



**"WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST"
FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY
MAY 3, 2026**



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Communion Livestream (1:00 p.m.) — <https://youtube.com/live/uRJ5cBDUPS4>

Austin Ade
Ethyn Andes
Daphne Atkinson
Jacob Atterberry
Elizabeth Bailey
Eva Barton
Tilden Blessing
Vivian Brooks
Loretta Burkhart
Harrison Carteaux
Roland Chambers
Helena Cho
Felix Clemmer
Charlotte Colone
Lucas De Jong
Finley Digan
Lincoln Doehrman
Marcos Dominguez
Elijah Dutkiewicz
Harrison Ealing
Andrew Eisaman
Theodore Epple
Veronica Ewing
Claire Franke
Lydia Franke
Evilo Freiburger
Allison Fullenkamp
Lionel Gabet
Scarlett Gabet
Annabelle Gerig
Miren Glasner
Caroline Grote

Jaxyn Gunter
Alexander Hall
Hazel Hamilton
John Haselden
Isabella Hasselschwert
Jack Hatcher
Nuamsan Hau
James Henry
Gavin Hinkle
Tayden Hoffman
Avery Ingram
Lewis Johnson
Vivienne Jordan
Justin Keller
Saint Kelly
Leonhardt Kirkwood
Josephine Lauer
Jack Leonard
Roman Liepold
Harper Longberry
Remington Lovellette
Victoria Magana Lopez
Gabriella Maher
Naomi Mendez
Asher Merz
Berkley Merz
Cora Miller
Tatum Mitchell
Liam Negahban
Elena Nix
Fletcher Palkovic
Henry Pappert

Annie Perkins
Elise Ploense
Westyn Pyle
Diego Quintana
Natalie Radtke
Eleanna Reichert
Felix Ripley
Gavin Roberts
Raheem Saleem
Isabella Saucedo
Sophia Scheiber
Maximilian Schindler
Eleanor Scott
Samuel Secaur
Evelyn Slocum
James Steinau
Carter Straessle
Nolan Stresemann
Paisley Tevis
Oslo Till
Leo Tippmann
Miriam Welch
Liam Welsh
Annabelle Werschky
Elizabeth Williams
Briella Willis
Elysium Woollacott
Isaac Wyss
Parker Wyss
Rylee Wyss
Mirabelle Yoder
Scarlett Ziegel



MASSES

Saturday, May 2, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Tammy Bowers & Dave Klotz

Sunday, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. † Tony Scatena

9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of Fox & Brattoli Family

11:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Bishop Dwenger Class of 1978

1:00 p.m. First Communion Sunday

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Monday, May 4, Easter Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Mary Ann Quinn

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

8:15 a.m. † Stephen Oross

6:30 p.m. † Bill Russett

Tuesday, May 5, Easter Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Special Intentions of Dolores Kindred

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

8:15 a.m. † Tom Klein

6:30 p.m. † Special Intention of Mike & Emma Ankenbruck

Wednesday, May 6, Easter Weekday

6:15 a.m. † William Bell

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

8:15 a.m. † Judy Auer

6:30 p.m. † Dan Welsh

Thursday, May 7, Easter Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Jerry Klausing

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

8:15 a.m. † Thomas Weir

6:30 p.m. † Dolly Szymanski

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, May 8, Easter Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Richard Love

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

8:15 a.m. † Jim Kelker

6:30 p.m. † Joseph & Elsie Franz

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, May 9, Easter Weekday

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

8:15 a.m. † Paul Ehinger

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

Saturday, May 9, Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Jackson Kien

Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. † Frances Townsend

9:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community

11:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Rosary Sodality

5:00 p.m. † Timothy Kearney

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3

Sun., May 3: Acts 6.1-7/1 Pt 2.4-9/Jn 14.1-12

Mon., May 4: Acts 14.5-18/Jn 14.21-26

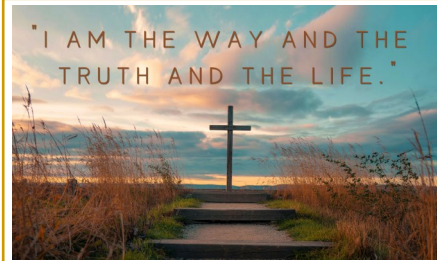
Tues., May 5: Acts 14.19-28/Jn 14.27-31a

