



**Lord**  
*your forgiveness*  
**has no limits**

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving message  
of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments,  
Prayer and Service to others.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades,  
Bishop of Fort Wayne/South Bend  
Monsignor Tom Shoemaker, Pastor  
Fr. Drew Curry, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Jerry Madathiparambil Paul, O.S.B., Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Rob Lortie

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# MASSSES

## Saturday, September 12, Vigil, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of Lauer Family

## Sunday, September 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † William Peters

11:00 a.m. † Deceased of the Potosky Family

5:00 p.m. † Kathryn Pagliaro

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

6:15 a.m. † Byron & Sue Wyss

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

8:15 a.m. † Jordan Miller

6:30 p.m. † Robert Roell

## Tuesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

6:15 a.m. † Eric & Herb Anthony

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

8:15 a.m. † Jim Haffner

6:30 p.m. † Maurice & Vi Linder

## Wednesday, September 16, Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop & Martyrs

6:15 a.m. † James Sproat

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

8:15 a.m. † Stephen Oross

6:30 p.m. † Donald Tippmann

## Thursday, September 17, Weekday, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Dr. James & Rita Berghoff

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

8:15 a.m. † Hugh & Nancy Gerard

6:30 p.m. † Betty Tilbury

7:00 p.m. Confessions

## Friday, September 18, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † John & Patricia Betz

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

8:15 a.m. † Howard & JoAnn Ensley

6:30 p.m. † Ed Dobosz

7:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

## Saturday, September 19, Weekday, St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

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

8:15 a.m. † Joseph Wallace

1:00 p.m. Wedding—Mia Nelson-Harrison Parent

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

## Saturday, September 19, Vigil, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of Hargis & Miller Families

## Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Jim Kelker

9:00 a.m. † Suzie Wilhelm

11:00 a.m. † Joanna Jacobs

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WALK FOR HOPE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

If you would like to sponsor Fr. Tom as he walks to support our neighbors in need. Scan the code.



## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Forgiveness And Mercy

#### Reading I

Sirach 27:30-28.7  
(Call to forgiveness and mercy)

#### Reading II

Romans 14.7-9

(To live and die for Christ)

#### Gospel

Matthew 18.21-35 (The merciless official)

**Key Passage:** Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

**Adults:** When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

**Child:** When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

## Saturday, September 19

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

Edward Koors, Linda Schneider, Chuck Smith, Terry and Cindy Stults

**Altar Servers:** Cohe O'Rourke, Alie Saleem, Henry Eugene Stritmatter, Madelyn Warner

**Lector:** Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell

**Sacristan:** Gerry Brubaker

## Sunday, September 20

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

Mona Sproat, C.J. Steigmeyer, Margie Stier  
(1 Sub Requested)

(C Maggie Kleber)

**Altar Servers:** Luka Bacak, Henry Gabet, Joey Gabet, Katie Haselden

**Lector:** Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer

**Sacristan:** Cheryl Roy

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

Tom Ade, Lee & Trinh Ly, John Magsam, Ezenwa Opara, Theresa Thissen  
(C Jan Hoy)

**Altar Servers:** Vincent Mathews, Isaac Scherschel, Joseph Scherschel, Michaela Voors

**Lector:** Martin Schweigert, Jillian Scherschel

**Sacristan:** Amanda Scherschel

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

Edwin Capuyan, Ann Gabet, Bill Jackson, Beth Miller, Kathleen Wiley, Teresa Michel  
(C Norma Basinger)

**Altar Servers:** Xavery Bokhart, Drew Hofrichter, Elena Rottinger, Mae Cheviron, Karissa Hofrichter

Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta

**Lector:** Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Matthew O'Shaughnessey

**Sacristan:** Doug & Norma Basinger

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

Maria Ellinger, Andy Stauffer, Dave Stevens  
(1 Volunteer Requested)  
(C Debbie Stevens)

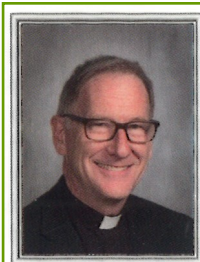
**Altar Servers:** Cooper Eisaman, Scarlett Lesh, Malachi Palumbo,

Joey Williams, Conner Eisaman

**Lectors:** Debra Rorick, Nicole Scott

**Sacristan:** Sub Needed

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



I thank all of the workers and sponsors who have helped to make Cardinal Fest an important event this weekend. We have some amazing organizers who make a complex project look simple.

