



Advent

FIRST WEEK

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

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, November 30, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Mike Donovan

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Joe Dahm

11:00 a.m. † Bernard Gase

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of the Larry Brost Family

Monday, December 2, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the DeWispeleare & Needham Families

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

8:15 a.m. † Eugene & Mary Jane Fletcher

6:30 p.m. † Special Intention of R. & M.W.

Tuesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Kathryn Elizabeth Minnick

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

8:15 a.m. † Rita Haifley

6:30 p.m. † Michael Seleme

Wednesday, December 4, Advent Weekday, St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Gaylord, Mary & Herb Widner

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

8:15 a.m. Priests, Deacons & Seminarians

6:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Ray Yeranko Family

Thursday, December 5, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Linda Till

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

8:15 a.m. † Maurice Janisse

6:30 p.m. † Charles F. Gabet

Friday, December 6, Advent Weekday; St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:15 a.m. † Gene Tippmann

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

8:15 a.m. † Joanna Jacobs

6:30 p.m. † Wm. Haddaway

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour & Benediction

Saturday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45 a.m. Rorate Caeli Mass

8:15 a.m. † Ed Dobosz

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

Saturday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Special Intentions of Dino Santos

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Sr. Mary Ann Burkhart

11:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of William F. Martin Family

5:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Emmett Krouse Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1

Sun., Dec. 1: Jer 33.14-16/1 Thes 3.12-4.2/Lk 21.25-28,34-36

Mon., Dec. 2: Is 2.1-5/Mt 8.5-11

Tues., Dec. 3: Is 11.1-10/Lk 10.21-24

Wed., Dec. 4: Is 25.6-10a/Mt 15.29-37

Thurs., Dec. 5: Is 26.1-6/Mt 7.21,24-27

Fri., Dec. 6: Is 29.17-24/Mt 9.27-31

Sat., Dec. 7: Is 30.19-21,23-26/Mt 9.35-10.1,5a,6-8

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Habit of Prayer

Reading I

Jeremiah 33.14-16
(Restoration of Jerusalem)

Reading II

1 Thessalonians 3.12—4.2
(Plea for growth in holiness)

Gospel

Luke 21.25-28,34-36
(Coming of the Son of Man)

Key Passage: Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.

Adult: What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

Child: What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

Saturday, December 7

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Lynn Gonzales, Chris Hartman, Cheryl Morello, Kathy O'Neil, Chuck Smith
Altar Servers: Juliana Bird, Jozlynn Bird, Gianna Bogenschutz
Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta
Lectors: Dr. Tom Ryan, Chris Stock
Sacristan: Tina Schneider

Sunday, December 8

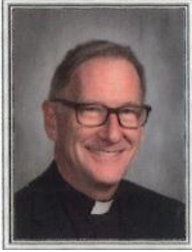
7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Cheryl Prater, Marijo Sliger, Margie Stier, C. J. Steigmeyer (C Jane Relue)
Altar Servers: Ayden Denney, Junior Segure
(Volunteer Needed)
Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda
Lector: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer
Sacristan: Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Katie Eckrich, John Magsam, Colleen O'Leary, Kate Sweigert, Judi Ueber, Kathy VandeZande (C Jan Hoy)
Altar Servers: Lena Pfeiffer, Charlotte Pfeiffer, Julia Sweigert
Master of Ceremonies: Charlotte Sweigert
Lectors: Bev Peters, Dennis Redding
Sacristan: Arlene Burgener

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Doug Baisinger, Teresa Michel, Tim Miller, Beth Miller, Anna Tippmann, Rhonda Walton (C Thomas Auer)
Altar Servers: Seth Andes, Grace Finley, Marilyn Finley
Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede
Lectors: Kitten Pratt, Ken Nelson
Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Malachi Palumbo, Dave Stevens, Dr. Chris Wroe, Jill O'Sullivan
(C Sub Requested)
Altar Servers: Gabby Colone, Gianna Colone, Rafael J. Cucucoco
Master of Ceremonies: Marco Cavacini
Lectors: Janaya Hoffman, **(Sub Requested)**
Sacristan: Lynn Adamson

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



We have begun Advent. This is a time of prayer and reflection, awaiting the coming of Christ. In the midst of all of the December activity, let's not lose focus.

