



Advent

FOURTH WEEK

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024
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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MASSES

Saturday, December 21, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Louis B. Schneider

Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Elaine Baumgartner

9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Rosswurm & Sliger Families

11:00 a.m. Special Intention of Dino Santos

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Monday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday, St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Charles Fleck

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

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

8:15 a.m. † Vivian Welch

6:30 p.m. † Tom & Vivien Cooney

Tuesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Robert & Sally Weigand

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

8:15 a.m. † Anthony Rottinger

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of the DeWislepeare & Needham Family

6:30 p.m. † Bob Wagner

Midnight Mass † Ed Morris

† Ed Dobosz

† Living & Deceased of the Robert & Delores Hope Family

Wednesday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

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

11:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community

Thursday, December 26, St. Stephen, The First Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Juan Cambo

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

8:15 a.m. † John Stody

6:30 p.m. † Gordan Anthony

7:00 p.m. Confessions

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

6:15 a.m. † Clement Lothamer

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

8:15 a.m. † Conrad Cierniak

6:30 p.m. † Tom & Mary Alice Kleber

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour & Benediction

Saturday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. † Dale Zinn

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

Saturday, December 28, Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00 p.m. † John Reitz

Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Kimberly Dafforn

11:00 a.m. † Nick Hackman

5:00 p.m. † Rose Gibson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

Sun., Dec. 22: Mi 5.1-4a/Heb 10.5-10/Lk 1.39-45

Mon., Dec. 23: Mal 3.1-4, 23-24/Lk 1.57-66

Tues., Dec. 24: 2 Sm 7.1-5.8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1.67-79

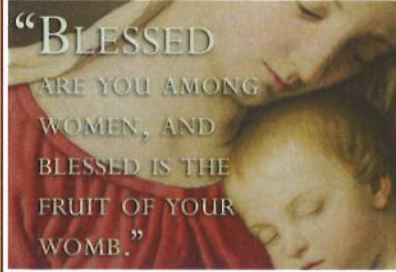
 Tues., Dec. 24: Vigil, Is 62.1-5/Acts 13.16-17, 22-25/Mt 1.1-25
 Night: Is 9.1-6/Ti 2.11-14/Lk 2.1-14

Wed., Dec. 25: Is 52.7-10/Heb 1.1-6/Jn 1.1-18

Thurs., Dec. 26: Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59/Mt 10.17-22

Fri., Dec. 27: 1 Jn 1.1-4/Jn 20.1a, 2-8

Sat., Dec. 28: 1 Jn 1.5—2.2/Mt 2.13-18


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Obedience to God's Will

Reading I

 Micah 5.1-4a
 (Restoration through the Messiah)

Reading II

 Hebrews 10.5-10
 (The second covenant)

Gospel

 Luke 1.39-45
 (The visit to Elizabeth)

Key Passage: Elizabeth said, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Adult: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

Child: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

Saturday, December 28

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Lynn Gonzales, Becky Kien, Edward Koors, Emily Walden, Lisa York
Altar Servers: Gabby Colone, Gianna Colone (Sub Requested)
Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek
Sacristan: Lisa York

Sunday, December 29

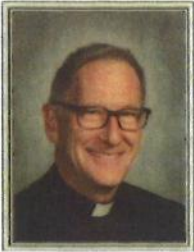
7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Stephanie Eifrid, Cheryl Prater, Judy Sherron, Anne Tinkel (C Maggie Kleber)
Altar Servers: Luka Bacak, Joey Gabet, Andrew Jacob
 Master of Ceremonies: Danny Jacob
Lector: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer
Sacristan: Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Tom Ade, Andrey Clauser, Mary Lou Morris, Jill Redding, Matt Smith, Dan Vought, Sr. (C Kathy Vande Zande)
Altar Servers: Jude Clauser, Cooper Eisaman, Claire Wulpi
 Master of Ceremonies: Vincent Clauser
Lectors: Linda Duesler, Martin Sweigert
Sacristan: Arlene Burgener

