

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

**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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Whoever does  
not carry his  
own cross and  
come after me  
cannot be my  
disciple.

Luke 14:27



# MASSES

## Saturday, September 6, Vigil, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Fox & Brattoli Families

## Sunday, September 7, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community  
9:00 a.m. † Rolland & Nathala Patterson  
11:00 a.m. Special Intention of P.J. Howe  
5:00 p.m. † Bryan Bobay

## Monday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15 a.m. Thanking God for Answering Jean's Prayers  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Cesar D dela Guardia  
6:30 p.m. † Deborah Smith

## Tuesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Kevin Ryan  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Janette Echlin  
6:30 p.m. † James & Kilian Oberstar

## Wednesday, September 10, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Marilyn LaRocque  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Mary Helmkamp  
6:30 p.m. † Kerm & Helen B. Welch

## Thursday, September 11, Weekday

6:15 a.m. Special Intention of Fr. James  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Sam Townsend  
6:30 p.m. † Jerry Michel  
7:00 p.m. Confessions

## Friday, September 12, Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Mary

6:15 a.m. † Theresa Ehinger Hoot  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Arthur Singleton  
6:30 p.m. † Donald Luther

## Saturday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Bryon Scott  
2:30 p.m. Wedding  
Soleil Harrison-Seth Tippmann  
2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

## Saturday, September 13, Vigil, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00 p.m. † Jack Lorenc

## Sunday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community  
9:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Potosky Family  
11:00 a.m. † Howard & Joan Ensley  
5:00 p.m. † John & Jean Bragg

**Knights of Columbus** has an aluminum can recycling program at St. Charles. Drop your cans off at Southeast side of the parking lot.—near the maintenance building.

**'THIS ONE BEGAN TO BUILD BUT DID NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO FINISH.'**

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Discerning God's Will

### Reading 1

Wisdom 9.13-18a  
(Solomon's prayer)

### Reading II

Philemon 9b-10, 12-17  
(Plea for Onesimus)

### Gospel:

Luke 14.25-33  
(Sayings on discipleship)

**Key Passage:** Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberation of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans.

**Adult:** How do you try to discover what God is asking of you?

**Child:** When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do? Who helps you know?

## Saturday, September 13

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Gerry Brubaker, Edward Koors, Kathy O'Neil, Phil Rosswurm, Chuck Smith  
**Altar Servers:** Jozlynn Bird, Juliana Bird, Alie Saleem  
Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta  
**Lectors:** Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek  
**Sacristan:** Gerry Brubaker

## Sunday, September 14

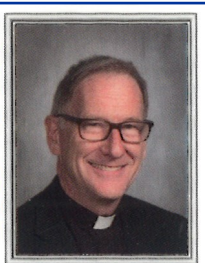
7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Marijo Sliger, Max & Anne Tinkel  
**(2 Subs Needed)**  
(C Judy Sherron)  
**Altar Servers:** Dwight Brown, Henry Eugene Stritmatter, Daniel Tippmann  
**Lector:** Cece Dunderman, Nik Kleber  
**Sacristan:** Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Arianne Davis, John Magsam, Colleen O'Leary, Jill Redding, Matt Smith, Theresa Thissen  
(C Kathy Vande Zande)  
**Altar Servers:** Lilah Hilger, Charlotte Pfeiffer, Lena Pfeiffer  
Master of Ceremonies: Lily Hilger  
**Lectors:** Bev Peters, Dennis Redding  
**Sacristan:** Emma Peat

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sarah Brust, Betty Dobosz, Ann Gabet, Bill Jackson, Judi Ueber, Rhonda Walton  
(C Darlene Simpson)  
**Altar Servers:** Bela Antunovic, Hunter Carteaux, Elena Rottinger  
Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede  
**Lectors:** Tara Christen, Ken Nelson  
**Sacristan:** Betty Dobosz

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Susan Badenhorst, Malachi Palumbo, John Rorick  
**(1 Volunteer Needed)**  
**EMHC Captain: Volunteer Needed**  
**Altar Servers:** Scarlett Lesh, Gabriela Morris, David Morris  
Master of Ceremonies: Marco Cavacini  
**Lectors:** Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman  
**Sacristan:** Carolyn Tyndall





## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This is Cardinal Fest Weekend. We welcome guests and we thank all of the workers who make this event happen. There is an enormous amount of organization needed to coordinate all of the games and events, recruit volunteers, bring in food trucks, set up and clean up. We are grateful for our many dedicated workers.

