

PALM SUNDAY

of the Lord's Passion



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 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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Saturday, March 28, Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Jackson Kien

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † Stephen & Clara Schenher

9:00 a.m. † Sandra Palmersheim

11:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community

5:00 p.m. † Herb Gase

Monday, March 30, Monday of Holy Week

6:15 a.m. † Dennis Cuney

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

8:15 a.m. † Ursula Hatfield

6:30 p.m. † Dick Eddy

Tuesday, March 31, Tuesday of Holy Week

6:15 a.m. † Joe & Dene Dahm

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

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Mike & Emma Ankenbruck

6:30 p.m. **NO MASS****Wednesday, April 1, Wednesday of Holy Week**

6:15 a.m. † Donald P. Cuney, Sr.

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

8:15 a.m. † Judy Auer

2:30-3:30 p.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 p.m. † Alex & Mary Zmarzly

Thursday, April 2, Holy Thursday

7:30 –8:00 a.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. † Tom Cooney III

Confessions After Mass

Friday, April 3, Good Friday (No Mass Today)

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

12:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Confessions after the 12:30 Service

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Confessions after Stations

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Confessions after Stations

Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday

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

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

Saturday, April 4, Vigil, Easter Sunday

9:00 p.m. † Charles Cassano

Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Malvan & Burkhart Family

11:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of Adrian Hartman Family

5:00 p.m. † John Stody

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29Sun., March 29: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50.4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26.14-27:66

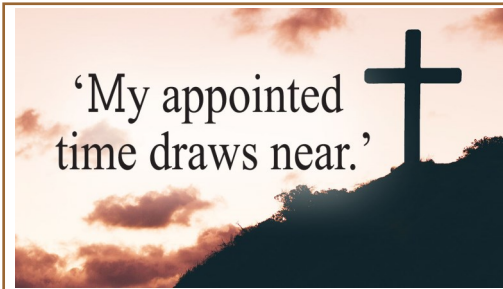
Mon., March 30: Is 42.1-7/Jn 12.1-11

Tues., March 31: Is 49.1-6/Jn 13.21-33,36-38

Wed., April 1: Is 50.4-9a/Mt 26.14-25

Thurs., April 2: Ex 12.1-8,11-14/1 Cor 11.23-26/Jn 13.1-15

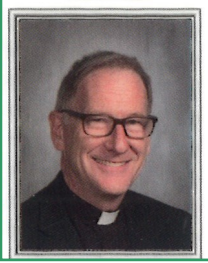
Fri., April 3: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4.14-16;5.7-9/Jn 18.1-19:42

Sat., April 4: Gn 1.1-2;2/Gn 22.1-18/Ex 14.15-15:1/Is 54:
5-14/Is 55.1-11/Bar 3.3.9-15,32-4.4/Ez 36.16-17a,18-28/
Rom 6.3-11/Mt 28.1-10**PALM SUNDAY****Obedience
And Humility****Reading I**
Isaiah 50:4-7
(Salvation only through the Lord's servant)**Reading II**Philippians 2:6-11
(Imitating Christ's humility)**Gospel**Matthew 26:14-27.66
(The passion of Jesus)**Key Passage:** Rather, Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**Adults:** How will you try to imitate the obedience and humility of Christ during this holy week?**Child:** What could you do to show respect for Jesus this week as the church remembers his death and resurrection?**Sunday, April 5**7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**Cheryl Prater, C.J. Steigmeyer,
Max & Anne Tinkel
(C Jane Relue)**Altar Servers:** Luka Bacak,
Juliet Underwood (**1 Volunteer Needed**)
Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda**Lector:** Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer**Sacristan:** Christy Jacob9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**Tom Ade, Katie Eckrich, Lee & Trinh Ly,
John Magsam, Kathy Vande Zande
(C Jan Hoy)**Altar Servers:** Luke Clauser,
Elaine Coleman, Jillian Scherschel
Master of Ceremonies: Vincent Clauser**Lectors:** Ann Isch, Deb Wagner**Sacristan:** Audrey Clauser11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**Doug Baisinger, Sarah Brust, Betty Dobosz,
Maria Ellinger, Sharon Nuerge,
Cindy O'Shaughnessey,
Kathleen Wiley
(C Darlene Simpson)**Altar Servers:** George Downey,
Chandler Huston, Duke Ley

Master of Ceremonies: Will Hasselschwert

Lectors: Leanne Mensing, Rita Barile**Sacristan:** Betty Dobosz5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**Dave Stevens
(**3 Volunteers Needed**)
(C Debbie Stevens)**Altar Servers:** Anthony Rainey,
Liam Shannon, Declan Tippmann
Master of Ceremonies: Marco Cavacini**Lectors:** Nicole Scott, Anna Laisure**Sacristan:** Lynn Adamson**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US**

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Holy Week begins this weekend with our reading of the Passion. This is our most sacred time of the year. Despite Spring Break and family vacations, despite basketball games, and despite the spring weather, we need to keep our focus this week. This is a week for prayer.

