

# ASH WEDNESDAY



Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18



## **ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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, February 14, Vigil, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Conrad Cierniak

### Sunday, February 15, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community  
 9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Ed Morris Family  
 11:00 a.m. † Judy Auer  
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention of the Beau Strack Family

### Monday, February 16, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Cindy Sterba  
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:15 a.m. † Patrick Connor  
 6:30 p.m. † Christopher Harding

### Tuesday, February 17, Weekday, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

6:15 a.m. † Msgr. John Suelzer  
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:15 a.m. † Deceased of the Potosky Family  
 6:30 p.m. † Clement Lothamer & Marge Harvey

### Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday

6:15 a.m. † Personal Intentions of Villegas Family  
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:15 a.m. † Jackson Kien  
 12:30 p.m. † Maurice Linder  
 6:30 p.m. † John & Patricia Stody

### Thursday, February 19, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:15 a.m. † Linda Till  
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:15 a.m. † Leo Arno  
 6:30 p.m. † David L. Abbott

### Friday, February 20, Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:15 a.m. † Gene Tippmann  
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:15 a.m. † Mary Hasselschwert  
 6:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased Descendants and Spouses of Leo & Esther Houser

### Saturday, February 21, Saturday after Ash Wednesday, St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:15 a.m. Anthony Vince  
 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

### Saturday, February 21, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

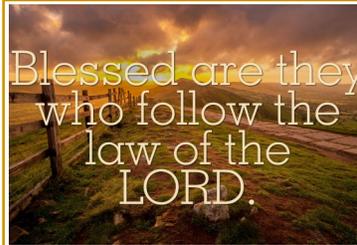
5:00 p.m. † Eugene & Mary Jane Fletcher

### Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Kathryn Current  
 9:00 a.m. Solanus Vocation Society  
 11:00 a.m. † Jordan Miller  
 5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15

Sun., Feb. 15: Sir 15.15-20/1 Cor 2.6-10/Mt 5.17-37  
 Mon., Feb. 16: Jas 1.1-11/Mt 8.11-13  
 Tues., Feb. 17: Jas 1.12-18/Mk 8.14-21  
 Wed., Feb. 18: Jl 2.12-18/2 Cor 5.20-6.2/Mt 6.1-6, 16-18  
 Thurs., Feb. 19: Dt 30.15-20/Lk 9.22-25  
 Fri., Feb 20: Is 58.1-9a/Mt 9.14-15  
 Sat., Feb. 21: Is 58.9b-14/Lk 5.27-32



### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Challenges to Faithfulness

#### Reading I

Sirach 15.15-20  
(Man' free will)

#### Reading II

1 Corinthians 2.6-10  
(True wisdom)

#### Gospel

Matthew 5.17-37  
(The old Law and the new)

**Key Passage:** Jesus said, "If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

**Adults:** When in your life have you been able to keep the spirit as well as the letter of God's law?

**Child:** When have you taken the first step to make up with someone?

### Saturday, February 21

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Becky Kien, Kathy O'Neil, Phil Rosswurm, Linda Schneider (**1 Volunteer Needed**)

**Altar Servers:** Bela Antunovic, Hunter Carteaux, Claire Macejak

**Lectors:** Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell

**Sacristan:** Cindie Rosswurm

### Sunday, February 22

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Krystle Harless, C.J. Steigmeyer  
(**2 Volunteers Needed**)

(C Maggie Kleber)

**Altar Servers:** Matthew Bulanda, Henry Gabet, Joey Gabet

Master of Ceremonies: Danny Jacob

**Lector:** Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer

**Sacristan:** Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Arianne Davis, Stephanie Keefer, Mary Lou Morris, Mackenzie Nord,

Colleen O'Leary

(C Kathy Vande Zande)

**Altar Servers:** Lilah Hilger, Annabelle Keefer, Elizabeth Keefer

Master of Ceremonies: Lily Hilger

**Lectors:** Linda Duesler, Martin Sweigert

**Sacristan:** Stephanie Keefer

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Sarah Brust, Sam Harkenrider, Bill Jackson, Kate Jones, Elaine Moser, Kathleen Wiley

(C Thomas Auer)

**Altar Servers:** Lorenzo Escueta, Addy Jones, Noah Jones

Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede

**Lectors:** Jerry Nuerge, Dave Nuerge

**Sacristan:** Darlene Simpson

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Malachi Palumbo, John Rorick, Jill O'Sullivan, Carolyn Tyndall

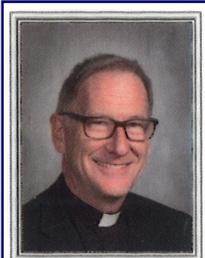
(C Debbie Stevens)

**Altar Servers:** Eloise Epple, Gabriel Hughes, Bryson Merrell

Master of Ceremonies: Rafael J. Cucucuo

**Lectors:** Steve Horine, Dave Stevens

**Sacristan:** Carolyn Tyndall



**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday are scheduled at 6:15 a.m. 8:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. As we begin our Lenten journey, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and a day of abstaining from meat. Each Friday of Lent is also a day to abstain from meat.

