



Fish Fry

ALL ARE WELCOME

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
4:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

St. Charles Cafeteria

Fish, Wedge Potatoes, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Roll and a Dessert



Adult Meal, \$15.00: Kid's Meal, \$6.00
Carry Out Available

MASSES

Saturday, February 28, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Peggy Henry

Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Pequignot & Hofrichter Families

9:00 a.m. † Brock Rittenhouse

11:00 a.m. † Bernard Gase & Annette Gase Bay

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Monday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † John Wilkinson

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

8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Davis & Ade Families

6:30 p.m. † David Garretson

Tuesday, March 3, Lenten Weekday, St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

6:15 a.m. † Byron & Sue Wyss

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

8:15 a.m. † Tom Klein

6:30 p.m. † Patrick & Jessica Murphy

Wednesday, March 4, Lenten Weekday, St. Casimir

6:15 a.m. † Carol Venderley

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

8:15 a.m. † Mary Ann Quinn

6:30 p.m. Special Intention of Carolyn Miguel

Thursday, March 5, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Linda Till

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

8:15 a.m. † Dale Scherman

6:30 p.m. † Donald Tippmann

Friday, March 6, Lenten Weekday, First Friday

6:15 a.m. † Bernette Rossi

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

8:15 a.m. † Jay McGraw

6:30 p.m. † Patricia Helmkamp

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7, Lenten Weekday, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

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

8:15 a.m. † Vicki Sue Miller

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

Saturday, March 7, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Jim Haffner

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Art Miller

11:00 a.m. Special Intention of Peyton Howell

5:00 p.m. † Ronald Smith

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1

Sun., March 1: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17.1-9

Mon., March 2: Dn 9.4b-10/Lk 6.36-38

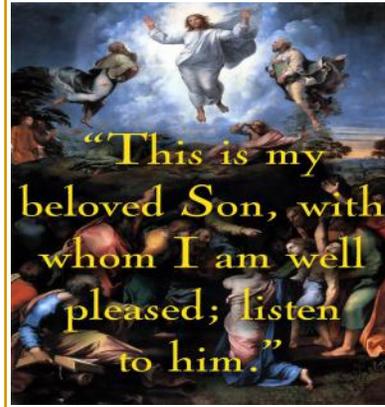
Tues., March 3: Is 1.10,16-20/Mt 23.1-12

Wed., March 4: Jer 18.18-20/Mt 20.17-28

Thurs., March 5: Jer 17.5-10/Lk 16.19-31

Fri., March 6: Gn 37.3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Mt 21.33-43,45-46

Sat., March 7: Mi 7.14-15,18-20/Lk 15.1-3,11-32



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Call to Faithfulness

Reading I

Genesis 12.1-4
(Call of Abraham)

Reading II

2 Timothy 1.8b-10
(Exhortation to faithfulness)

Gospel

Matthew 17.1-9
(Jesus transfigured)

Key Passage: Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

Adults: How has the example of Jesus helped you become a better person and Christian?

Child: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Saturday, March 7

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

Becky Kien, Edward Koors, Cheryl Morello, Kathy O'Neil, Linda Schneider

Altar Servers: Charles Tippmann, Daniel Tippman, Marianne Zartman

Lectors: Dr. Tom Ryan, Susie Hague

Sacristan: Cheryl Morello

Sunday, March 8

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

Sean Digan, C.J. Steigmeyer, Lori Stock
(1 Volunteer Needed)

(C Margie Stier)

Altar Servers: Henry Eugene Stritmatter, Miles Till **(1 Volunteer Needed)**

Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda

Lector: Chris Stock, Ken Klausung

Sacristan: Abel Reyes

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

Lee & Trinh Ly, Jill Redding, Matt Smith, Kelly Tippmann **(1 Volunteer Needed)**

(C Kathy Suever)

Altar Servers: Alexander Moga, Josh Tippmann, **(Sub Requested)**

Master of Ceremonies: Lily Hilger

Lectors: Bev Peters, Dennis Redding

Sacristan: Joe & Maria Eifrid

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

Sarah Brust, Edwin Capuyan, Ann Gabet, Teresa Michel, Elaine Moser, Kathleen Wiley
(C Thomas Auer)

Altar Servers: Cooper Eisaman, Violet James, Christina Lun

Master of Ceremonies: Ronnie Buskirk

Lectors: Ken Nelson, Anna Laisure

Sacristan: Darlene Simpson

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

John Rorick, Camille Smith, Dave Stevens, Jill O'Sullivan

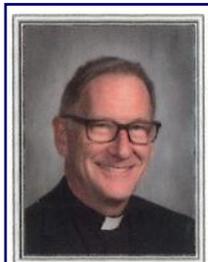
(C Debbie Stevens)

Altar Servers: Scarlett Lesh, Liam Shannon, Declan Tippmann

Lectors: Debra Rorick, Nicole Scott

Sacristan: Jill O'Sullivan

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



A word of thanks to all of the workers, volunteers, and donors who helped make our Borromeo Bash a great evening. We had 400 people in attendance, an additional 150 people bidding on items electronically from home, and the final profits look to be around \$75,000. As we are researching the costs of air conditioning for our cafeteria and our gym, this should go a long way.

