



ASCENSION *of the Lord*

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 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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Bishop of Fort Wayne/South Bend
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MASSES

Saturday, May 16, Vigil, The Ascension of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Margaret Mary Fortier

Sunday, May 17, The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Judy Fortino

11:00 a.m. † Matt Ostermeyer

5:00 p.m. † Kenneth Vondrell

Monday, May 18, Easter Weekday; St. John I, Pope and Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of McCormick & Flynn Families

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

8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of Joseph A. & Mary Jane Bruck Family

6:30 p.m. † Eugene & Mary Jane Fletcher

Tuesday, May 19, Easter Weekday

6:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Smith Family

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

8:15 a.m. † Jennie Arno

7:00 p.m. **St. Charles Class of 2026**

Wednesday, May 20, Easter Weekday; St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Linda Till

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

8:15 a.m. † Robert Wehrly

6:30 p.m. † Pat Nofziger

Thursday, May 21, Easter Weekday, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

6:15 a.m. † Richard & Ellen Hofrichter

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

8:15 a.m. † Mary Ann Creigh

6:30 p.m. † Pat Whitacre

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, May 22, Easter Weekday, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

6:15 a.m. † Special Intention for the Huhn Family

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

8:15 a.m. † Wm. Livingston

6:30 p.m. † Stella Barile

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, May 23, Easter Weekday

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

8:15 a.m. † Steve Hope

2:30 p.m. Wedding—Madison Murphy-Russell Sordelet

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

Saturday, May 23, Vigil, Pentecost Sunday

5:00 p.m. † Steve Rashevich

Sunday, May 24, Pentecost Sunday

7:30 a.m. † Maurice Linder

9:00 a.m. † Ronald Busch

11:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community

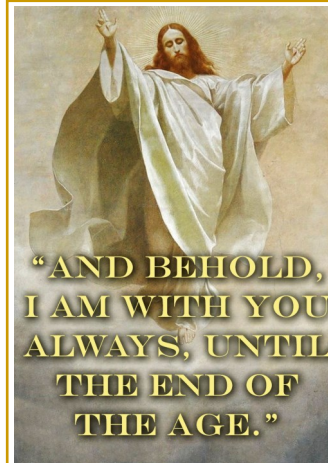
5:00 p.m. † Jim & Mary Storch

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

May 10, 2026

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	42,320.00
May 10	\$	35,037.63
Deficit This Week	\$	(7,282.37)
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	60,648.23



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Reading I

Acts 1.1-11
(Jesus Final Instructions and Ascension)

Reading II

Ephesians 1.17-23
(Exaltation of Christ)

Gospel

Mt 28.16-20
(I am with you always)

Key Passage:

Power to proclaim the good news

Adults: With whom have you shared the good news of Jesus in the past month?

Child: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?

Saturday, May 23

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Roby Kaufman, Edward Koors, Kathy O'Neil, Linda Schneider, Phillip Tyndall
Altar Servers: Elijah Coak, Cohe O'Rourke, Alie Saleem
Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede
Lector: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek
Sacristan: Melinda Firestine

Sunday, May 24

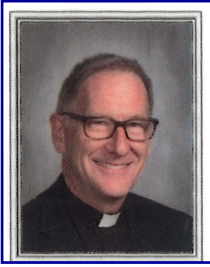
7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Sean Digan, C.J. Steigmeyer, Max & Anne Tinkel (C Maggie Kleber)
Altar Servers: Miles Till, Juliet Underwood, Andrew Jacob
Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda
Lector: Cece Dunderman, Ron Russell, Jr.
Sacristan: Christy Jacob

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Tom Ade, Audrey Clauser, Lee & Trinh Ly, Theresa Thissen, Jill Redding (C Jan Hoy)
Altar Servers: Luke Clauser, Alexander Moga, Joseph Scherschel
Master of Ceremonies: Vincent Clauser
Lector: Mary Lou Morris, Jillian Scherschel
Sacristan: Amanda Scherschel

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Bill Jackson, Kate Jones, Beth Miller, Jerry & Sharon Nuerge, Gail Stoner (C Tes Sanderlin)
Altar Servers: Kathryn Henry, Addy Jones, Noah Jones
Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta
Lectors: Benjamin Franke, Beau Strack
Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
John Rorick Dave Stevens
(2 Volunteers Needed)
(C Debbie Stevens)
Altar Servers: Levigne Claycomb, Luke O'Keefe, Malachi Palumbo
Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman
Sacristan: Lynn Adamson