We have great events planned this Sunday for our middle school students and also our high school students. As we kick off a new year of Youth Ministry and also remember the Canonizations of Carlos Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, we will have a giant obstacle course, food, and games at the Youth Center on Sunday afternoon, September 7. Middle schoolers are invited from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and high schoolers from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m..

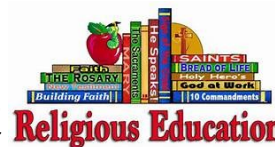
We are also beginning our new year with Music Ministry. The 9:00 a.m. choir has a first rehearsal on September 18 at 7:15 p.m. We also welcome those who might want to join the 11:00 a.m. choir or the Sunday evening choir. Call Karen at 484-6570 or reach out to her at [khopestcharles@yahoo.com](mailto:khopestcharles@yahoo.com). For those who might be interested in serving as a cantor at the Saturday evening Mass or the 7:30 a.m. Mass, contact Tim at [robisont77@gmail.com](mailto:robisont77@gmail.com) or 446-3118.

Next weekend, we will show a short video before Mass begins. Plans are in the works for a diocesan synod in the fall of 2026. The video will explain what the synod is all about and how we will be involved.

I am leaving on Sunday afternoon for a ten-day vacation with old seminary friends. We have been ordained 35 years. We will spend some days at a medieval monastery in the highlands of Scotland and then drive around looking for castles and other good sites. I will return late on September 17. In the meantime, you are in good hands with Fr. Bobby and Fr. Jerry.

Fr. Tom

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGINS MONDAY!!



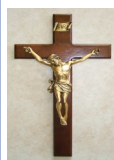
We hope you enrolled for the Religious Education Classes! Our classes begin this Monday, September 8 from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.! Registration forms can be found in the back of church or online at <https://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/growing-in-faith-children>. Drop off is at door #13 and we will gather in the Parish Hall for opening prayer. We want all school-aged children, grades 1-8, to grow in the great Catholic Faith! Direct any questions you may have to Keith or Cindy at 484-7322 or by email at [religiouseducation@scbfw.org](mailto:religiouseducation@scbfw.org)

## CATHOLIC APOLOGETIC STUDY

This fall there will be a 10 week study on Beginning Apologetics. We will meet in Rooms C & D in the Hession Center, Tuesday evenings, 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m.. Beginning with an organizational meeting September 30. Sessions run October 14 through December 16. The book series being used is; Beginning Apologetics by San Juan Catholic Seminars. There will be a \$26 cost for the books. Email [scbb.study@gmail.com](mailto:scbb.study@gmail.com) by September 8 to reserve your place in the program. Come and learn more about your Catholic faith and how to explain it to others.

## SIGN UP NOW TO TAKE HOME THE ST. CHARLES VOCATION CROSS Months of SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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.

Having a loose grasp on those people and things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled to overflowing by God. Can you let go?

## ST. CHARLES EUCHRE CARD "Saturday, September 13"

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.



## PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS SOON!

The new season of the *Parish Children's Choir* begins on Wednesday, September 10. Open to children grades 1-6, the choir meets each Wednesday from 3:10 p.m. to 3:45 pm in the Community Room of the Church, and sings for a weekend Mass once a month from September thru April. An end of year bowling party is held at the end of the year. To register your child/children, or for more information, please contact Mr. Tim Robison, [robison-t77@gmail.com](mailto:robison-t77@gmail.com), or text, 260-402-3402. Registration deadline is Friday, September 5. We look forward to having a great group of children this year! Mr. Robison



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

- III Soleil Harrison—Seth Tippmann
- II Amiah Furras—Todd Tippmann, Jr.

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 2024. **JOIN US** September 7, after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass and **LEARN** what indulgences can do for you.

Many children are in need of foster care, a temporary or long-term family environment where they can thrive. If you would like to learn more about foster care and the support which is provided to families, contact Beloved Shepherd, a local organization which provides training, respite care, and support for foster families. They can be reached at [belovedshepherd1@gmail.com](mailto:belovedshepherd1@gmail.com) or 260-422-9243.

St. Charles K of C would like to thank all those who supported the recent "Tools & Toys" Garage Sale. It's success has provided funds for our charitable causes as well as donations to the Franciscan Center, St. Vincent de Paul Center and Habitat for Humanity Restore.



### ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

An acapella choir of Catholic young adults from all across Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. To boldly proclaim the Gospel message by the beauty of the music song, the splendor of the truths taught, the authenticity of friendship and the witness of their lives. To join, email Jessica Schuster, Director: [Jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com) before September 14 to audition for the fall choir season, to audition, you must be a practicing Catholic 18-33 years old and proficient in reading music.

