

TAKE WHAT IS YOURS AND GO

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH 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.**

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Bishop of Fort Wayne/South Bend

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MASSSES

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

Monday, September 21, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

6:15 a.m. † Frank & Rita Carteaux
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Michael J. Voigt
6:30 p.m. † Midge Vodde

Tuesday, September 22, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Katherine Thrower
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Justine McCarthy
6:30 p.m. † William Brown

Wednesday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietreicina, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Debra Nelson
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Wm. & LeeAnn Gladieux
6:30 p.m. † Ronald Smith

Thursday, September 24, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Suzanne Wyss
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Lynn & Lou Ellen Hartman
6:30 p.m. † Sam Mattingly
7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, September 25, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Dennis Cuney
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Martha Bryan
6:30 p.m. † Stella Barile
7:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, September 26, Weekday, Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Robert Farnbauch
2:30 p.m. Wedding—Lucy Bobay-Anthony Brinker
2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, September 26, Vigil, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community
9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of Fox & Brattoli Families
11:00 a.m. † Ric Stoner
5:00 p.m. † Lena McMahon

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.



"Thus, the
Last
will be
First..."



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's Generosity

Reading I

Isaiah 55.6-9
(Seeking the Lord)

Reading II

Philippians 1.20-24,27
(Spreading the gospel)

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16 (The laborers in the vineyard)

Key Passage: The landowner said "Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

Adults: Which has deepened your faith more—being treated justly or being treated with love and care?

Child: Think of a time when you were very fair, then think of a time when you were very generous. Which felt better?

Saturday, September 26

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Kevin Hoersten, Roby Kaufman, Becky Kien,
Kathy O'Neil, Emily Walden

Altar Servers: Elaine Coleman,
Maddy Marshall, Marianne Zartman,
Lillian Brooks

Lector: Brooke Barton, Joe Tratnyek

Sacristan: Tina Schneider

Sunday, September 27

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Krystle Harless, Cheryl Prater,
Max & Ann Tinkel
(C Jane Relue)

Altar Servers: Ayden Denney,
Henry Eugene Stritmatter, Juliet Underwood,
Elliana Reyes

Master of Ceremonies: Danny Jacob

Lector: Cece Dunderman, Ron Russell, Jr.

Sacristan: Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Audrey Clauser, Katie Eckrich,
Colleen O'Leary, Matt Smith, Anna Tippmann,
Dan Vought, Sr.
(C Kathy Suever)

Altar Servers: Vincent Clauser,
Luke Clauser, Claire Wulpi, Lilyanna Ealing
Master of Ceremonies: Lily Hilger

Lector: Ann Isch, Deb Wagner

Sacristan: Emma Peat

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Sarah Brust, Grace Fischer, Carole Fuller,
Edwin Capuyan, Teresa Michel, Judi Ueber
(C Tes Sanderlin)

Altar Servers: Will Hasselschwert,
Abby Hasselschwert, Vivienne O'Neal,
Luke Perkins

Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede

Lector: Jerry Nuerge, Emily Entley

Sacristan: Julie Weingartner

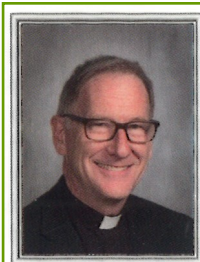
5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Nolan Hartman, Chuck Luther, John Rorick,
Audrey Stauffer
(C Teresa Burke)

Altar Servers: Rafael J. Cucueco,
Skylar Tellez, Zoe Tellez, Melina Rodriguez

Lectors: Derek Pillie, Nathan Pillie

Sacristan: Carolyn Tyndall

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



The St. Vincent de Paul Society has their Walk for Hope this weekend on Sunday afternoon. If you haven't yet made a pledge, stop by the table in the Gathering Space or go to the website svdpfortwayne.org, click on the Walk for Hope, and indicate that you are donating for St. Charles. These funds enable our parish group to do a lot of good for people in financial trouble.

I offer a big word of thanks to the crowd of volunteers who made Cardinal Fest a great success again this year. The weather was good, the crowds were large, and I think that everyone had a good time. Thank you to those who put in long hours to make this event happen.

We have people bringing the Offertory gifts up the aisle at each weekend Mass. This is a simple task, and kids especially like to take part. You could save our ushers the duty of recruiting people if you would occasionally volunteer. There is a binder on the writing desk in the Gathering Space with a sign-up sheet. This is a simple way to serve the parish.

Mark your calendar for an upcoming ecumenical visit which should be very interesting. We have been invited to St. John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5. The pastor will give us a tour, tell us about the history and the liturgy of this Orthodox Church. Though I have never been inside, they have very interesting architecture, a collection of icons, and they use ancient language and rituals in their liturgy. As Roman Catholics, we are not in Communion with the Orthodox, but we do recognize that they have apostolic succession and valid sacraments. Join us to learn more. The church is in a very small side street north of Dupont and Coldwater, 402 Badiac Road. We will meet at their church at 7:00 p.m. or carpool from St. Charles at 6:30 p.m.

The Franciscan Center is asking for help in providing food for their sack lunch ministry. They will pass out grocery bags after Masses next weekend. They ask that you return the bags the following weekend, October 3 and 4, with non-perishable food items which could be helpful for the poor.