Next weekend, we will have our annual collection to help retired religious. Sister Rose Clare Ehrlich will offer some words about that collection and we will pass the basket twice at Mass. Our parish has been very well served by religious sisters through the years. This is our chance to help them in their retired years.

An interesting meeting will take place at St. Charles this week. On Monday, Dec. 2, at 7:00 p.m., a speaker will join us in the Community Room (off of the Gathering Space) to talk about the vision of building a Catholic home for the dying in Fort Wayne. She will also give us an overview of a training program for Spiritual Companions for the dying. A Spiritual Companion is a person who would volunteer to spend time with a dying person, to pray with them, and simply to be a loving presence. Please join us Monday evening if you might like to learn more about either project.

Our Advent Giving Tree is set up in the Gathering Space. You are invited to take a card from the tree and return it next weekend with a gift. This week's gifts will benefit St. Patrick's Pantry.

On Saturday morning, December 7, Fr. Bobby will celebrate an early morning Mass at 6:45 a.m., called a *Rorate Caeli* Mass. There is a tradition which comes from Bavaria of celebrating an early morning Mass during Advent in honor of the Blessed Mother. The Mass begins in a dark church lit only with candles. It ends as the sun is coming up. Everyone is welcome to join us for that early Mass and a donut after.

A word about the upcoming Holy Day: December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year December 8 falls on a Sunday. Holy Days of Obligation usually take the place of a Sunday Mass, but that isn't the case during Advent. Therefore, our Holy Day of Obligation has been moved to Monday, December 9. We will have four Masses on December 9: 6:15 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening Mass next weekend will be the Advent Sunday Mass. That Mass, however, could count for the Mass obligation for either the Sunday or the Holy Day but not both. In other words: Next weekend, as always, we need to attend Mass either Saturday evening or Sunday. Then we need to attend a second Mass either Sunday evening or Monday.

Please offer an extra prayer for the second graders of our parish who will take part in their First Reconciliation on Saturday. This is an important day in their lives.



ADVENT GIVING TREE—2024

November 30/December 1— For St. Patrick's Pantry

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues (Kleenex), body lotion, body wash, shaving cream, razors/razor blades

December 7/8—For Walking With Moms in Need

Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Meier—\$25 increments); baby lotion, baby shampoo, baby manicure sets, combs/brushes, Desitin or A & D ointment, baby thermometer, Laundry Detergent for Babies (Dreft, Arm & Hammer, Purex, All, for babies) diapers (sizes Newborn, 1-6), pacifiers, baby bottles, baby blankets, receiving blankets, baby wipes, Pac N Play sheets, crib sheets, baby bottle brushes, child safety locks for cabinet & outlets.

December 14/15— St. Charles Pro-Life & Youth Ministry

Monetary donations (envelopes)

Friends of St. Zelig Mom's Group - Christmas Party

Come celebrate the Christmas season with Friends of St. Zelig for coffee, a cookie exchange, praying the rosary, and fellowship! No time to bake? No worries, please join us anyway! We will be meeting on **Saturday, December 7**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room adjacent to the Gathering Space. Childcare will be provided!



Rather than a traditional gift exchange, we're encouraging donations to Walking with Moms in Need. Let's follow St. Zelig's example of love and selflessness by giving generously to those who need it most this holiday season. RSVPs are helpful but not required. Please scan the QR code below or visit the following link:

<https://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-st-zelig>

SIGN UP NOW TO TAKE HOME THE ST. CHARLES VOCATION CROSS

Months of NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

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.

What is the reason I was born? What is the reason I came into the world? Am I called to testify to the truth by becoming a Priest, Brother or Sister?

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 15**, for our Annual Pancake Breakfast, benefiting St. Charles Borromeo Athletics. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for school-aged children — with a family max of \$40. Enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and a visit with Santa!



Love Thy Neighbor.

"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA harnesses the power of community and partnerships to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in our community."

If you have furniture, you no longer need, please consider donating it to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store and arrange for pickup of your items by calling the Thrift Store at 260-456-3561. They will be happy to schedule a time for the pickup. Your generosity will be beneficial to the SVdP Thrift Store and the poor. The profits from selling those items will be returned to the parish SVdP Conferences so we can help more needy people.