Young Adults in their 20's & 30's (must be at least 18+) are invited to a retreat at St. Felix Catholic Center from Friday evening through Sunday morning, September 26-28, 2025. The retreat will focus on the theme of "Ever Ancient Ever New," taken from Saint Augustine's Confessions. It is a time to withdraw from everyday hustle, to spend time with God, and to build a stronger faith. On the weekend, we will reflect on the foundation of our faith throughout the history of the Church and how we are called to go out into the world as witnesses of hope.



The **Church Nursery** is now open at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Young children under 5 are welcome. Our nursery is staffed by parishioner volunteers. Help us support the young families in our church by volunteering with this ministry; adults 18 and older and teens are needed. This is a good opportunity for teens to earn service hours. For more information, stop by on Sunday to pick up a volunteer form or sign up at email: [wwmomsinneed@gmail.com](mailto:wwmomsinneed@gmail.com)

St. Paul Center DVD Series followed by Lectio Divina.  
Please bring a Bible and a Journal  
Email: [mzbecker@ameritech.net](mailto:mzbecker@ameritech.net)  
Come and learn about Scriptures and Lectio Divina

**MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY,**

**PRAY FOR US**

## Bible Study and Reflection

Saturday mornings 8:45am  
in the Community Room  
Sept 6 through Nov 22

join us for study, fellowship and to grow spiritually

## Sponsor of the Week

(Lancia Homes)



# Help us grow our music ministry!

Join the 9:00am Choir

First rehearsal is  
Thurs, Sept 18  
7:15-8:15pm in the  
Community Room

Call Karen: 484-6570  
[khopestcharles@yahoo.com](mailto:khopestcharles@yahoo.com)

Many voices, men and women, are needed



## Q & A

Representatives from Divine Mercy Funeral Home and Catholic Cemetery, a non-profit ministry of the Church, will be handing out

literature folders following all Masses the weekend of September 27 and 28, regarding information on Cemetery & Funeral preplanning. Please take folders for your review.

They will also be hosting a Dinner and Discussion Q & A Session on **Wednesday, October 1**, 5:30 p.m. at Divine Mercy Funeral Home, 1986 West Cedar Canyons Road, Hometown, IN. No obligation is expected—this session is being held to allow families to ask questions and receive guidance to being better prepared for the death of a loved one. Please contact Divine Mercy Funeral Home—Catholic Cemetery at 426-2044 to register and reserve a seat for this event.

## Divine Will Cenacle

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

When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed  
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Where: St. Charles  
Community Room



# arise

## A 10 session small group series for women in a season of infertility

Beginning Thursday, September 18  
7-8:30pm

St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne

Cost: \$20/person for materials

Register: [diocesefwsb.org/hope-for-the-journey](http://diocesefwsb.org/hope-for-the-journey)

**Ladies, Join Us in September for Kingdom Builders  
Thursday, September 11—7:00 P.M.**

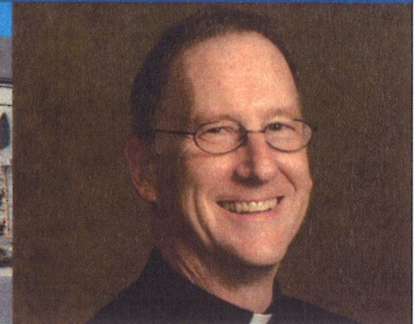
**St. Vincent de Paul Church  
1502 E. Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne**

We are surrounded by many creatures we cannot see. The entire life of the Church benefits from the powerful help of angels.



# SVdP Walk for Hope

**SUPPORT THE ST. CHARLES CONFERENCE OF THE  
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST 2025**

Parkview Field  
1301 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne

- 12:30-2:30pm - Tailgate Party
  - Join us for food, fellowship, and music in the Parkview Field parking lot
- 2:00pm - Walk Registration begins
- 2:40pm - Presentation at Parkview Field
- 3:00pm - Walk/Run Begins
  - Route Options: 3 Miles, 1.25 miles or 1/3 mile

To sign up or donate, visit:

[runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/SVdPWalkForHope](https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/SVdPWalkForHope)

**DONATE TO**

**FR. TOM SHOEMAKER AS HE  
WALKS TO SUPPORT OUR  
NEIGHBORS IN NEED:**



**SIGN UP TO WALK WITH THE  
ST. CHARLES CONFERENCE:**



For event questions,  
contact Lara Schreck at 260-456-3561 x120 or  
Olivia Conn at [olivia@svdpfortwayne.org](mailto:olivia@svdpfortwayne.org)