

BAPTISM of the LORD

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

**The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving message
of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments,**

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades,
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MASSES

Saturday, January 11, Vigil, Baptism of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Ginny Gibson

Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. Priests, Deacons & Seminarians

11:00 a.m. † Fred Jehle

5:00 p.m. † Karen Schleinkofer

Monday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † John Wilkinson

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

8:15 a.m. † Mass of Thanksgiving/MAS Steinau Family

6:30 p.m. † William J. White

Tuesday, January 14, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Suzanne Wyss

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

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Suzanne Esther

6:30 p.m. † Sue Christle

Wednesday, January 15, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Dr. James & Rita Berghoff

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

8:15 a.m. † Sandy Palmersheim

6:30 p.m. † Anna Kunnath

Thursday, January 16, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † John & Patricia Betz

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

8:15 a.m. † Rolland & Nathalia Patterson

6:30 p.m. † Louis & Patricia Coffee

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot

6:15 a.m. † Harold Mettler

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

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Olejnik Family

6:30 p.m. † Poor Souls

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour & Benediction

Saturday, January 18, Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Jessica Castleman

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

Saturday, January 18, Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Anthony Rottinger

Sunday, January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

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

11:00 a.m. Special Intentions of the Robert Hope Family

5:00 p.m. † Albert Gillig

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12

Sun., Jan 12: Is 42.1-4,6-7/Acts 10.34-38/Lk 3.15-16,21-22

Mon., Jan 13: Heb 1.1-6/Mk 1.14-20

Tues., Jan 14: Heb 2.5-12/Mk 1.21-28

Wed., Jan 15: Heb 2.14-18/Mk 1.29-39

Thurs., Jan 16: Heb 3.7-14/Mk 1.40-45

Fri., Jan 17: Heb 4.1-5,11/Mk 2.1-12

Sat., Jan 18: Heb 4.12-16/Mk 2.13-17



"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Pleasing to God

Reading I
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
(The servant of the Lord)

Reading II

(Acts 10.34-38
(Peter's discourse; the good news of peace))

Gospel

Luke 3.15-16,21-22
(Baptism of Jesus)

Key Passage: And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased."

Adult: Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

Child: What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

Saturday, January 18

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

Altar Servers: Gianna Bogenschutz, Cohe O'Rourke, Alie Saleem

Lectors: Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell

Sacristan: Cheryl Morello

Sunday, January 19

7:30 a.m. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Stephanie Eifrid, Krystle Harless, Judy Sherron, Max & Anne Tinkel
(C Susie Hague)

Altar Servers: Luka Bacak, Joey Gabet, Henry Gabet

Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda

Lector: Nik Kleber, Chris Stock

Sacristan: Cheryl Roy

9:00 a.m. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arianne Davis, Katie Eckrich, Jill Redding, Colleen O'Leary, Theresa Thissen, Dan Vought, Sr.
(C Kathy Suever)

Altar Servers: Charlotte Pfeiffer, Lena Pfeiffer, Tyler Rodenbeck

Master of Ceremonies: Jillian Scherschel

Lectors: Lynda Houk, Mary Lou Morris

Sacristan: Kathy Vande Zande

11:00 a.m. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ann Gabet, Sam Harkenrider, Jerry & Sharon Nuerge, Gail Stoner, Judi Ueber
(C Norma Baisinger)

Altar Servers: Brooke Barton, Hunter Carteaux, Hadley Harkenrider

Master of Ceremonies: Zach Barton

Lectors: Benjamin Franke, Beau Strack

Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

5:00 p.m. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Andy Stauffer, Dave Stevens
(2 Volunteers Needed)

(C Debbie Stevens)

Altar Servers: Scarlett Lesh, Christina Lun, Liam Shannon

Master of Ceremonies: Allie Hofrichter

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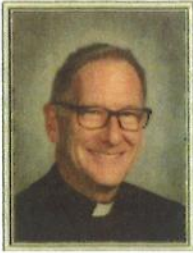


Our Deepest
Sympathy

"It is a good and holy thought to pray for the dead."
(2 Maccabees 12)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Mary Louise Roberts.**

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



As we remember the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, we might do well to stop and remember our own Baptisms. Most of us were baptized as babies, with parents and godparents bringing us to the Church. They wanted to be sure that we would be followers of Christ. We might want to offer a word of thanks or a prayer of thanks for those who led us to Jesus.

The start of a new year is a time to look back and remember. The biggest story in the life of a parish is the coming and going of God's children. We celebrated 88 Baptisms at St. Charles in 2024, welcoming new Children of God into the Church. We gathered for 71 funerals, praying that our loved ones will return safely into the arms of the Lord.

I was given a copy of very sad article this week. I can't verify the data, derived from an organization called Worldometer, but the numbers are staggering. The article states that worldwide, in the year 2024, there were 45.1 million babies lost by abortion. Abortion is far and away the leading cause of human death in the world, followed by cancer with 8.2 million. While I don't know the integrity of these numbers, we are clearly living in a very troubled world. Let us pray for the day when all of us will see that an unborn baby is indeed a baby, in need of love and protection. Let us also be on the frontlines, trying to help those women who have a pregnancy in difficult circumstances.

The March for Life in Fort Wayne will take place on **Saturday, January 18**. Unlike years past, the arch will begin this year at the Tincaps Stadium at 12:30 p.m. Because we will be outdoors, the speakers will be brief. A quiet walk through the streets will follow. Everyone is invited. We can at least be quiet witnesses of the beauty of unborn babies

Fr. Tom



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF FORT WAYNE

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the purpose of meeting the needs of at-risk children and their families in our community. Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on January 18 & 19. Your spare change can make a difference! To learn more visit: www.christchildsocietyfw.org.