At 6:30 p.m. on Palm Sunday evening, Dr. Tom McGovern will conclude his series on the Passion of Christ. We will hear some very interesting insights into the details of crucifixion and the death of the Lord.

On Tuesday evening, the Solemn Chrism Mass takes place at the Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. The sacred oils used for sacraments will be blessed and the priests of the diocese will renew their vows. It is a beautiful liturgy filled with pomp. Come early to get a seat.

On Thursday evening, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Recalling the Last Supper, we will have a washing of feet and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament out of the church. The church will be open for quiet prayer from this Mass until Easter morning.

Our Good Friday Service will be at 12:30 p.m. We will read the Passion according to John, we will venerate the cross, and Holy Communion will be distributed. Stations of the Cross will also be offered at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This is a day for fasting and abstinence.

The Solemn Easter Vigil begins at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday. Our Easter fire will be burning outside for the blessing of the new Easter Candle. In a church lit by candles, the Exsultet will be sung and a series of readings will give the story of salvation. We will break into a glorious Alleluia as the Resurrection Gospel is proclaimed. Our elect will then be Baptized and Confirmed.

Our Easter Sunday Masses are scheduled at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. With grand music and a lot of Alleluias, we will celebrate the Good News. Please invite friends and relatives as we celebrate on this sacred day.

Fr. Tom

Our parish Lenten almsgiving project will go to the St. Luc Institute, run by the Passionist Fathers in Haiti. They are working in very difficult situations to try and make a difference.

"Life is very difficult and dangerous for children struggling to survive on the streets. They are lured into gangs, and are seen by the public and police to be dangerous for society. They urgently need to be oriented towards a better future, led by example."



If you would like to make a donation, write a check to St. Charles and put "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.

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a Priest, Deacon, Brother or Sister?

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. Next class, is Wednesday, June 17.



Join us in Seoul, South Korea!

World Youth Day 2027

JULY 29 - AUGUST 10, 2027

Come with us to Seoul for World Youth Day 2027! Experience spiritual awakening and Korean culture alongside other young Catholics from around the globe. This is more than just a trip. It is a life-changing encounter with your faith and with the world.



DIocese OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND



Start planning your trip today!
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Holy Week begins with the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. We acclaim Him as King as we hold the blessed palms. We then take the palm branches to our homes and put them in a prominent place.

Below is a schedule of Liturgical and Para-Liturgical celebrations for Holy Week:

March 29 - PALM SUNDAY

There will be a blessing of palms at the beginning of each Mass. For the 11:00 a.m. Mass, (weather permitting) we will gather outside of the Hession Center for the blessing of palms and a solemn procession into the Church.

March 31 - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Livestreamed on Diocesan Website

Join our Bishop and the Priests of the diocese by livestream as they renew their promises of pastoral service.

April 2 - HOLY THURSDAY (Incense will be used at Mass)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

This Mass commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Priesthood. We are reminded of Christ's great love for us as He gives His life-giving Body and Blood. After Mass, parishioners are encouraged to spend some time in the quiet church (No Adoration) until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday—Paschal Watch. Remain in Church in quiet prayer.

April 3 - GOOD FRIDAY

12:30 p.m. Good Friday Service
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion focuses on the Redemptive Love of Christ. We listen to the Passion, pray for the needs of all people, venerate the cross, and receive Communion.

April 4 - HOLY SATURDAY (Incense will be used at Mass)

9:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

This evening's liturgy is one of the most beautiful of the Church year. This Mass is designed to help us reflect on Christ who is our Light. The joy of the Resurrected Christ should warm our hearts as we see the new members of our parish baptized and received into full communion of the Catholic Church.

April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Incense will be used at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses) and 5:00 p.m.

At the Easter Masses, the ALLELUIA resounds as we gather to thank God for redeeming us through his Son's death and resurrection. We will renew our baptismal promises at all Masses.

CHRISM MASS

The Annual Chrism Mass will be held at 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.

Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to participate in a day retreat during Holy Week on **Tuesday, March 31** at the St. Charles Youth Center. The retreat will include talks and meditations about Holy Week and Christ's Passion, games, activities, and participation in the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

Register at stcharlesfortwayne.org/spring-break

Easter Food Blessing

All are invited to take part in a traditional Easter Food Blessing on Holy Saturday, **April 4**, at 9:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1105 Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne. All are encouraged to bring a basket of foods to be served on Easter for a special blessing.

The blessing of Easter food baskets is a long-standing Catholic tradition, particularly in Poland and other parts of central and Eastern Europe. Through prayer and blessing, we ask God to sanctify the food we will share in celebrating the joy of the Christ's Resurrection.