Fr. Tom

Catholic Apologetic Study 1 Peter 3:15

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope"

We will be studying Beginning Apologetics from a 10 book series by San Juan Catholic Seminars. This study will begin on Nov.3 and run through Feb 16, 11 weeks in all. We will be meeting in rooms C&D in the Hession center, 7:15 p.m. -9:00 p.m. You may ask, what is apologetics? It is the study on how it give an explanation to support an idea or a truth. In this case, the Catholic Church. This series study covers a wide variety of subjects, the Sacraments, the Bible, Salvation, Mary and other faiths. There will be a cost of \$26 for the book set. Please register for the study by Oct 13, we need to order the books.

Email; scbb.study@gmail.com

Come and learn how to defend our Catholic faith.

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



Friends of St. Zelig Mom's Group Canvas Painting Sunday, September 20th: 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Youth Center

Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon of canvas painting, fellowship, and time together with other moms! No artistic experience needed, just come ready to get creative and enjoy some good company. All painting materials will be provided. If you feel called, a donation to help support this gathering and offset the cost of supplies would be greatly appreciated. This is a kid-friendly gathering! Please bring a snack or treat to share.

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 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

4.3:00 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



WE'RE HIRING Pastoral Associate

With the opening of our hospice unit, Saint Anne/Saint Joseph is experiencing growing pains in our Pastoral Care Department.

We are in need of another Pastoral Associate for our chapel.

35 hours/week • Full benefits after 90 days

Contact Emily | HR Department
260-399-3135
emily.thiel@sacfw.org

**Bishop Dwenger High School
Class of 2001 ----- 25 Year Reunion**

Saturday, October 3, 2026

4:00 p.m. tour and 4:30 p.m. Mass at BD chapel

6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. reunion at Hoppy Gnome

\$50/ person, includes dinner and drink tickets.

RSVP and pay via Venmo: Alyssa-Keys-10,
by September 26th.

"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 **Lori Ann Orr,**
Janet Rose, Thomas Nyeum, Mary Jane Shank.

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



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

You are invited to a **Holy Hour** at
St. Jude Catholic Church at
2130 Pemberton in Fort Wayne,
on **Thursday, September 24th**
following the 6 pm Mass. The
presider will be Fr. John Hickey,
Parochial Vicar.



Thanks to all who donated to
the WWMIN baby shower.
Your generosity will allow us
to continue this ministry to
moms in our local
community. If you know a mom in need, please email:
wwwmomsinneed@gmail.com.

*Walking with
Moms in Need*



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**

Many voices, men and women, are needed!

Knights of Columbus Council 451 is pleased to announce our 5th 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

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.**

"Faith and Mental Health: A Way Forward," a lecture and discussion will be offered at St. Francis University at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, in the auditorium of the Achatz Hall of Science on the St. Francis campus. Beth Hlabse, a Notre Dame professor and director of the Fiat Program at Notre Dame will present, with a panel of three Catholic faith-based mental health professionals for question and answer period. Everyone is welcome.

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.



ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

September 13, 2026

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,010.00
September 13	\$	29,941.05
Deficit This Week	\$	(13,068.95)
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	11,315.43

Franciscan Center Needs Your Help

The Franciscan Center is having a food drive at St. Charles.

Please find grocery bags at the main entrances of the church on the weekend of September 26th and 27th. Take as many as you want, and bring them back full to any Mass on the following weekend, October 3rd, and 4th.

Collection carts will be available and The Franciscan Center will pick up following the Sunday evening Mass.

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

CONFESSIONS AT ST. CHARLES IN THE CHAPEL
Monday thru Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m. until last heard
Saturday—2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

This 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 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?



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

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

Queen of Angels Annual Fall Extravaganza

1500 West State Blvd Fort Wayne, IN 46808

October 9, 2026 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bingo, Cards, Socializing, Raffles, Door Prizes

Lunch Served Cost is only \$10 per person

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRANCISCAN CENTER FOOD DRIVE

Bags will be distributed weekend of September 26 & 27 (Anything that is edible), Can Soups/Fruits, Vegetables, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Stuffing/Rice, Noodles, Pasta, Cereal, Oatmeal, Max & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Shampoo, Household Cleaners, Diapers, Tooth Paste, Toilet Paper, First Aid Items. Return the filled bags the following weekend to the Gathering Space.



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

I Kennedy O'Boyle—Isaac Dant

Sponsor of the Week

(North East Chiropractic Center)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR TAKING UP THE GIFTS**

Volunteers are needed for taking up the gifts at Mass. Please consider volunteering to take up the gifts at the Mass you attend on the weekend. You can sign up ahead of time in the book on the pedestal in the Gathering Space or find an usher when you show up to Mass and let them know your family would like to take up the gifts. There are 3 ciboria and one cruet; so it only takes a minimum of 2 people, but entire families are welcome and appreciated. An usher can walk you through the easy steps if need be.

ON THE LAST PAGES OF OUR BULLETIN are business ads. Because of them, this bulletin is cost-free to the parish. When you patronize one of them, tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.