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Edwin Capuyan, Carmen Crabill, Morgan Lewis, Teresa Michel, Sharon Nuerge, Kelly Tippmann (C Norma Baisinger)
Altar Servers: Bela Antunovic, Addison Rivas, Zack Tippmann
 Master of Ceremonies: Ronnie Buskirk
Lectors: Jerry Nuerge, Dave Nuerge
Sacristan: Rachele Harkenrider

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sara Bentz, Andy Stauffer, Dave Stevens (Volunteer Needed)
 (C Debbie Stevens)
Altar Servers: Allie Hofrichter, Jillian Scherschel, Declan Tippmann
 Master of Ceremonies: Allie Hofrichter
Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman
Sacristan: Carolyn Tyndall

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



We are in our last days of preparation for Christmas. School is out, many people are off of work, and the time is drawing near. Let's be sure that our focus remains where it needs to be: we are preparing for Jesus. He needs to be the center of attention.

Please invite family and friends to a Christmas Mass. Christmas is an easy time to make an invitation and we would love to have an overflowing church for all five Christmas Masses. Our prayer is that a heart will be touched by a Christmas Mass and someone will become regular in practicing the faith. It is up to God to touch hearts; our role is to invite.

A reminder of our Christmas Masses:

-Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. This will be the biggest Mass of the year, with hundreds of children and overflow seating in the Gathering Space. Our Parish Chamber Singers will lead the music along with the organ and a group of professional woodwinds.

-Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Seating will be easily available at this Mass. The Parish Children's Choir will sing and we will use incense.

-Midnight. The Parish Choir, a professional brass ensemble, and our organ will lead a concert of sacred music beginning at 11:30 p.m. At midnight, the Christmas Proclamation will be sung in the dark. Then we will light candles throughout the church as we sing "Silent Night" and begin the most formal Mass of Christmas. Incense will be used.

-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. A beautiful Mass of Christmas morning

-Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Our final Mass on Christmas day.

We still have last-minute opportunities for confessions before Christmas. Priests will be available at our regular confession times, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. both Monday and Tuesday. We will also offer confessions on Monday afternoon, from 2:30 p.m.4:30 p.m.

For those looking for a bit of fun during Christmas week, you might consider a drive to Mishawaka on Friday evening, December 27, for the Cupertino Classic. This friendly basketball game features the Seminarians and Priests of our diocese. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. at Marian High School. The odds makers are not predicting that our parish seminarians, Noah and Sam, will be stars in the game...but there could be a surprise. Sadly, Fr. James, Fr. Bobby and I have not made the roster for the priest team.

We wish everyone a beautiful and most blessed Christmas.

Fr. Tom

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025 December 15, 2024

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,270.00
December 15 Collection	\$	101,230.43
This Week	\$	57,960.43
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	1,615.14

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who helped the families at Just Neighbors (temporary homeless shelter) with meals during the week of November 17-22. We provided delicious main dishes, sides, fresh fruit, fresh veggies, and desserts. The families appreciated all the food that was prepared for them! A mom with a newborn talked with us and said she really appreciated all the food that was prepared and brought to the shelter all week (also, this mom was very excited to tell us she found housing and soon would be moving into her apartment). Thank you for all you do for our 'neighbors' just down the street from our Church.

Margaret Digan and Maggie Kleber
Volunteer Coordinators for Just Neighbors

ATTENTION:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans



The next scheduling period will be from **February 1 thru May 31, 2025**. Please remember to inform us of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period before Friday, January 10. So please submit your availability information by the web terminal, or email at ministries@scbfw.org. You may also call Karen's office, 484-6570.

OPLATEK

The Polish Christmas wafer, Oplatek, is available again this year. Cost is \$2.00 per package and each package contains 3 wafers. Please stop by the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. any weekday to pick up the wafers.

**ROSARY, MASS
ADORATION & BENEDICTION**



Friday, December 27
Rosary—6:00 p.m. Mass—6:30 p.m.
Adoration & Benediction
After Mass—7:00 p.m.

**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 set out in haste, carrying the good news of God's great love. Wherever you go today, take God with you.



