<i>appetizers included</i>	<i>5.00</i>



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DISTILLERY

*Come see Religious Artists
and enjoy an evening out*

2222 Lower Huntington Rd 46819
call 260-747-9139 for more information

INDULGENCES FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Our prayers can help loved ones pass through Purgatory and into Christ's loving embrace in Heaven. More information can be found: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=923knv2F9Gc&t=10s>

Pamphlets on Indulgences are available at the back of Church.

Rekindle The Fire Men's Conference

Calling all men join us for the **14th Annual Rekindle The Fire Men's Conference** on **Saturday, February 22, 2025**, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. This powerful event features inspiring speakers, including **Mark Hart, Mike Gormley, and Justin Fatica**. The day includes fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunities for confession. Registration is only **\$50 for adults** and **\$20 for students**. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and strengthen your relationship with Christ! Visit Rekindlethefire.net for more details and to register.



FRIENDS OF ST. ZELIE-Join us for our February Gathering! We'll meet in the Community Room, just off the gathering space, at 1:30 p.m. on **Saturday, February 22**. St. Charles parishioner Jama Federspiel will give a personal talk about the joys and challenges of marriage, and how our homes become our first mission. Appetizers will be served, and spouses are welcome to attend.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery!

RSVPs are helpful but not required. Please scan the QR code below or visit the following link: <https://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-st-zelie>

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025 February 9, 2025

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,270.00
February 9 Collection	\$	38,015.15
This Week	\$	(5,254.85)
Deficit Fiscal Year to Date	\$	(37,211.15)

FIRST ANNUAL SAINT ANNE COMMUNITIES GALA NIGHT

February 25, 2025

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
Parkview Mirro Center
10622 Parkview Plaza Dr.—F.W.

Featuring Special Guest Speaker
Bishop Kevin Rhoades

Contact Krista Gallaway
For Ticket and Sponsorship Information
260-399-3265
KRISTA.GALLAWAY@SACFW.ORG



Kingdom Builders

MOSAIC MEET UP

Come & See!

Kingdom Builders Mosaic Small Groups allow women of every comfort level to discover the truth about God, herself, and virtuous friendships. All women are welcome to join us to learn more!

Thurs. February 20th
Saint Vincent De Paul
Fort Wayne
7:00-8:30 PM
Parish Hall Door 9



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1502 Wallen Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46825
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FOOD MADE FRESH

ENJOY A MEAL THAT'S FILLING - AND FULFILLING.

Dine to Donate

DINE IN, CARRY OUT & ONLINE ORDERS

Georgetown & Leo Crossing locations

Visit Guadalupe's & present this ad or photo of ad
15% of your bill will be donated to St. Charles HASA!

Tuesday, March 4th
10:30am - 8pm

Georgetown Square
6540 E. State Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815
Leo Crossing
10564 Leo Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825



Sponsor of the Week

(Theresa Schortgen, MSN,RN,CFCE,CFCP)

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Message to the Faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades regarding the work of Catholic Charities in support of Refugees and Immigrants

Certain news outlets continue to make claims that Catholic Charities participates in illegal immigration and human trafficking, earning large profits while doing so. As your Bishop and Chairman of the Board of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I can assure you these are false claims levied against our Catholic Charities agency. In fact, the complete opposite is true. Our diocesan Catholic Charities participates in pathways for legal immigration and supports survivors of human trafficking, while operating those programs at a fiscal deficit.

Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, Catholic Charities follows the Gospel imperative to serve the most vulnerable among us and in alignment with the truth that we are all created in the image of God. This does not mean that we support open borders and disregard the rule of law. While the Catholic Church recognizes and respects the right of every nation to regulate its borders for the common good, we must balance this with the rights of vulnerable migrants to access protection, and with the fundamental right of all to life and dignity as human persons; as well as the rights of parents and the family, the cradle of life and love, the first and most vital cell of society.

False statements have also been made about the U.S. Refugee Admission Program (USRAP), which our Catholic Charities agency has participated in since inception of this federal program in 1980. USRAP is the formal process by which people are legally resettled in the United States as refugees. Resettlement through USRAP is distinct from the U.S. asylum process. Any person resettled through USRAP is first screened, vetted, and approved by the U.S. government while outside of the United States. They also receive medical evaluations, a cultural orientation, and other services that maximize their ability to successfully integrate and contribute productively to American communities. Economic self-sufficiency (as measured by independence from the public welfare system) and successful community integration are the primary outcome measures of the Program.

Catholic Charities is a contracted resettlement agency working under the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Funds received are used to provide financial support for the first 90 to 240 days after arrival, until the refugee families become economically self-sufficient; provide immigration legal services as they study to become U.S. citizens; as well as to partially pay for the staff that provide those services. In their latest fiscal year, Catholic Charities received \$3.0 million in contract revenue and spent \$3.2 million to administer the program.

For accurate information of the Migration Services provided by our Diocesan Catholic Charities agency, as well as their other good works, please visit their website at <https://ccfwsb.org>.

I am grateful for the countless contributions that our refugees and immigrants provide to our communities. During this time in our nation, I particularly ask the Catholic faithful to remember Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — the Holy Family — who were compelled to leave their land and migrate to Egypt. Let us pray to the Holy Family for migrant families compelled to leave their homelands because of violence, extreme poverty, or persecution and are now exposed to grave danger. May the Lord protect them and may the Lord inspire our nation to exercise justice and compassion.