We have many opportunities for devotions during Lent. We will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the daily Mass chapel on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross are offered on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (in place of our regular Friday Holy Hour). Stations are also offered at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

Lent is our time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Even more important, it is the time for us to turn away from our sin. Now is the time to make a plan and make sure that this is for each of us a holy season.

Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church to help with the works of Catholic Charities. As a parish Lenten project, we are also going to raise funds this year to help with the works of the Passionist Fathers in Haiti. In a nation racked with economic and political instability, kidnappings and gang violence, the Passionist Fathers are working to support schools, hospitals, orphanages and the works of the Church. If you would like to help, make out a check to St. Charles and write "Passionist Fathers" in the memo line.

For those who are carrying guilt or shame over a past abortion, a couple of resources are worth mentioning. Check out "Project Rachel" on our diocesan website. Also, I have heard a good review about an ecumenical retreat called "Deeper Still." Google "Deeper Still Northern Indiana" for more information.

Margaret Digan and Maggie Kleber have been organizing our parish outreach to Just Families for fifteen or more years. As they are stepping back, we offer our thanks for all of their dedication.

Finally, our Parish Consultation day, as part of the Diocesan Synod, will be next weekend, Sunday afternoon, February. 22 from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Please sign up if you haven't, and take a booklet from the Gathering Space.

*Fr. Tom*

**ST. CHARLES FISH FRY**

**SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

This year's event will be a sit-down event with take-out also available. It will run from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dan's Fish Fry is preparing the fish. Dine-in meal will include fish, wedge potatoes, coleslaw, tartar sauce, applesauce, roll and a dessert. Take-out will be same with exception of no dessert. Kids meal will have option of fish or macaroni & cheese

Cost of adult meal is \$15 and kid meal will be \$6. (same as last year)

Dinner will take place in school cafeteria and take out will be in same place as previous years by Cafeteria doors near custodians' office.



**Synod 2026  
YOUTH Consultation**



**FEBRUARY 22, 2-4PM AT THE YOUTH CENTER**

Confirmed teens in grades 8-12 are invited and encouraged to attend a special Youth Consultation for the Diocesan Synod! Be sure to grab a Reflection Booklet from the church. For more information and to sign up, scan the QR code.



**"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 **Sarah Hunnefeld and Stephen O'Ross.**

**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.

The Lord has a plan for each one of us; we have the ability to say yes or no. Don't be afraid to say yes if the Lord is calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life.

**Sponsor of the Week**

**(Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home)**

# Synod 2026: Parish Consultation



## Spreading the Fire of God's Love

### Begins with the Parish Prayerful Opening

January 28, 2026 during our 6:30pm Mass

### Reflection Phase until the Consultation Event

Use booklet to reflect on summary questions

### Parish Consultation Event

Feb 22, 2026 from 2:00-4:00pm in Hession Ctr.

All are invited to participate. If you want to directly be involved with the consultation event, please scan the QR code to register for it.



### **"Pins for a Purpose" SVdP Bowling Event**

Bring family and friends for a fun afternoon of bowling to support local families in need.

**When:** Sunday, February 22, 2026 - Starting at 1:00 PM

**Where:** Thunderbowl - 6700 Lafayette St., Fort Wayne, IN 46816

**Cost:** \$50 per team of two

All proceeds benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to fight hunger and homelessness in our community.

To register, visit: [svdpfortwayne.org/pins-for-a-purpose/](http://svdpfortwayne.org/pins-for-a-purpose/)

### **Lenten Bible Study Group on Fridays**

Join the "Friends of St. Zélie" group on Fridays of Lent to spend time praying with Scripture. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. in the St. Charles Youth Center (4904 Trier Rd.) Lectio Divina will be led by the Friends of St. Zélie Group for Moms, but all are welcome to join. Children are welcome to accompany their parents. You do not have to be part of the Friends of St. Zélie group or have children to participate. Please sign-up here: [www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-st-zelie](http://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-st-zelie)

**high school MINISTRY**

High school teens are invited to a retreat on **March 20-22** at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, IN. This student-led retreat will be filled with prayer, Sacraments, talks, music, games, and so much more!

Register at [stcharlesfortwayne.org/thy-will](http://stcharlesfortwayne.org/thy-will)

**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.

**Friends of St. Zelie Mom's Group:**

**February Gathering**

Sunday, February 15 • 2:00 P.M.