You will remember that Fr. Emmanuel, the Pastor of St. Jude, gave a missionary appeal at St. Charles in April. We raised over \$17,000 for his Diocese in Nigeria. We received a gracious note of thanks from Bishop Anthony Adaji, the Bishop of Idah. "I thank you for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to my priest, Fr. Emmanuel Abuh during his recent mission appeal on behalf in your parish. We are deeply grateful to you and your parishioners for supporting the mission and ministry of the Idah Diocese....May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for you and bring abundant blessings to your parish."

Next weekend will be our pledge weekend for the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The video for the appeal this year is very, very short...less than two minutes. We will show it before each Mass next weekend. Pledge cards will be available in the pews. Please be generous with the appeal. Many important ministries are possible through these funds.

The diocese has stopped printing the weekly newspaper, *Today's Catholic*. Two new opportunities are taking its place to help keep us informed. A free weekly newsletter is now offered through e-mail. If you are not yet receiving this newsletter, go to the diocesan website, [diocesefwsb.org](http://diocesefwsb.org). You will see "Stay Connected" on the home page. Hit the *subscribe* button and give your e-mail address. The diocese is also printing a very slick quarterly magazine called "Vibrant Catholic" with news and interviews. It is sent through the mail to everyone who donates to the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Fr. Emmanuel

### Your support is greatly appreciated. SVdP Walk for Hope

We invite you to join us in fighting hunger and homelessness in our community by becoming a sponsor of the **10th Annual SVdP Walk for Hope**, held on (New Date) **Sunday, September 20, 2026**, at **Parkview Field** in downtown Fort Wayne. Your partnership helps us serve our Neighbors with compassion, dignity, and hope.

If you are interested in sponsoring or partnering with SVdP, please contact **Herb J. Halley** at [Herbjhalley@gmail.com](mailto:Herbjhalley@gmail.com) or by phone at **317-750-2713**

#### Event Schedule:

**1.12:30–2:30 PM – Tailgate Party**

Join us for food, fellowship, and music in the Parkview Field parking lot.

**2.2:00 PM – Walk Registration Begins**

**3.2:40 PM – Presentation at Parkview Field**

**4.4:30 PM – Walk/Run Begins**

**Route Options: 3 miles, 1.25 miles, or 1/3 mile**

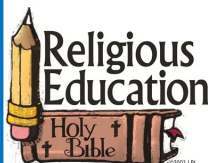
**To sign up or donate, visit:**

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

### Religious Education Registration Open Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year! Register NOW

Religious Education Classes begins MONDAY!!

We hope you enrolled for the Religious Education classes! Our classes begin this Monday, September 14, 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 Heimann at 484-7322 or by email at [religiouseducation@scbfw.org](mailto:religiouseducation@scbfw.org)



The Church Nursery is now open at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and new this year at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Children under the age of 5 are welcome. Our nursery is staffed by parishioner volunteers. We are in need of more volunteers; adults 18 and older and teens are needed. This is a good opportunity for teens to earn service hours. Stop by on Sunday to pick up a volunteer form or for more information and sign up at email: [wwwmomsinneed@gmail.com](mailto:wwwmomsinneed@gmail.com)



CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
FORT WAYNE • SOUTH BEND

## HOPE TO HEALING MASS, BRUNCH & LEARN

Join Catholic Charities for Mass and brunch to learn how Catholic Charities' faith-based Mental Health Services and Diocesan Mental Health Ministries are expanding to support our Diocesan schools, parishes, and offices.

September 17 at St. Charles Borromeo

- 8:15 - Mass in Church
- 9:30 - Brunch in Hession Center
- 10:45 - Closing

Learn more:

[www.ccfwsb.org/events/h2hluncheon](http://www.ccfwsb.org/events/h2hluncheon)





**ST. MONICA PRAYER GROUP  
EVERY TUESDAY, 6:00 P.M.**

The Friends of St. Monica say the rosary every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. There are baskets in the back of the church with paper/pen for anyone to write the names of those they would like us to pray for on Tuesday nights. We also have a basket on the tables in the back of church with free copies of the Novena to St. Monica for you to take and say at home. Join us on Tuesday evenings or pray along at home!!