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



We welcome Fr. Emmanuel Abuh this weekend. Fr. Emmanuel will share with us some of the situation in his home Diocese in Nigeria. Nigeria is a western African nation with a large and vibrant Catholic population, but a nation which is faced with issues of poverty, violence, and religious persecution. We will take a second collection to help the Church in his diocese. Write a check to St. Charles and write "Nigeria" in the memo line. Fr. Emmanuel is a well-known figure in Fort Wayne, serving now as the pastor at St. Jude.

Our school year is nearly over, and our 8th graders will graduate on Tuesday evening. Our Tuesday evening Mass will include a graduation ceremony for those students who are ready now for high school. **Please note that our Tuesday evening Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. and not our usual 6:30 p.m. time.** These students were new kindergarteners when I arrived at St. Charles, and they have grown in beautiful ways. We offer prayer for them as they move on.

We will be saddened by the departure of Fr. Bobby, who leaves us to start his new role as Pastor of St. Patrick, Arcola on June 16. Fr. Bobby has served here for three years with energy, wisdom and grace. As we announced last week, we are now happy to have a replacement coming. Fr. Drew Curry will be our new priest at St. Charles. Fr. Drew is originally from South Bend. With 18 years of experience in the priesthood, he is now serving at Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn. Fr. Drew is a longtime friend and a priest of spiritual depth and humility. He will be a great asset to our parish.

You will soon see another new face around the parish. Seminarian Mason Bailey will arrive this week to serve at St. Charles for the summer. Mason comes from Most Precious Blood Parish and he is studying at St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana. Please introduce yourself, invite him to dinner, and make him welcome at St. Charles.

We are coming very close to an historic day for our parish. Two of our parish sons, Deacon Sam Martinez and Deacon Noah Isch, will be ordained priests on June 6. Mark your calendar and join us for the Mass of Ordination at the Fort Wayne Cathedral, 11:00 a.m. on June 6. Both will celebrate their First Mass the following day at St. Charles. Father Sam will celebrate our 9:00 a.m. Mass and Fr. Noah will preside at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on June 7.

Fr. Tom

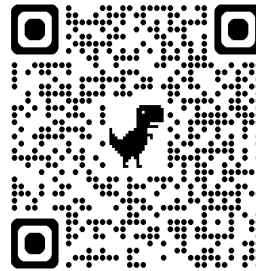
**Friends of St. Zelie Mom's Group:
May Crowning
and Ice Cream Social**

Sunday May 17—2:00 p.m.
St. Charles Youth Center
4904 Trier Rd.



We'll honor Mary with a simple crowning ceremony, followed by sweet treats and fellowship. Children are welcome! RSVPs are helpful but not required using the QR code at www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-saint-zelie

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday evening, May 18**, in the Community Room, if you would be interested in becoming a volunteer visitor for parishioners who are in assisted living or nursing care. If you have a talent for visiting, we will pair you with a person who would love to host you.



**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. JOSEPH HOSPICE SUITES
AT ST. ANNE'S COMMUNITIES**

We are hiring RN/LPNs & QMAs! We are a Catholic hospice dedicated to honoring the dignity of every life. If you have a passion for end-of-life care & feel called to serve in this mission, we would love to hear from you! Apply on Indeed or contact Emily at emily.thiel@sacfw.org or 260-399-3135



**ST. CHARLES
CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS
MINISTRY**

May is mental health awareness month. Join us on Wednesday May 20th for guest speaker Melanie Williams, Director of Diocesan Mental Health Ministries and Licensed Clinical Psychologist. Gain awareness and a deeper understanding of the vital role mental health plays in our overall well being and hear what the church has to say about mental health.

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HESSION CENTER | ROOM D
4916 TRIER RD.