St. Charles Youth Center  
(4904 Trier Rd)



Join us for a discussion on celebrating Lent and Easter with children, as well as a Mardi Gras social! Children are welcome. Sign up using the QR code below or at

[www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-saint-zelie](http://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-saint-zelie)

**ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**

Faith filled environment for cultivating awareness, resources, accompaniment and spiritual support for all mental health related topics.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO MISSION CENTER | ROOM D**  
4916 TRIER RD.

EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. 7-8PM

MORE INFO:  
260-414-6817 OR 260-750-6871

*Divine Will Cenacle*

*Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: St. Charles Community Room

Catholic Charities Will Be Hosting Their **2nd Annual Sláinte to St. Patrick** on March 14!

**Cocktail Hour: 5:30 p.m.**  
**Program: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**  
**Parkview Mirro Center**  
**VIP Saints & Spirits Tasting**  
**Live Irish Entertainment**  
**Authentic Irish Cuisine & Drinks**  
**Exciting Auctions and Raffles in Benefit of Catholic Charities Mission**

Purchase Tickets by February 27

[ccfwsb.org/stpatrick](http://ccfwsb.org/stpatrick)

**NEWLY BAPTIZED AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

**September 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025**



- Rylie Christine, daughter of Daniel & Keri Colvin**
- Cora Ann, daughter of Brent & Aubrey Sharpe**
- Daniel Edward, son of Seth & Katherine Perkins**
- Reyna Marie, daughter of Miguel & Katherine Quintana**
- Lucy Cecilia, daughter of Drew & Ciera Lytle**
- Amelia Marie, daughter of Dylan Dehmiri and Kyleigh Armstrong**
- Farrah & Charlotte, daughters of Cameron & SherRon Wissel**
- Azalea Celaya, daughter of Jarettzie Ardhuerumly**
- Emmett Lee, son of Justin Braselton & Anna Rodriguez**
- Zoey Faith, daughter of Anthony & Rebecka Hasselschwert**
- Elena and Kelly, daughters of Jon & Katie Nix**
- Liam Cyrus, son of Alburz Negahban and Tricia McKenna**
- Keaton Antonio, son of Kendall & Demi Whitman**
- Arayah & Shayara, daughters of Lucas & Shelley Coak**
- Tatum Marie, daughter of Mason Dargis & Erica Robinson**
- Frederick Fenton, son of Thomas & Kristy Rice**
- Ruth Rosemary, daughter of Anthony & Tessa Offerle**
- Miren William, son of Michael & Lauren Glasner**
- Saint Zyeere, son of Fredrece Milligan & Stephanie Kelly**
- Remington Kay, daughter of Tyler Lovellette & Haley Lipford**
- Naomi Shakira, daughter of Tyler Mendez & Natasha Odisho**
- Tatum Deane, son of Brandon Mitchell & Brittany Vincent**
- Chloe James, daughter of Cody & Amanada Perrott**
- Dawson Michael, son of Zachary & Brooke McKenna**
- Jordan Samuel, son of John & Hannah McKenna**
- Natalie Anne, daughter of Clinton & Valerie Jump**
- Westyn Joseph, son of Joshua & Alexah Pyle**
- Rose Charlotte, daughter of John & Tara McCard**
- Paisley Mae, daughter of Mason Tevis & Jasmine Parnin**
- Rae Lynn, daughter of Nathan & Nicole Cheviron**
- Nayan Zaminah, daughter of Zachary & Florentina Reynolds**
- Isabelle Ann, daughter of John Ottenweller & Alicia Batchelder**
- Jeffrey James, son of Jeffrey & Nicole Pikel**
- Charles Eugene, son of Jordan & Erin Rosswurm**
- Isla Marie, daughter of David Lopez & Lillian Tellman**
- Kolette Noel, daughter of Benjamin & Alexandra Kosiarek**

**ST. FELIX MASS FOR THE SICK AND TROUBLED-**

A Mass for the Sick and Troubled is held the third Saturday of each month at St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield St., Huntington. On Feb. 21, soup will be served before the Rosary at 12:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 1 p.m. Blessed Father Solanus Casey holds special significance for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend because of his time living at the St. Felix Friary. All are welcome!

Queen of Angels Catholic Church will be hosting a video series entitled "The Perfect Prayer: The Mass", led by Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, and Christopher Carstens. The study group will meet in the school on 9 consecutive Mondays, beginning the first Monday of Lent, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to this free series to learn more about the glorious gift of the Mass. Contact clushis@queenofangelsfw or 484-515-0965 with questions.

**ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026**

**February 8, 2026**

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	42,320.00
February 8	\$	44,069.14
Surplus This Week	\$	1,749.14
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	48,683.98