Wed., May 6: Acts 15.1-6/Jn 15.1-8

Thurs., May 7: Acts 15.7-21/Jn 15.9-11

Fri., May 8: Acts 15.22-31/Jn 15.12-17

Sat., May 9: Acts 16.1-10/Jn 15.18-21



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus the Way

Reading I

Acts 6.1-7
(The need of assistants)

Reading II

1 Peter 2.4-9
(Living stones)

Gospel

John 14.1-12

(Last discourse: the way, the truth, and the life)

Key Passage: I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Adults: In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

Child: Name some ways you can imitate Jesus when you are on the playground or on a sports team.

Saturday, May 9

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

Kevin Hoersten, Becky Kien, Chuck Smith, Phillip Tyndall, Carolyn Tyndall

Altar Servers: Justin Johnson,

Anthony Rainey, Marianne Zartmann

Lector: Dr. Tom Ryan, Susie Hague

Sacristan: Don Smith

Sunday, May 10

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

Krystle Harless, Cheryl Prater, Mona Sproat, C.J. Steigmeyer

(C Maggie Kleber)

Altar Servers: Ayden Denney, Henry Gabet, Joey Gabet

Lector: Chris Stock, Ken Klausing

Sacristan: Margaret Digan

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

Katie Eckrich, Colleen O'Leary, Ezenwa Opara, Theresa Thissen, Anna Tippmann, Dan Vought, Sr.

(C Jan Hoy)

Altar Servers: Lily Hilger, Lilah Hilger, Tyler Rodenbeck

Master of Ceremonies: Jillian Scherschel

Lector: Ann Isch, Deb Wagner

Sacristan: Kate Sweigert

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

Maria Ellinger, Bill Jackson, Beth Miller, Sharon Nuerge, Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Gail Stoner

(C Darlene Simpson)

Altar Servers: Seth Andes, Zoe Tellez, Skylar Tellez

Master of Ceremonies: Will Hasselschwert

Lectors: Leanne Mensing, Rita Barile

Sacristan: Maria Ellinger

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

Malachi Palumbo, Jill O'Sullivan

(2 Volunteers Needed)

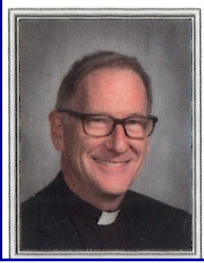
Altar Servers: David Morris, Gabriela Morris, Liam Shannon

Master of Ceremonies: Rafael J. Cucucuo

Lectors: Debra Rorick, Nicole Scott

Sacristan: Lynn Adamson

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



We welcome guests and relatives who join us this weekend for First Holy Communion. This is an important day in the lives of our children. We celebrate with them.

Our school May Crowning will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Monday afternoon, May 4. This is a beautiful event with our second-graders dressed in their First Communion clothes, our 8th graders dressed in their best, and the whole school gathered to sing beautiful Marian hymns and offer a rosary. Everyone is welcome.

As Fr. Bobby announced last weekend, Bishop Rhoades is assigning him to be pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Arcola beginning June 16. He will maintain his role as chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School. Fr. Bobby has served for three years at St. Charles and he will surely be missed here. We will plan a reception for him on June 14.

Next weekend is Mother's Day. While many families are considering the right gift or the right restaurant to please their mother, I offer another suggestion. Rather than buying a gift or finding a restaurant, consider coming to Mass with your mother. For a lot of mothers, this would be a greater gift than anything purchased in a store. [And mothers, don't hesitate to clip this suggestion out of the bulletin and share it with your children!]

A further thought as we approach Mother's Day: many of us have women in our lives who are not our biological mothers, but who have played a mothering role for us: caring aunts, neighbors, teachers, coaches, or role models. Wouldn't it be good to remember them also on Mother's Day?

A group of three nuns, Eucharistic Missionaries of Nazareth, are coming from Spain in late May or early June to serve in the Hispanic parishes in Fort Wayne. They will live in the convent at St. Henry, helping also at St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and in Warsaw. The diocese is currently looking for cars for them. If anyone would like to donate a reliable car, give us a call at St. Charles and we'll pass the word to the diocese.