CMHWM MEETINGS HELD EVERY 3RD
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. 7-8PM
FOR PRAYER REQUESTS OR MORE INFO:
MENTAL.HEALTH.WELLNESS@SCBFW.ORG
260-414-6817 OR 260-750-6871



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

- III **Madison Murphy - Russell Sordelet**
- II **Rachel Landstoffer—
Chase Kohlmeier**



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

Child Protection

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org, under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Jodi Marlin, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (260) 399-1447 or jmarlin@diocesefwsb.org; or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801; at (260) 399-1419; or at mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

"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 **Debra Nelson and
Cenina Davis.**



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>

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

It is not too late...sign up for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 today! Join us for four days learning about 4 incredible SAINTS of the Church! Registration forms are due by June 5! Visit the parish website to get your registration form today at <https://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/vacation-bible-school>. Return it to the Religious Education Office to secure your spot in a room. Your child will enjoy crafts, stories, games, and a treat each day! We hope you can join in the fun!

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>

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



DIocese OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

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April 2026

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I invite you to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. In the years that I have been involved with the Knights, and particularly in the years since my ordination as a bishop, I have come to appreciate the many ways in which this fraternal order enhances the lives of its members and families and also serves the Church in many and diverse ways.

Since its humble beginning in a single Connecticut parish in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has grown into an organization with 2.1 million members in 17 countries. In 2022-23, the Knights donated more than \$154 million to charity and provided more than 48 million volunteer hours of charitable service worldwide. We call this "Faith in Action!" It would be hard to imagine a more significant response to Pope Francis' call to "overcome our fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need."

As Catholics, we are called by Christ to put our faith into action by works of mercy and charity. The Knights in our diocese are exemplary in responding to this call with faith, zeal, and dedication.

While there is a seriousness in our shared purpose and priorities as Knights, most especially our defense of life, religious liberty and the family, we also enjoy each others' fraternal company. I think you would feel very much at home in this Catholic fraternal order where we pray, serve, and grow together as brothers in Christ.

For all the above reasons, I encourage every active Catholic man in our diocese over the age of 18 to consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

May the Holy Spirit guide you and Our Lady and Saint Joseph intercede for you in your journey of faith!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

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

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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.

The **Bishop Dwenger Rifle Team** has a long-standing tradition of excellence in marksmanship and youth development, rooted in values of faith, discipline, integrity, and personal growth. This summer, students entering 7th grade and above are invited to take part in our Air Rifle Summer Camp — a unique opportunity to build character, focus, and confidence in a safe and structured environment. All equipment is provided. Register online at www.thexcount.com/upcoming-events or call 260-437-3860 with any questions.

Thank you for your time and support in sharing this opportunity with your school families. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Burgers with Fr. Bobby

6:00-7:30pm every Thursday in June and July on the lawn by the Hession Ctr.



what to bring: your family, lawn chairs, drinks, a side dish to share



Knights of Columbus Council 451 is pleased to announce our third Red Cross Blood Drive of the year. This will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon at Sanctuary, formerly Good Shepherd Church, 4700 Vance Avenue. It is wonderfully air conditioned! Please donate in honor of all those who have given their lives for our freedoms. You may donate if you have NOT donated elsewhere after April 11, 2026.

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

GREETING CARD MINISTRY TO THE NURSING HOMES AND SHUT INS

St. Charlie's St. Vincent de Paul Society has been distributing greeting cards to the residents of the seven nursing homes in our parish boundaries. We distribute over 800 cards for each occasion: Christmas, Easter, Birthdays, Thinking of You and note cards. Please check your closets, drawers and mail boxes for unsigned greetings cards. The following two weekends we will have box on the table in the Gathering Space for your card donations. Thank you.



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 **April, 2026** we were able to assist 330 individuals consisting of 170 adults and 160 children. Summary of assistances provided to our Neighbors includes Food Vouchers \$ 542.00, Gift Cards, \$ 496.00, Thrift Store Voucher \$ 874.00, Motel \$ 1,180, Mortgage \$ 250.00, Rent \$4,020, Total Utilities payments \$2,300, Auto Repairs \$ 365.00, Bus Passes \$ 52.00, and \$ 200.00 monthly to St. Patrick's Parish. SVdP St Charles spent \$ 10,279 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.

From St. Vincent de Paul store: There is an urgent need for donations of men's clothing at this time. Items may include: shirts, t-shirts, shorts, pants, socks etc. Place your donated items in plastic bags marked "SVdP - Men's" and bring to the St. Charles Charity Room.

As always, thank you for your willingness to help.

Sponsor of the Week

(Summit Academy of Gymnastics)