

Third Sunday of

LENT



**ST. CHARLES BORROMEО CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**

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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Monsignor Tom Shoemaker, Pastor
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MASSES

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

Monday, March 9, Lenten Weekday, St. Frances of Rome, Religious

6:15 a.m. † Fr. Robert Van Kempen
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:15 a.m. † Richard Shoemaker
 6:30 p.m. † Dorla Rice

Tuesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Suzanne Wyss
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:15 a.m. † Marlene Romie
 6:30 p.m. † Yvonne Wilson

Wednesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Mary Lou Roberts
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Sills Family
 6:30 p.m. † Herb Gase

Thursday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Fr. Bill Sullivan
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of Don & Bernadette Thieme Family
 6:30 p.m. † Jacqueline Berg

Friday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Zoe Haas
 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:15 a.m. † Robert Horner
 6:30 p.m. † Connie Osborne
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Laux & Minick Families
 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, March 14, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of Needham & DeWislepeare Families

Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Gary Jacob
 9:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community
 11:00 a.m. † Robert Minick
 5:00 p.m. † Maryann Quinn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8

Sun., March 8: Ex 17.3-7/Rom 5.1-2,5-8/Jn 4.5-42
 Mon., March 9: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4.24-30
 Tues., March 10: Dn 3.25,34-43/Mt 18.21-35
 Wed., March 11: Dt 4.1,5-9/Mt 5.17-19
 Thurs., March 12: Jer 7.23-28/Lk 11.14-23
 Fri., March 13: Hos 14.2-10/Mk 12.28-34
 Sat., March 14: Hos 6.1-6/Lk 18.9-14



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Source of Strength

Reading I
 Exodus 17.3-7
 (Water from the rock)

Reading II
 Romans 5.1-2,5-8
 (Faith, Hope, and Love)

Gospel
 John 4.5-42
 (The Samaritan woman at the well)

Key Passage: Jesus said to her. "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst, the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Adults: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Child: Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

Saturday, March 14

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Gerry Brubaker, Chris Hartman,
 Kevin Hoersten, Emily Walden
(1 Volunteer Needed)
Altar Servers: Dylan Lytle, Colin Lytle,
 Gianna Lytle
 Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede
Lectors: Donna Kaiser, Andy Schneider
Sacristan: Tina Schneider

Sunday, March 15

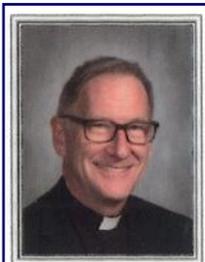
7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Krystle Harless, Mona Sproat, Anne Tinkel
(1 Volunteer Needed)
 (C Maggie Kleber)
Altar Servers: Ayden Denney,
 Andrew Jacob, Danny Jacob
 Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda
Lector: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer
Sacristan: Christy Jacob

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Audrey Clauser, Arianne Davis,
 Mackenzie Nord, Colleen O'Leary,
 Kathy Vande Zande, Dan Vought, Sr.
 (C Susan Badenhorst)
Altar Servers: Vincent Clauser,
 Luke Clauser, Joseph Scherschel
Lectors: Mary Lou Morris,
 Jillian Scherschel
Sacristan: Amanda Scherschel

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Doug Baisinger, Grace Fischer, Tim Miller,
 Jerry & Sharon Nuerge, Judi Ueber
 (C Norma Baisinger)
Altar Servers: Maddie Morris,
 James Morris, Ada Rottinger
 Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta
Lectors: Benjamin Franke, Beau Strack
Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
 Sara Bentz, Malachi Palumbo
(2 Volunteers Needed)
 (C Teresa Burke)
Altar Servers: Rafael J. Cucueco,
 Gabriela Morris, David Morris
Lectors: Derek Pillie, Nathan Pillie
Sacristan: Don Smith

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



This Tuesday evening, March 10, is our annual "The Light is On For You" event. Every parish will have a priest hearing confessions from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Our confessions will be in the Reconciliation Rooms in the daily Mass chapel and will continue while the 6:30 p.m. Mass is celebrated in the Church. Stop in for confession here or in any other parish. And please spread the word if you know someone who hasn't been to confession in many years.

Dr. Tom McGovern will give three Sunday evening presentations on the passion of Christ, beginning next weekend. Dr. McGovern has written a very well-researched book on the ancient histories, archeological finds and medical finds of crucifixion. He will also give reflections and Church teachings on the theology of suffering. Join us and invite a friend on any or all of the three evenings—March 15, 22, and 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

I offer a reminder that we have many opportunities in the parish for Lenten devotions. On Wednesdays, we have the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration in our chapel from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. On Fridays, we pray Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Stations are also offered on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

Please remember in your prayers Ted Miller, who died last year at age 100. We have received a very generous gift from his estate.

If you would like to contribute to our parish Lenten project, helping the Passionist Fathers with their ministries in Haiti, write a check to St. Charles and write "Haiti" in the memo line.