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**SAVE THE DATE: JUBILEE
OPENING MASS AND PROCESSION
FOR HOLY YEAR 2025: FORT WAYNE**

In 2025, the Catholic Church embarks on a year of prayer, hope, and renewal for the Catholic Church, inviting the faithful to deepen their faith, reflect on their spiritual journeys, and embrace a collective call to prayer and reconciliation. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend invites all to the Opening Mass and Procession for Holy Year 2025. The Fort Wayne events will take place on Sunday, December 29. The Procession will begin at St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church at 10:45 a.m., and travel to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades beginning at 11:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather or impassable sidewalks, the event will begin at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel. Visit diocesefwsb.org/jubilee25 for more information.

**CUPERTINO CLASSIC:
PRIESTS V. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME**

The annual Cupertino Classic Priests vs. Seminarian's basketball game will take place on **Friday, Dec. 27**, at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Join us for this great night of Catholic fellowship to encounter vocations and enjoy the game! The day kicks off with Adoration at 3:00 p.m. at the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration Provincial House, 1515 W. Dragoon Trail. Mass will follow at 4:00 p.m. at the same location. Then, move across the street to Marian High School, 1311 S. Logan St., for the Cupertino Classic. Tip-off 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.

Knights of Columbus has an aluminum can recycling program at St. Charles. All parish families are encouraged to save their cans and drop off at the Knights collection building located by the softball diamond on the southeast side of the parking lot.—near the maintenance building. Monies raised thru the collection of aluminum cans will be donated to Charitable Cause(s).

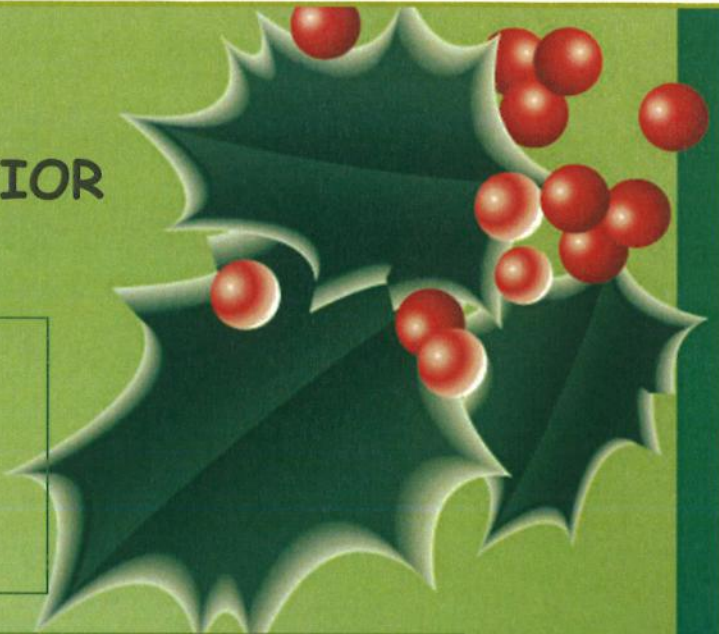


Our Deepest Sympathy

**"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 **Walter Wood**.

**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 19, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, 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

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24, 2024 4:00 PM
<https://youtube.com/live/1drvJ2itcVA>

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 Combined Choir from

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday Choirs

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

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25, 2024 11:00 AM
<https://youtube.com/live/Ntc3f7AIRO4>

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on
Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25

Hope you enjoy the time with your family!



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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. **
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 <u>2</u> 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 \$800+ (\$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

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.

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 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, January 2**, at St. Monica Parish in Mishawaka and on **Friday, January 3**, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. RSVP is required by Sunday, December 22, at diocesefwsb.org/discern-priesthood or by calling 260-422-4611. Prior to each Andrew Dinner, everyone is invited to Eucharistic Adoration at the host parish from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. to pray for vocations.

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

II Erin Sterba—Joseph Abbate



Healing Night

January 3, 2025

St. Peter Catholic Church

All are welcome to come receive prayer for physical and spiritual healing. Come with an open heart and expectant faith.

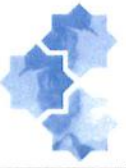
6-8:30 PM.

Questions contact Sharon at 260-466-4483

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