

4TH SUNDAY OF
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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

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of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments,
Prayer and Service to others.

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Then let us
celebrate
with a feast,
because this
son of mine
was dead,
and has come
to life again,
he was lost,
and has
been found.

Luke 15:23, 24

MASSES

Saturday, March 29, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Stephen & Clara Schenher

Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

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

11:00 a.m. † Ted & Christy Rudny

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

5:00 p.m. † Thomas & Mary Alice Kleber

Monday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Schneider-Willinger Families

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

8:15 a.m. † Gene Tippmann

6:30 p.m. † Richard Love

Tuesday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Walt & Millie Wood

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

8:15 a.m. † Bob Askins

7:00 p.m. † Mary Ann Jackson

Wednesday, April 2, Lenten Weekday, St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

6:15 a.m. † Robert & Marjorie Hensler

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

8:15 a.m. † Barbara Garrett

6:30 p.m. † Tom Cooney

Thursday, April 3, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Msgr. Edward Hession

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

8:15 a.m. † Sue Christle

6:30 p.m. † Vicki S. Miller

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, April 4, Lenten Weekday, First Friday, St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Daniel & Jackie Hilker

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

8:15 a.m. † Gerald Minnick

6:30 p.m. † Donald P. Cuney, Sr.

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5, St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

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

8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Malvan-Burkhart Family

2:00 p.m. Wedding - Gulachek—Tapp

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

Saturday, April 5, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of the Carl & Mary Fowler Family

Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Cheryl Ann Burns

11:00 a.m. † Mike & Phil Offerle

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

5:00 p.m. † William Kindred

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30

Sun., March 30: Jos 5.9a,10-12/2 Cor 5.17-21/
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Mon., March 31: Is 65.17-21/Jn 4.43-54

Tues., April 1: Ez 47.1-9,12/Jn 5.1-16

Wed., April 2: Is 49.8-15/Jn 5.17-30

Thurs., April 3: Ex 32.7-14/Jn 5.31-47

Fri., April 4: Wis 2.1a,12-22/Jn 7.1-2,10,25-30

Sat. April 5: Jer 11.18-20/Jn 7.40-53



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A Generous Spirit

Reading I

Joshua 5.9a,10-12
(Rites at Gilgal)

Reading II

2 Corinthians 5.17-21
(A new creation)

Gospel:

Luke 15.1-3,11-32
(The prodigal son)

Key Passage: Then the

father said to him, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Adult: When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

Child: Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

Saturday, April 5

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Becky Kien, Kathy O'Neil, Linda Schneider, Chuck Smith, Edward Koors

Altar Servers: Jozlynn Bird, Juliana Bird, Claire Macejak

Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede

Lectors: Andy Schneider, Kitten Pratt

Sacristan: Tina Schneider

Sunday, April 6

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Stephanie Eifrid, Krystle Harless, Judy Sherron, Marijo Sliger (1 Volunteer Needed)

(C Susie Hague)

Altar Servers: Ayden Denney

(2 Volunteers Needed)

Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda

Lector: Susie Hague, Barb Hartman

Sacristan: Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Lee & Trinh Ly, Mike & Susan Maskal, Colleen O'Leary, Theresa Thissen

(C Kathy Suever)

Altar Servers: Lily Hilger, Vincent Mathews, Jillian Scherschel

Lectors: Patricia Henry, Emily Parker

Sacristan: Jill Redding

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Maria Ellinger, Carole Fuller, Sam Harkenrider, Bill Jackson, Gail Stoner, Judi Ueber

(C Tes Sanderlin)

Altar Servers: Abby Hasselschwert, Kathryn Henry, Joseph Lavelle

Master of Ceremonies: Will Hasselschwert

Lectors: Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Matthew O'Shaughnessey

Sacristan: Julia Weingartner

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

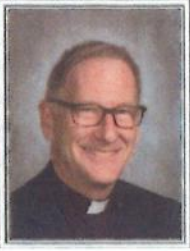
Malachi Palumbo, Dave Stevens, Jill O'Sullivan (1 Volunteer Needed)

(C Debbie Stevens)

Altar Servers: Marco Cavacini, Gianna Colone, Gabby Colone

Lectors: Nicole Scott, Retta Kohrman

Sacristan: Arlene Burgener

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

This weekend, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. We have passed the half-way point of Lent. I encourage everyone to stop and consider your Lenten journey. If your Lent has been disappointing so far, there are still two weeks before Holy Week. Our Parish Penance Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., April 9. If you have not yet been to confession during Lent, that is a date you might want to mark on your calendar.