Fr. Tom

We continue our parish Lenten effort to help the ministries of the **Passionist Fathers** in Haiti.

They report: "Our minimal fundraising expenses and strong volunteer team make it possible that over 95% of every dollar donated goes directly to Haiti." \$ 500 will cover the education of a child in primary school. \$ 250 will cover the cost of tuition for one semester in nursing school. This looks to be a great avenue for a "Lenten Sacrifice." To make a donation, write a check to St. Charles and write "Haiti" in the memo line.

Fr. Tom



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.

No bucket? Deep well? The gifts of the living water of the spirit are yours! Jesus is the living water. Drink from that deep well; hear the good news of salvation.

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.



Mr. Trent Horn, Author, Staff Apologist and Speaker for Catholic Answers, will talk at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington, IN on April 25. The title of the retreat is "Why We're Catholic" call 812-82504642, ext. 1 of maryschildren.com

ST. CHARLES EUCHRE CARD
"Saturday, March 14"



We will meet in the Hession Center with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. We will play from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the group, call Darlene at 260-403-3294. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share, if desired.

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.

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



St. Charles Day is March 19
Planned Parenthood 2930 Lake Avenue
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.

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.

ROSARY, MASS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 13
Rosary—6:00 p.m.
Mass—6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
After Mass—7:00 p.m.

The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of Eucharistic worship

Saint Joseph
— HOSPICE SUITES —
at Saint Anna Communities

"As I have loved you, so you should love one another."
—John 13:34

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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>

Ladies!
Join us in March for Kingdom Builders

Of all the men across all of time, God chose Joseph of Nazareth to be the earthly father of Jesus. God invites us to claim Joseph as our spiritual father as well. Join us in March to discover the loving embrace of our spiritual father and protector ~ St. Joseph, Terror of Demons. Beloved Daughters of the King . . . together, let us go to Joseph.

Thursday, March 12th, 7:00 -8:30 PM
St. Vincent de Paul church, 1502 E Wallen Rd.

Kingdom Builders
www.BuildingThroughHim.com

Girl Scout Cookies Sales will be taking place at the end of each Mass next weekend, March 14 & 15. Each box is \$6.00. Proceeds go towards badges, meeting projects and troop events.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

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

AREA PARISHES LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

St. Vincent de Paul: March 18 at 6:30pm
 St. Jude: March 18 at 6:30pm
 St. John in New Haven: March 19 at 6:30pm
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: March 23 at 6:30pm
 St. Charles: March 25 at 7:00pm

SCHEDULING MASSES 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.

The Legion of Mary
 TRUE DEVOTION IN ACTION
 Help us console the Hearts of Jesus and Mary

MARY, QUEEN AND MOTHER PRAESIDIUM
 ST. CHARLES BORROMELO, FORT WAYNE
 LORA McCLAMROCK: 260-422-4061

LEGION OF MARY MEETS ON THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 P.M. IN THE BRIDE'S ROOM OFF OF THE GATHERING SPACE.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 15, 2026
 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Central Catholic High School Alumni
 4618 E. State (South entrance to building)

Many yearbooks, team pictures and Other memorabilia to view
 Visit with other Alumni.
 Refreshments available.
 Please join us!

Sponsor of the Week

(Summit City Roofing)

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 BORROMELO MESSIEN CENTER | ROOM D
 4916 TRIER RD.
 EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. 7-8PM**

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

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




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

CHRISM MASS

The Annual Chrism Mass will be held the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invites everyone to attend this Mass.

At the Chrism Mass, the Holy Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick are blessed. This beautiful Mass manifests the communion of the priests with their Bishop in the same Priesthood and Ministry of Christ.




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Drive Thru Fish Fry
March 20, 4:30-6:30
Cost: 14 adults
7 Children

St Therese Catholic Church
 Parish Hall
 2304 Lwr Huntington Rd
 260-747-9139

SAVE THE DATE
 Evangelizing with St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, April 8
 6:30 p.m.—Mass—Conference at 7:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo
 Conference in Hession Center, Door #3
 4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne

**Jennifer Ristine, Consecrated Woman
 of Regnum Christi**

And author of three books on Saint Mary Magdalene, will share her journey of being called by Christ. During her 29 years of consecrated life, she became a special friend of Saint Mary Magdalene as well as lived and worked in her hometown, Ancient Magdala in the Holy Land. Hear her insights on this great historical figure and how she missioned with this saint. Her latest work of historical fiction, *Becoming Magdalene*, will be available.

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

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne would like to **THANK YOU** to all who helped us to meet our 2026 goal! Your generosity allows us to continue to meet the needs of at-risk children and their families in the communities we serve.

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 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	March 1, 2026	
Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	42,320.00
March 1	\$	55,527.67
Surplus This Week	\$	13,207.67
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	75,684.96