Talks are taking place with architects about the new building we are planning. Once we have preliminary drawings ready, we will share them and ask for feedback from the parish. The new building will solve three issues in the parish. First, with all of the activity in our parish, we are in need of more meeting spaces. Second, we are using the basement of the parish office for OCIA, Marriage Preparation, Baptismal Preparation and other meetings. The basement is not adequately accessible for those with handicaps, the entrance is by an outside concrete stairway which is not heated and often wet, and the bathrooms are behind the furnace and water heater. It isn't a welcoming space for those who come to join the Church. Third, we now hold our funeral luncheons in the Hession Center. Some days these rooms are needed for school functions and not available. When we do have a funeral luncheon, have to drop our security protocols by leaving the school unlocked for food drop-off and for luncheon guests. A new building will give us a beautiful facility for funeral luncheons and parish meetings. We also envision making it available for parish families for a baptism party, a wedding rehearsal dinner, or some other event. Watch for more information.

Please remember in prayer two priests who died this week, both of whom served at St. Charles. Msgr. Peter Kumaraki, a Priest from Uganda, served here from 2004-2007. He died at home in Uganda. Fr. Bill Sullivan, a Priest of our Diocese, was assigned to St. Charles after his ordination and served here for just one year, from June of 1972 to June of 1973. In the past few years Fr. Bill has been an eager and faithful helper with our parish school confessions. Fr. Bill was a mentor for me before I was ordained and he preached at my first Mass. Please offer an extra prayer for these good priests.

Fr. Tom

A St. Charles Parishioner is looking for a ride to Church. Nicole Crabtree lives on Golden Years Homestead Dr. Give her a call at 260-385-2183 to see if you can help her out.

**"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 **Fr. Robert Van Kempen, Patricia Stody, Mary Lou Roberts, Kathy Schubert, Msgr. Peter Kumaraki and Barbara Davis.**



ST. CHARLES INDULGENCE GROUP

The **Saint Charles Indulgence Group** will host a public Rosary the first Sunday evening of every month after the 5:00 p.m. Mass as an act of gaining a plenary indulgence. You are welcome to join us in the Community Room just off the Gathering Space. You can pray for a loved one who has passed, or you can ask for the indulgence to be applied to yourself. The requirements include being in a state of grace and a sacramental confession 20 days before or after the act. The group is also looking for volunteers to pray for those souls whose names have been recorded in the Saint Charles Book of Remembrance. These names are added every November, so we are currently praying for those who passed in 2025. **JOIN US March 1, 2026** after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass and **LEARN** what indulgences can do for you.

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 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 called Abraham to be the progenitor of the mighty nations of God's people. This kind of spiritual parenthood is a fulfilling calling. Encourage those you know who have the gifts to be holy, healthy, celebrate lovers of God's people.



BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, March 11, 2026—7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. Next class, is Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Divine Will Cenacle

Adoration Following Cenacle

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

When: 1st & 3rd Wed
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: St. Charles Community Room



Your Generous Help is Needed

Help is needed to provide dinners for Just Neighbors families. Just Neighbors is a homeless shelter for families, located down the street from St. Charles. Volunteers will prepare dinners for a full week three times a year. **March 22-27** is the first week of 2026 St. Charles is assigned to feed Just Neighbors families. Volunteers are needed to prepare main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. A table will be in the Gathering Space on the weekend of March 14/15 for meal sign-ups. If you would like to volunteer prior to March 14/15, please contact Lori Stock at 260-341-4113 or Lockestocklori@gmail.com.

**In addition, Just Neighbors provides every family with new sheets and towels. Please consider donating NEW twin size sheets (regular or XL) and NEW bath towels (only bath size is needed). These will be collected during meal sign-up on March 14/15.

Thank you for helping Just Neighbors families!
Lori Stock

The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) | Blue Army Ft. Wayne/South Bend Division invites everyone to our LENTEN Mission.

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Place: St. Therese Catholic Church
2304 Lower Huntington Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

Time: 5:30 pm Holy Mass ~

Celebrant: Fr. Glenn Kohrman

6:30 pm **Lenten Mission Speaker**

Fr. Edward Brodsky, FSSP

Topic: They who will persevere to the end, they will be saved. *Matthew 10:22*

Questions? Contact: judy@fatimafwsb.org

Camp Sharing Meadows is a Christian overnight camp for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, located in LaPorte, Indiana. The camp would like to hire camp counselors, camp nurses and camp cooks from July 9-17. For information go to sharefoundation.org.