This Sunday is also an important day in the life of our parish. We have a group of five adults who will be making a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church and then be Confirmed and received their First Communion at our 9:00 a.m. Mass. After a year of preparation, we welcome them into the Catholic Church!

I offer thanks to all those who took part in our 40 Hours Devotion, particularly to those who came to worship in the middle of the night. What a beautiful gift that is to the Lord and also to the parish.

I offer a reminder that we have Adoration in our daily Mass chapel each Wednesday of Lent from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Stop by any time during the day and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Those who join us for the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings will note a change. For the past several years, we have combined the Stations with Adoration and Benediction. With a new document from the Vatican and teachings from the USCCB, we are no longer allowed to combine these two. For the rest of Lent, we are simply offering Stations on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Once Lent is over, we will return to our Holy Hour with Benediction.

We are finally ready to continue our school window project. We removed one of the portable classroom units and moved the other farther from the buildings. It is hooked up with enough electricity for heat as well as internet service, fire alarm service and a connection to the public address system in the school. As I am writing this column, we are awaiting final inspections to get our permits. When we move two classes of sixth-graders into the portable classrooms, the construction crews will finally be able to resume their work, two classrooms at a time. The entire project should now be easily done by the end of summer.

We add new members to our Parish Council each spring. The Council meets monthly to talk about the spiritual life, social life and outreach of the parish. Council members agree to a three-year term, with Wednesday evening meetings. (Our meetings are usually finished in an hour.) If you would be interested in serving on the council, please contact me. We will pray over names and have a discernment of new members in May. My e-mail is fathertom@scbfw.org.

Fr. Tom

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE-All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

FASTING-All Catholics from their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday are bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting required limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light nourishment may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Any good reason will excuse a person from these regulations on particular occasions and for health and dietary needs. Only a contemptuous violation of all regulations would be considered seriously wrong.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Local parishes will have their Penance Services with multiple Priests on these dates:

7:00 p.m. April 2	St. John, Fort Wayne
6:00 p.m. April 7	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:00 p.m. April 8	St. Jude
7:00 p.m. April 9	St. Charles

What Christ Suffered

Presentation Series by Dr. Tom McGovern
Location: St. Peter's Pavilion, 506 E Dewald St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46803
Light refreshments provided

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
How to Suffer Well and Attend to Others in Suffering

Make sense of Saint Paul's Verse Colossians 1:24 - "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church."

Learn the meaning of suffering from Saint John Paul II's *Salvifici Doloris* in ways that are practical and can be applied to your own suffering.

Be the first to learn the new additions to *What Christ Suffered*, a Second Edition due in bookstores early 2026. The author, Dr. Tom McGovern, will give one-hour presentation that will weave together what Jesus physically suffered and how to understand and respond to suffering.

Visit www.saintpetersfortwayne.org for more information.

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

**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.



Like the father in the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to life as a Priest or Religious?



**"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 **Thomas Eckrich**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. CHARLES FISH FRY

April 11 - 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
School Cafeteria—Door # 9

Dine-In Meal includes Fish, Wedge Potatoes, Cole Slaw,
Tartar Sauce, Applesauce, Roll and a Dessert

Take-Out will be same with exception of no Dessert

Kid's meal will have option of Fish or Macaroni & Cheese

Cost of adult meal is \$15; kid's meal will be \$6.00



Catholic Apologetic Study

This program is to help Catholics explain our faith to other Catholics and non-Catholics. It will take place on **Saturday, April 5**, from 9:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m., in the Community Room, just off the Gathering Space. There will be refreshments and coffee available.



RIGHT TO LIFE
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Spring Banquet

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana for the **4th Annual Spring Banquet**. Come celebrate our 51st year of defending innocent human life on **Saturday, April 12**, hosted this year at Mirage Banquet Hall in Decatur. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the program begins at 6:30 p.m.. To purchase a table or tickets, visit ichooselife.org/springbanquet

40 Days for Life- Spring Campaign

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on **Sunday, April 13**, at 2:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to end 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.

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

III Raina Gulachek—Connor Tapp
I & II Dayle Jauch—Cody Miller



We will have adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
in the chapel
every Wednesday of Lent
from 9:00am - 6:00pm

Scan the QR code to signup:



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic.relief.