I will be leaving Sunday afternoon for Chicago. (Sadly, I will miss the First Communion parties and the May Crowning.) You may recall that I am taking classes to learn to be a supervisor for transitional deacons. This is the last of six five-day sessions. I will return Friday afternoon. If all goes well I will return with a certificate stating that I'm ready to supervise a deacon.

Fr. Tom

Mother's Day Carnations

Celebrate and Honor "Motherhood" with Right to Life of Northeast Indiana during our Annual Mother's Day Carnation Project!

Each year, Right to Life of Northeast Indiana partners with churches across our eight counties to recognize the gift of life and the calling of mothers through beautiful flowers. This simple, meaningful project is a wonderful way for your church to demonstrate its support for the pro-life mission and is one of our largest fundraisers of the year.

We invite all mothers to participate by grabbing a beautiful carnation on your way out of this morning's service.

If you feel led to do so, please consider supporting RLNI and our mission by putting a donation (\$2 a stem suggested) in the donation box on your way out of this morning's service.

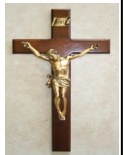
THANK YOU !

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are hurting after an abortion, you are not alone. It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including loss through an abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. There is healing through God who is Love and Mercy. Project Rachel is a post-abortion reconciliation program offered by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Project Rachel ministers and counsels individuals regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, please visit diocesefwsb.org/project-rachel

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

SIGN UP NOW TO TAKE HOME THE ST. CHARLES VOCATION CROSS Months of APRIL & MAY



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.

Don't let your hearts be troubled. The Lord shows the way, just ask him.



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

- II Casey Auer - Mike Kieffer
- I Madison Murphy - Russell Sordelet



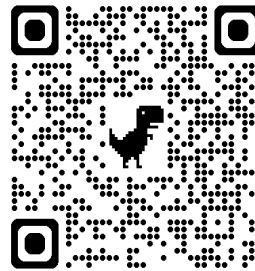
College Crew launches on Monday, May 18, at 7:15 p.m. at the St. Charles Youth Center (4904 Trier Rd). Join us each Monday for our six-week series on the topic of "Seven Sins: One Mercy." Weekly speakers will discuss the seven deadly sins and how the grace of God's mercy allows us to overcome them. The last weekly gathering is on Monday, June 22. We gather for fellowship, food, games, talk, and prayer. College Crew is a ministry outreach to all college-age young adults that creates a space for your faith to be fostered (you do not have to actually be in college to attend, but you should be 18+). There is no charge to participate in this event. For more info, please visit stcharlesfortwayne.org/cc

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 May 3, 2026** after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass and **LEARN** what indulgences can do for you.

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: <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/horning>



Catholic Charities is Hiring for a School Counselor!

We are growing and more schools want our services, which means we need more school counselors to help us serve our diocesan schools. We are open to a full-time or part-time position. To view and apply, go to..... www.ccfwsb.org/careers.

ST. CHARLES EUCHRE CARDS

Saturday, May 9

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.

"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 **Martha Bryan, William Livingston and Mason Tippmann.**



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



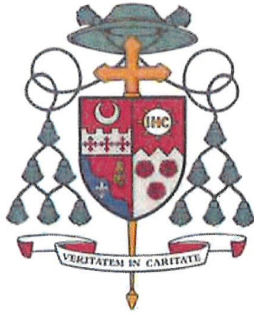
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 BIBLE HEROES

Registration is Open! Join us for 4 days of Faith-filler fun as we learn about 4 hears of the Old Testament! Vacation Bible School is for all children ages 4 through grade 3. It will be held June 15-18, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. The cost for one child is \$15. Return all registration forms and payment to Keith Heimann in the Religious Education Office by June 5, 2026 so we can order supplies. Return the registration form today!

Any parents and students (grade 7 and up) who are interested in helping out for the week can volunteer by simply filling out the volunteer form. It can be found on the parish website at

<https://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/vacation-bible-school>

This can count as service hours for Bishop Dwenger and for Confirmation! Volunteer today!



DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

915 South Clinton Street • Post Office Box 390
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46801

April 10, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo addressed all Christians on love for the poor. Here is a beautiful excerpt from that document:

Jesus' teaching on the primacy of love for God is clearly complemented by his insistence that one cannot love God without extending one's love to the poor. Love for our neighbor is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God, as the Apostle John attests: "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us... God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (1 Jn 4:12,16). The two loves are distinct yet inseparable. Even in cases where there is no explicit reference to God, the Lord himself teaches that every act of love for one's neighbor is in some way a reflection of divine charity: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

As you know, we have a wonderful tradition in our diocese of taking up every year on Mother's Day weekend a collection for Catholic Charities, which is the principal agency of the Church serving the poor in our communities. The money received in this collection will be used to help those who are most in need right here in our own diocese. Through our food pantries, assistance with rent, utilities, and mortgage payments, job training and housing assistance for refugees, mentoring programs for at-risk teens, mental health counseling, and support for those experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, Catholic Charities strives to share the love of Jesus and the hope of a better future with our brothers and sisters who are most in need.

I ask you to be generous with this collection, which will be taken up at all parishes in the diocese of the weekend of May 9 and 10. May Our Blessed Mother, whose Son was sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, intercede for you and for all whom we serve through Catholic Charities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Kevin C. Rhoades*

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

**Used Uniform Sale
Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

The sale will be held in the Parish Hall from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20. Please park in the corner lot by the traffic light and enter through door #13. Gently used uniform skirts and jumpers, dress code permitted shirts, sweatshirts, pants, and shorts, etc. may be sold. We will also accept used scout uniforms, St. Charles spirit wear, gym uniforms, 4th grade Saint & Settler's day costumes and First Communion dresses and suits. All clothing must be clean, hole & stain free. We reserve the right to not sell any items that do not meet school standards.

SELLERS: Each item should be individually priced. Please pin an envelope to each item. On the envelope, include: your name, size of the item, gender, and price. Items will be accepted beginning on Friday, May 15 through Tuesday, May 19. **NO** drop offs will be accepted on the sale day, Wednesday, May 20. Volunteers will be present on this day to organize/set up the sale. Sale items should be brought to the front office. All envelopes with money from sold items are available for pick up in the school office on Thursday, May 21. **All unsold items will be donated. You won't be able to retrieve unsold items. Thank you.**

BUYERS: It is important that you please bring **SMALL BILLS** (ex: \$1 and \$5) to pay for each individual item. **NO CHECKS** are accepted and **NO CHANGE** can be made.

If you have any questions, please call/text Audrey Clauser at 260-602-5895.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: SUMMIT AWAKENING 13

Young adults ages 18-25 are invited to Summit Awakening, a Catholic retreat designed to help you encounter God's love in a deeper way, from May 29 – 31 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Step away from daily life for a weekend of prayer, friendship, reflection, and fun. The retreat includes talks from fellow young adults, small groups, opportunities for prayer, and the Sacraments. The cost is \$45, and scholarships are available for those needing assistance. Learn more and register today at summitawakeningfw.weebly.com



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.

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

April 26, 2026

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	42,320.00
April 26	\$	36,989.87
Deficit This Week	\$	(5,330.13)
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	54,343.64

WHAT IS LEGION OF MARY?

The **Legion of Mary** is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members.

- * To bring back our brothers and sisters in Faith who have been away from the church, through the Sacraments.
- * The sanctification of our members.
- * Sacred Heart Enthronement in the homes of our praying and active members.
- * Visit our new parishioners to welcome them into the parish, its school, activities and parish ministries
- * To be one in prayers, with the multitude of Legionaries, worldwide, to promulgate

**Come to a Legion of Mary meeting at St. Charles,
Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.**

**MEETING IN THE BRIDE'S ROOM!
OFF OF THE GATHERING SPACE**

If interested or have questions, call Brian, at 260-485-8355.

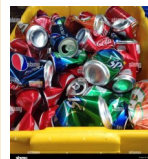


Do You Have a Loved One Nearing the End of Life?

Our trained Spiritual Companions will sit with, listen to, and pray with your loved one for one hour each week to help facilitate a peaceful death. Please text or call Rose at 260-402-6398.

CONTACT US

info@heartofjesusfw.org
www.heartofjesusfw.org



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.

Sponsor of the Week

(Culligan)