Renovation is almost complete at St. Anne Communities. Help us furnish the Patient Suites and make it a home! Spread the love by hosting a drive through a business, family, or small group!

Click the QR Code for our Amazon Registry Wishlist or visit www.sacfw.org for a link to the Wishlist.

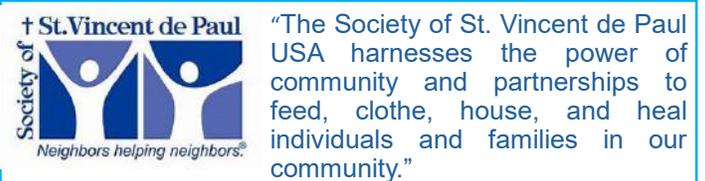
Emily Thiel @ 260-399-3135 or emily.thiel@sacfw.org

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Fr. Jay Horning will be leading a 9-day "Saints & Scholars" Pilgrimage to Ireland Sept. 7-15, 2026.

Contact Mary Hilger 260-438-8356

Register for the pilgrimage on the link below: <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/horning>



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 **January, 2026** we were able to help 291 individuals consisting of 157 adults and 134 children. Summary of assistances provided to our Neighbors includes transportation bus pass \$6, food vouchers \$542, providing 2853 pounds of food, gift cards \$646, store household voucher \$1212, motel \$610, rent \$3955, utility payments \$3014, partnering with local Parishes \$600, and \$200 monthly to St. Patrick's Parish. SVdP St Charles spent \$10,785 to help the needy in the community. Thank you!

Your generosity enables SVdP St. Charles to help so many Neighbors. If you know a Neighbor in need, please contact the St Charles SVdP help hotline; the number can be reached any time at **(260) 446-3112** and please leave a message our volunteers can assist you. If you would like to help our ministry, please call the help line so that we can contact you.

May the Love of Christ fill your hearts!

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

Fish fry
March 13, 4:00pm – 7:00pm
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Parish Hall

Sit down (limited seating due to construction) or drive up to go. **Adult dinner includes:** hand breaded fish, potato Wedges, coleslaw, tartar sauce, Dinner roll and dessert. Kid dinner consists of 3 pieces of fish and potato wedges or mac-n-cheese and applesauce.

Adults \$16.00 - Kids \$8.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Knights of Columbus
 Father Solanus Council 11276




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.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
 When: Friday, March 13
 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
 Fish prepared by Dan's Fish Fry
 Where: Saint Joseph Catholic Church 2213 Brooklyn Ave.
 Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Meal Includes: Fish, Cheese Scalloped Potatoes (tater tots for a child meal), Coleslaw, Dessert (dine-in only)
 Prices: Drive-thru \$15, All-You-Can-Eat Fish Dine-In \$15, Child Dine-In (4-12yrs) \$8

Third Annual Season of Catholic Young Adult (CYA) Indoor Volleyball

When: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.-10:00 .pm
 March 4 - April 22 (excluding April 1st & 8th).
 Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and games begin at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., etc. Game times TBD based upon number of registrants.

Where: Queen of Angels Gymnasium
 (1600 W State Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808)

Who: Young Adults ages 18-39 **Cost:** \$35

How to sign up: Registrations close February 22 at midnight.

Click this link to sign up with a team or as an individual and we will match you with a team!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd30Zr-zhIT0F0mBIJKMZ_0xUfyasnhN9zlsmqO5aRxFURi9A/viewform

Immediate opening for single Catholic woman to serve as the live in House Administrator for a Fort Wayne Community House for Catholic women. Free housing plus 5 - 15 hours per week work. Stipend. Website www.AnnunciationVDH.com—Phone 260-341-7117—Email copenitents@yahoo.com

ROSARY, MASS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 6
 Rosary-6:00 p.m.
 Mass-6:30 p.m.



Stations of the Cross,
 7:00 p.m.

The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of Companionship.

Are you struggling in your marriage? Do you have children or adolescents who are isolated or acting out? Do you simply need someone to talk to? The parish can connect you with professional counselors who can help. Feel free to contact Fr. Tom for a referral.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed 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.

CONFESSIONS AT ST. CHARLES IN THE CHAPEL
Monday thru Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m. until last heard
Saturday—2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.



St. Charles Day is March 19
 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Sign Up Sheets will be on the Table Near the Usher's Room in the Back of Church.

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	February 22, 2026
Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	42,320.00
February 22	\$	47,652.24
Surplus This Week	\$	5,332.24
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	62,477.29