Stations of the Cross for Survivors of Abuse

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For those who have
suffered from physical,
emotional, sexual or
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Prayer ministry
teams will be
available during
and after the stations.

Walk with Him. Let Him transform your pain.

April 14th
at 7:00 Pm
in Church
at
St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton
Parish
Fort Wayne

SCHEDULING MASSES FOR 2025 & 2026

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 482-2186

OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday or Friday 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

April 4—6:00 p.m.—Rosary

Livestream Link:

April 4, 6:30 PM Friday Evening Mass,
Stations of the Cross

https://youtube.com/live/4jJmTjrm_Jo



ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025 March 23, 2025

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,270.00
March 23 Collection	\$	24,764.91
This Week	\$	(18,505.09)
Deficit Fiscal Year to Date	\$	(47,131.99)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are in need of volunteers for taking up the gifts at Mass. Please consider volunteering to take up the gifts at the Mass you attend on the weekend. You can sign up ahead of time in the book on the pedestal in the Gathering Space or find an usher when you show up to Mass and let them know your family would like to take up the gifts. There are 3 ciboria and one cruet; so it only takes a minimum of 2 people, but entire families are welcome and appreciated. An usher can walk you through the easy steps if need be.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for new Altar Servers will take place on **Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8**, after school until 4:30 p.m. in church. The position of Altar Server is open to any student in 6th grade or older.

A classroom and exhibit dedicated to fifteen year old Saint Carlo Acutis, and the Eucharistic Miracles which he cataloged, is coming to the Diocese! You are invited to Mass and then unveiling and dedication of this special classroom. Date: Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, the day of Carlo's canonization in Rome. Location: St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield Street, Huntington IN. Mass: 1:00 p.m. with Fr. Tony Steinacker. Blessing of classroom immediately following. Refreshments, prayer cards, books, and other items will be available. All welcome.

The **ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR** presents ***Do Not Be Afraid: A Concert of Sacred Music***. Free and open to the public; no tickets or reservations needed. For more information, contact Jessica Schuster, Director: jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com.

April 26th at 6:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Garrett, IN

April 27th at 7:00 p.m.
Oratory of St. Francis, University of Saint Francis
Fort Wayne, IN

A parishioner is organizing an effort to help other parishioners in need, particularly with gifts at Christmas. You can find more information or offer to help at the website <https://www.holynighthelpers.org/home>.

HELP IS NEEDED

St. Charles have parishioners near Wallen & Coldwater Roads, who need a ride to Saturday Evening Mass (5:00 p.m.). If you are able to help, call Eileen at 260-602-8254.

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=9Z3knv2F9Gc&t=10s>

Pamphlets on indulgences at the back of the Church.



EASTER FLOWERS

Donations are being accepted for flowers to decorate our Sanctuary for the Easter Season. If you would like to contribute, please place your offering in a plain envelope marked **EASTER FLOWERS** or use the envelope included in your monthly packet and **PRINT** the name of the deceased on the outside of the envelope. Place your donations in the Sunday collection or mail them to the Parish Office. Donations will be accepted through Monday, April 28.

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. The next class will be Wed., June 18.

COUNCIL 451—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BLOOD DRIVE

Sat., April 12—7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
School Cafeteria

1. Go to **RedCross.org**
2. Go to "Find A Drive"
3. To register for our drive—type in **knights451**
4. Can also register in person in the Gathering Space on April 5 & 6.

The St. Vincent DePaul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is able to help the community in many ways through the sale of used merchandise. Furniture sales are a major source of income for the store. If you have usable furniture that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the Thrift Store. For large items, call the store at 260-456-3561, to arrange for free pick-up. Smaller items can be left in the Charity Room off the Gathering Space at Church. Thank you for your continued support.

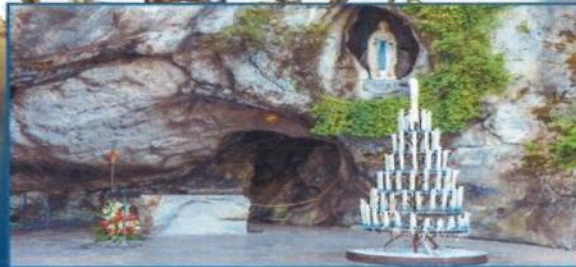
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