During the month of October, 2024, we were able to help 220 individuals consisting of 109 adults and 111 children. We provided \$30 in bus passes, \$125 auto repair, \$323 in food equating to 1700 pounds, \$250 in gift cards for gas and food, \$73 medical/prescription, \$110 for household items, \$675 for furniture, \$300 thrift store, \$1,805 in rent and \$823 mortgage, \$336 other, \$3,196 in utility payments, \$300 partnering with local Parishes, and \$200 monthly to St. Patrick's Parish. SVdP St Charles spent a total of \$8,546 to help the needy in the community.

Thank you for your generosity enabling SVdP St. Charles to help so many.

Life Defenders Trip to The National March for Life

College-aged and high school students are invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We leave the evening of January 22, and return home early morning on Saturday, January 25. We want YOU on the bus with us for this life-changing experience! Registration ends Dec. 15.

Learn more at www.ichooselife.org/dc or call our office at 260-471-1849.

The **Boy Scouts** will be selling wreaths (lit and unlit) and swags again this year. They will start selling them after Mass starting this weekend until they run out. We will also be doing pre orders; parishioners can contact Nancy, text message 260-494-0671.

Wreaths	\$ 30.00
Lit Wreaths	\$ 40.00
Swags	\$ 20.00
Tripod	\$ 5.00



Heart of Jesus

HOME FOR THE DYING

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

We are excited to share our mission to build a Christ-centered home for the dying in our community, and our current Spiritual Companion outreach. Please join us (adults only) on **Monday, December 2**, from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. (After the 6:30 p.m. Mass) at the St. Charles Community Room off the Gathering Space. Any questions or need more information, contact Rose Hilman, 260-402-6398 or rose@heartofjesusfw.org.

Pre-Planning Funeral/Cremation & Cemetery Needs

You and your spouse or guest are invited to one of our **free pre-planning workshops** including complimentary dinner. We will be hosting a limited-seating discussion:

Wednesday, Dec 4 at 5:30 p.m.
Summit Grill
6525 Covington Road

Learn valuable information on planning funeral, cremation, and cemetery arrangements. We'll share the latest options and how to protect from inflation by locking in today's pricing.

During these uncertain times, we are reminded of how important it is to plan ahead. Let us provide your family peace of mind in planning before the time of need.

RSVP by Tuesday Dec 3rd to Guy Dupuis
260-740-7961



Young Adult Advent Series

7:15pm on Monday, December 2, 9, 16 & 23
Info & Sign-up www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/YA

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186.



Rorate Caeli Mass

There will e a special Mass offered on **Saturday, December 7**, at St. Charles at 6:45 a.m. The *Rorate Caeli* Mass is a tradition in the Catholic Church that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way during Advent. The candlelit Mass begins in the dark, before dawn, and ends as the sun is rising. All are welcome to attend.

You Are Invited! To the 7th annual Borromeo Bash Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Ceruti's!

Dear Friends of St. Charles Borromeo Parish & School,

We are pleased to announce that the 7th annual Borromeo Bash will be held at Ceruti's Summit Park on Saturday, February 1, 2025. Seven months ago, our St. Charles Borromeo School & Parish Community gathered together for a delightful evening of food and fellowship and successfully raised over \$80,000 bringing our six-year total to just over \$450,000 raised. With this funding, we have been able to support the ministries of our Parish & School, financially assisting with needed improvements, program funding, and various initiatives to keep our community safe and vibrant!

Over the summer, BB funding helped with two long-awaited projects. The first was the successful renovation of our school's original 3rd through 8th grade restrooms - new flooring, partitions, paint, etc. They look great! Our second, larger school project, which began in June, is the replacement of all the windows, also original, in the 23 classrooms encompassing grades 3 through 8. This project has five phases with a target completion date of February 22nd. The first phase, which was the southern exposure of the junior high wing, has completely transformed the exterior of the school and brought much needed light and modern design to the interior classrooms. The success of both projects can be attributed, in great part, to your generosity and support! Thank you for being involved!

On February 1st, we will again gather as a family for a night of community and fun. Our proceeds will assist with renovations to our grades 1 & 2 restrooms and our Youth Ministry Center. We are hoping for a sellout again this year, so mark your calendars for February 1st and join us for our 7th annual celebration!