## Divine Will Cenacle

Adoration  
Following  
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



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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH, FORT WAYNE

DIOCESAN MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRIES  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES FORT WAYNE+ SOUTH BEND

## SPIRITUAL PEER SUPPORT GROUP

You are not alone. You are *welcome* here.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of  
the month 7-8 pm.

Community Room  
off the gathering space of church

Safe, faith based  
space to share, listen  
and support one  
another on our  
journeys toward  
healing and  
wholeness.

*All Are Invited!*

Help navigating all mental  
health related struggles.  
Confidential and respectful



Contact: [mental.health.wellness@scbfbw.org](mailto:mental.health.wellness@scbfbw.org)

Retreat on the Franciscan Jubilee Year with Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, Retreat Master. Wednesday, October 21 through Sunday, October 25, St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington IN Mini-Retreat on Blessed Solanus Casey on Saturday, October 24. Details at [www.penitents.org/retreats](http://www.penitents.org/retreats) or phone 260-341-7117.

# New



## Choir Members Welcome!

**Help us grow our  
Music Ministry!**

**Join the  
9am Choir!**

**Rehearsals begin  
Thursday, September 17th  
from 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!**



Knights of Columbus Council 451 is pleased to announce our 5<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive of 2026 to be held Saturday, October 3, in the St Charles Cafeteria from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please sign up at red cross.org. Use sponsor code: knights451

We will have inpatient signups in the Gathering Space Sept. 26 & 27 after all Masses. You MAY donate if you have not donated anywhere after August 8

Thus far St Charles has donated 221 units of blood, helping 663 people!!

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

With the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (Blue Army) Annual Holy Mass and Breakfast

October 3—Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
7:30 a.m.—Confessions

8:00 a.m.—Holy Rosary & First Saturday Devotions

9:00 a.m.—Holy Mass with Bishop Joseph N. Perry,

Fr. Glenn Kohrman & Fr. Robert Garrow

After Mass, join the Marian Procession to the Grand Wayne Center for breakfast and a keynote address by Bishop Joseph N. Perry

Tickets available:

<https://zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-october-breakfast>  
RSVP (Optional) [christine@fatimafwsb.org](mailto:christine@fatimafwsb.org)

### Celebrate Your Wedding Anniversary with Bishop Rhoades

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th Wedding Anniversary are invited to join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for a special Anniversary Mass this fall. Masses will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and Sunday, October 18, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Anniversary couples will receive a commemorative certificate and two complimentary tickets to a reception following Mass. **Learn more and register at [diocesefwsb.org/anniversary-masses](https://diocesefwsb.org/anniversary-masses).**

### Walking with Moms in Need Baby Shower

Support Walking with Moms in Need by donating new or gently used baby items for mothers and families in our community. Place donations in the Gathering Space, September 12–13, 2026, or use car drop-off from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Sunday, September 13. Suggested items: diapers, wipes, baby clothing, sleep sacks, strollers, and pack 'n plays. Thank you for helping our parish walk with women and families in need through prayer, generosity, and loving support.

### BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. Next class, is Wednesday, December 2.



**MAINTENANCE POSITION AT ST. CHARLES  
FULL TIME — NIGHTS  
GREAT PAY AND BENEFITS.  
CONTACT STEVE SPRINGER AT 260-969-4029**

### BDHS - CLASS OF 1986 40TH YEAR REUNION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Bishop Dwenger High School &  
Birdie's Rooftop Bar (204 West Main Street)

4:00 p.m.—Tours of BD—Enter Door #2

4:30 p.m. Mass at BD Queen of All Saints Chapel

7:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. Reunion at Birdie's

\$60.00 per person, includes light hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, beer and wine.

Purchase your ticket(s) via:  
Eventbrite.com

(Search Bishop Dwenger 1986/Ft Wayne)

Venmo: @Jane-Meehan-3

Or: \$75 (per person) cash at the door

Contact Terry Anderson, 260-704-2769

Matt Smith, 260-223-4546

Please RSVP

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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

III

Mia Nelson—Harrison Parent

### RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA Upcoming Event Right to Life Workshop

Learn to speak intelligently and graciously to the most pressing issue of our time-abortion. You will leave prepared to confidently persuade others by exposing the logical fallacies of the abortion choice rhetoric without the need for angry dialogue.

**Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church  
November 21—9:00 a.m.—12 Noon**

Any questions, call Lucy Papaik, 260-471-1849

### ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Next weekend is Pledge Sunday for the **Annual Bishop's Appeal** and every parish family is asked to contribute. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Bishop's Appeal to support the work of the Church. The Appeal helps our parish, since all overage beyond our parish goal will come back to our parish. Please consider giving online at [www.diocesefwsb.org/aba](https://www.diocesefwsb.org/aba) or

scan the QR code as this is a more secure method. If you are unable to give this year, please return your pledge card with a zero so as not to receive the follow-up letter. Please do not send in a pledge card if giving online.



**SIGN UP NOW TO TAKE HOME THE  
ST. CHARLES VOCATION CROSS  
Month of **AUGUST & SEPTEMBER****

**Sign-up book is located in the  
Gathering Space**

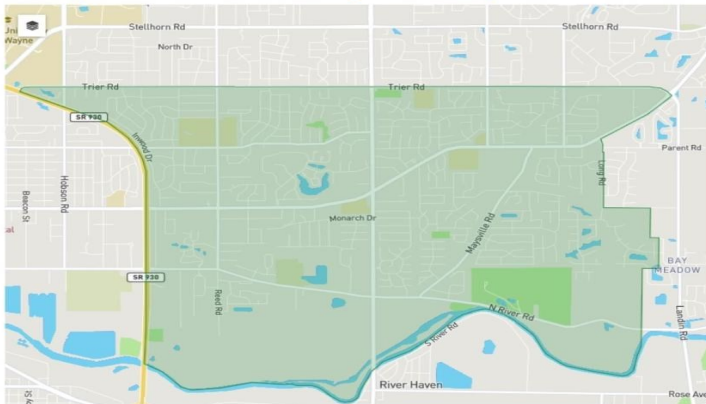
We are in need of more people to take home the Vocation Crucifix. Simply pick up the crucifix in the old sacristy before or after Mass and pray the short prayers in the included booklet each day to encourage more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The Vocation Cross would need to be returned to the Sacristy before the following weekend Masses. If you have questions, please ask a priest, or call the parish office.



We neither live nor die as ruler of our own lives. That is a scary, but freeing thought. What does God free us from? What does God free us for?

**The city of Fort Wayne is looking for  
your input on how it can update our  
neighborhood. If you live in this area,  
please scan the QR code to offer your  
valuable input.**

**Georgetown Area Planning Boundary**



**Please scan the QR code  
to take a survey! Or visit  
[GeorgetownPlan.com](http://GeorgetownPlan.com)**



**Sponsor of the Week**

(Shawnee Construction)



Young Adults are invited to join us for a retreat at St. Felix Catholic Center from Friday evening through Sunday morning, September 25-27, 2026. The retreat will focus on the theme of "Magnifica Humanitas" from Pope Leo XIV's new encyclical letter. 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 dive deeper into topics presented in the encyclical letter and uncover what Pope Leo XIV means by "magnificent humanity." The retreat is led by a team of young adults from St. Charles Borromeo parish.

Who?: Young Adults in their 20's & 30's (must be at least 18+)

When?: Friday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m.

(check-in window is from 6pm) to Sunday, September 27 at 12:30pm.

Cost?: Flexible, Suggested donation \$120. If you can't afford it, please contribute what you can afford.

Where?: St. Felix Catholic Center, formerly a Franciscan friary and decade-long home of Blessed Father Solanus Casey, now a beautiful retreat center tucked away from the bustle.

Info & Registration Link: [www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/ya](http://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/ya)

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

OCTOBER 3, 2026 8:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM

**SPEAKERS—FOOD—MUSIC—SHOPPING—MASS—  
RECONCILIATION—ADORATION—COMMUNITY**

Speakers: Sonja Corbitt—Rachel Bulamn— Mary Jo Parrish  
Register at: [BUILDINGTHROUGHHIM.COM/CONFERENCE](http://BUILDINGTHROUGHHIM.COM/CONFERENCE)



**SEPTEMBER 13**

Middle School: 3–5pm

High School: 6–8pm

Join us at the Youth Center for food, games, and community! We will have jousting, a slide, and an obstacle course!

Info & Sign-Up:  
[stcharlesfortwayne.org/kickoff](http://stcharlesfortwayne.org/kickoff)