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

I **Camila Alves dos Santos**
Jacob Michael Maskal

Sponsor of the Week

(ODANIELAUTO.COM)

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



The **Anthony Wayne Lion's Club** has placed a collection box for used eye glasses and hearing aids in the entrance to the Gathering Space from the Parking Area. The Lions, after collection, clean glasses, determine their prescription and send them and repaired aids to Medical Missions in Central America.



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.




Saint Joseph
— HOSPICE SUITES —
at Saint Anne Communities

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



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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA harnesses the power of community and partnerships to feed, clothe, house, and heal individuals and families in our community.

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.


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 so 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!

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

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 the monthly packet and PRINT the name of deceased on the outside of the envelope. Place your donation in the Sunday collection or mail them to the Parish Office, Donations will be accepted through Monday, April 13.



Happy Easter

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>

Saint Joseph Men's Vita Dei Hermitage is seeking icons of any size for the hermitage chapel. If you have any to donate, please call David at 260-601-1515. God bless you!

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

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.

The **Saints & Scholars Summer Theology Institute** is a one-week, pre-college residential program for ALL high school students worldwide. Since 2016, over 800 high school students have participated in Saints & Scholars to: earn **college credit** in Theology, **receive mentorship from college students**, get a taste of the **college lifestyle**, participate in **seminar discussions with Holy Cross faculty**, make **new like-minded friends** from around the world, and **discover how Theology connects to 6 distinct fields**. The combined program activities of prayer, learning, and healing come together for high school students to explore how they are called to serve and lead in the Church. In partnership with the University of Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life, high school students have the opportunity to experience Notre Dame Vision followed by a full week at Saints & Scholars. **If you want to become a scholar who knows the wisdom of Christian tradition and a saint who has the courage to put that wisdom into action, join us this July 12-17, 2026!**

Visit <https://www.hcc-nd.edu/saints-and-scholars/> for more information and to register. Contact for questions regarding the program: Maria Gorecki, 574-474-8631, ssi@hcc-nd.edu

O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER - Saturday, May 9, from 1:00-p.m.-2:15 p.m. at Catholic Cemetery on Lake Avenue in Fort Wayne. Join the Ecce Young Adult Choir at the outdoor Marian Grotto for the rosary, prayers, and Marian hymns to honor our Blessed Mother and to pray for ALL of our mothers, living and deceased. Bring your own blankets and chairs for sitting on the lawn, and you may bring fresh or potted flowers to place before the Statue of Our Lady. There will be reserved parking near the grotto for the handicapped. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Resurrection Mausoleum on site. Email Jessica Schuster with questions: jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com

Mary Hilger's Art Camp

Children Ages 7-13
(ONLY 15 openings per week) LIMITED SPACE!!!

June 01-05

June 08-12

June 15-19

Time: 9:00 AM-11:45 AM

Contact: Mary Hilger

Cell: 260-438-8356

(I NEED GOOD HELPERS (STUDENT Age 12- OVER)

I Choose Life Spring Banquet Invitation and Event Details

You're Invited: 5th Annual Spring Banquet

Our organization is excited to announce the upcoming Spring Banquet, which will take place on **Monday, April 13**, at the Kruse Plaza, 5634 Opportunity Blvd., Auburn. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and we hope you can join us for this special event!

Ticket Information

Tickets are available for purchase online at \$50 per ticket. If you would like to bring your church community, you can reserve a table of 8 for \$400.

Keynote Speaker: Seth Gruber

Seth Gruber is a nationally recognized pro-life advocate, speaker, and cultural commentator known for his bold, articulate defense of unborn life and his unwavering commitment to equipping the Church to engage courageously on the issue of abortion. As the founder and CEO of The White Rose Resistance, Seth leads a national movement that calls on Christians to be the conscience of the culture—unafraid to stand for truth and defend the most vulnerable members of society.

Here is the link to purchase tickets:

5th Annual Spring Banquet—<https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/5th-annual-spring-banquet>



Your **Knights of Columbus Council 451** is pleased to announce our 2nd blood drive of the year. This will be held **Saturday, April 11**, in the school cafeteria from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Due to the upcoming Holy Week and Easter celebration, we will NOT be having sign ups in the Gathering Space. However, you can register online at RedCross.org. Use the code **knights451** - Let's make our 2nd drive of the year just as successful as the 1st.

St. Charles Cheerleader

We are looking for the following cheerleader coaches for next school year, 2026-2027:

5th Grade Head and Assistant Coaches

6th Grade Head and Assistant Coaches

7th/8th Grade Assistance Coach

If interested, please contact the Athletic Director, Justin Purdy via email athletics@stcharlesschoolfw.org

DUE TO GOOD FRIDAY BEING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3

**THERE WILL BE NO ROSARY, MASS,
ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026		March 22, 2026
Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	42,320.00
March 22	\$	37,766.42
Surplus This Week	\$	4,553.58
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	71,794.60