St. Charles St. Vincent DePaul Society:
For assistance with food, rent or utilities,
Please contact our volunteers at 260-446-3112

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025 January 5, 2025

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,270.00
January 5 Collection	\$	42,054.96
This Week	\$	(1,215.04)
Deficit Fiscal Year to Date	\$	(4,422.95)

**ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM
CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE: FORT WAYNE**

Do you long to grow more in your Catholic faith? You should enroll in the St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catechetical Institute! Crafted for those seeking a richer formation and understanding of the faith, this new diocesan initiative will continue expanding in January 2025. We would be honored if you joined us! The next Course in Fort Wayne will ask "What is a biblical worldview? How are the Old Testament a New Testament deeply connected? How do we understand our own spiritual journey within the story of salvation?" Join Dr. Alexander Giltner, Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Assisi Program for Discipleship and Leadership at the University of St. Francis, as he unpacks these questions and more in "Salvation History," one of the foundational courses of the Institute. The course runs on Tuesdays from January 21 through March 25, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne. Cost is \$75 for 10 classes. Register at <https://diocesefwsb.org/cyril-institute/>.



**ROSARY, MASS
ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

Friday, January 17, 2025
Rosary—6:00 p.m. Mass—6:30 p.m.
Adoration & Benediction

Our Knights of Columbus Council 4521 will be holding their Annual Free Throw Contest on **Sunday, January 26**, in the school gym. Competition is open to all girls and boys ages 9 - 14. Door will open at 12:30 p.m. with competition beginning at 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration forms are available at the school office and proof of age is required. Forms and more information is available by contacting Bill Sliger, 260-206-5513 or Jack Wehrly, 260-414-0421.



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

**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.

Celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as Brothers, Sisters, Priests or Deacons.

Christmas Flowers 2024

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Healing Service
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 January 27th at 7:00PM

“His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick.” Mt. 14:14

No burden or care too small, He bore them all. Bring to Him your ailments; physical, emotional and spiritual. Bring Him your pain, fears and addictions. Surrender it all!

Live Worship Music

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186.

ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

AUDITIONS – An acapella choir of Catholic young adults from all across Northeast, IN and Northwest OH, continue for our spring choir season! Please help us spread the word to Catholic young people whom the Lord might be calling to join us in our ministry! The spring season will begin on February 6, and the deadline to schedule an audition will be **February 2**. Interested singers should be **practicing Catholics** between the **ages of 18 and 33** and **proficient at reading music**, and should email me directly, jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com to learn more and schedule an audition. Please forward this information to anyone you know who might be interested, or anyone involved in young adult ministry.

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.

**DIVINE MERCY FUNERAL HOME
 CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

Pre-Planning
 Dinner and Discussion
 Wednesday, January 15, 2025 or
 Tuesday, January 21, 2025
 5:30 p.m. at

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We invite you to join us for a complimentary dinner where we will be discussing the benefits of pre-planning your funeral and cemetery arrangements.

Sponsor of the Week

(St. Joe Vision)



St. Charles Borromeo School Pre-K4 & Kindergarten Registration

St. Charles Borromeo School Pre-K4 and Kindergarten registration day is Wednesday, January 15. Registration will be held in the afternoon from 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Rooms C & D of the Hession Center, or you may attend the evening session from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All parents are asked to park in the rear of the school in the church parking lot and enter through door # 3 near the gym. If unable to attend, please call the school office (260-484-3392) to arrange for an alternate registration day.

Kindergarten: For this coming school year 2025-2026, full-day Kindergarten is available with a classroom size limit of 24 students per class with an aide assisting the teacher. The school day runs from 7:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If needed, for an additional fee, BeforeCare and AfterCare service is available for all students. The registration fee of \$50 is included in the overall tuition costs and is not a required payment at this time.

Pre-Kindergarten four-year-old Program: We offer five-day Pre-K4 classes (A.M., P.M., or Full-Day). Our morning program runs from 7:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and our afternoon program runs from 11:50 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A separate \$50 Pre-K registration fee is required.

The January registration for Kindergarten and Pre-K4 programs is early enough to ensure that parish families of St. Charles Borromeo have a first opportunity to register their children.

Please bring to registration:

1. A copy of your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate even if baptized at St. Charles
2. A copy of your child's immunization record
3. Pre-K4 only: \$50 non-refundable registration fee (cash or check only)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school office (260-484-3392) or email schooloffice@stcharlesschoolfw.org.



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Does Your Marriage Need A Tune-Up?

Are all your conversations with your spouse about the chore list or transporting kids? Does the busy-ness in your life leave you too tired for romance? Experience a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Fort Wayne, Saturday and Sunday, February 8-9**. A Marriage Encounter Experience is a unique opportunity for married couples to get away from work, kids, other obligations and focus on each other. You deserve time to reconnect and rekindle the romance in your marriage. Enjoy time together and return to the comfort of your own home overnight. Apply at www.wwme-ni.org, or contact Jeff and Brenda with any questions at: application@wwme-ni.org or 260-484-1664.

Other upcoming experience:

June 27-29, 2025, Lindenwood Retreat Center, Plymouth, IN. Includes overnight stays and meals.

Save the Date!

The St. Charles Knights of Columbus Council 451 will host a **Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser** on Thursday, January 30th from 4:30-7pm in the St. Charles cafeteria. Proceeds from the dinner will be sent to **Help Hope Live**, a nonprofit in support of the medical needs of transplant patients, in honor of John Hope (brother of music director, Karen Hope). **John is in need**

of a heart transplant and is waiting in an Indianapolis hospital. Free will donation for dinner. Online donations are tax deductible.

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