Thank you! **The Borromeo Bash Committee & Chris Kaufman, Chair**

The 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, reserved table.*
Four Aces Sponsor	\$3500+	Full page ad in the program, Logo 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 Live Auction Donation Drive.</i>
Bar & Matching Donation Sponsor	\$2500+	See details on the reverse side.
Four of a Kind Sponsor	\$2000	Half page ad in program, Logo on event website, and a reserved table with 10 dinner tickets.**
Full House Sponsor	\$1500	Quarter page ad in program, Logo on event website, and 6 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.

* A 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]

Last year's Cash Call helped raise over \$10k in donations. These donations help offset some of the lost revenue from our inability to collect donations during the casino event due to gaming laws. If you would be interested in supporting the cash call during the event through matching donations either anonymously or via a title sponsorship, please reach out for more info at borromeobash@gmail.com.

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.



Condo or Lake Accommodations, Weekend or Vacation Packages, Hotel, Airfare
Unique Experiences
Dining Packages, Classes, Lessons, Tours
Theater, Party, or Sports Tickets and Packages

Fine Art, Fine Jewelry, Religious Items
Lawn Services or Tools
Sporting, Golf, and Fitness Equipment
Electronics and Appliances
Liquor, Spa/Beauty, Household, Kid Items
Gift certificates or Gift Cards, Restaurant Gift Cards



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 2025 transaction must be made by December 31, 2024.** 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 Sordélet
School Principal

Chris & Roby Kaufman
2025 Chairs

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

* Subject to state and local restrictions.



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Business/Sponsor Name: _____
 Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ Send me an invoice (Y/N) _____

EVENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

Thank you in advance for your support!

Royal Flush Sponsor	\$5000	Full page ad in program, Individual signage at event, Logo on event website, and reserved table.*
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Bar Sponsor	\$3500-7000	Full Page ad in the program, logo on event website, as well as <u>10</u> dinner tickets. * <i>This donation will represent a partial or full sponsorship of the bar. You will also be recognized with signage at the event. (\$3500 = 1/2 Sponsorship, \$7000 = Full Sponsorship)</i>
Matching Cash Call Sponsor	\$2500+	Help us raise funds in the cash call at the end of the live auction by being a Title or anonymous sponsor. Your donation will be used to help raise additional individual donations during this period. Depending on the donation level dinner/event tickets and advertising will be included.
Four of a Kind Sponsor	\$2000	Half page ad in program, Logo on event website, and reserved table with <u>10</u> dinner tickets.. *
Full House Sponsor	\$1500	Quarter page ad in program, Logo on event website, and <u>6</u> dinner tickets. **
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* Reserved Table includes 10 seats.
 ** Additional Pre-Sale Tickets are available at time of initial donation for sponsorship levels of \$600+ (\$85/Seat Pre-Sale Price to guarantee seating)

Return or mail to: St. Charles Borromeo School, c/o Borromeo Bash, 4910 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

The traditional in-person, board-with-presentation Science Fair is back! This means we are looking for 40 volunteers as judges! The St. Charles School Science Fair is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025. All judging will start at 8:15 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for judges. If you are interested in helping to judge the science fair, please fill out [this Google form](https://tinyurl.com/yr5wxp73): <https://tinyurl.com/yr5wxp73>. All judges must have an active safe environment certification with the parish/school to participate. This can be done on the school website at <https://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/safe-environment-certification>. Thank you for helping us with this wonderful tradition!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION/BENEDICTION

First Friday Adoration and Benediction will be Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. With the Rosary at 6:00 p.m., followed by the 6:30 p.m. Mass, there will be a Prayer and Scripture Service, followed by Benediction. All are invited to join in this beautiful prayer time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

“O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine-all praise and all thanksgiving-be every moment Thine.”

Most Precious Blood – Director of Music & Liturgy

Status: Exempt – Part time Ministerial position that reports to the pastor Start: As soon as available

Job Description: The primary role of the Director of Music & Liturgy is to provide and coordinate music for weekend Masses and special liturgies. This ministry requires work in a Catholic environment with the ability to elevate minds and hearts to God through worship. Duties include 3 weekend Masses and school Masses as needed, choirs, and cantors for the parish. For a more detailed job description for interested candidates, please contact Jamie Kolasinski at jkolasinski@preciousblood.org

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DINE TO DONATE

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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Sponsor of the Week

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