



With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of
ours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant
that they may be able to teach that they themselves
derive from pondering your word and studying the church's
teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring
and serving your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
—Book of Blessings

Catechetical Sunday

Parents
are truly
the primary
catechists
of their
children.

They prepare the
soil and plant the
first seeds of
faith. On
Catechetical
Sunday, we not
only highlight the
work of catechists
in parishes and
schools, but we
also commend
parents and
guardians and
encourage them
to take seriously
their role of
making their
Catholic
households a
place where faith
is passed on to
the next
generation.

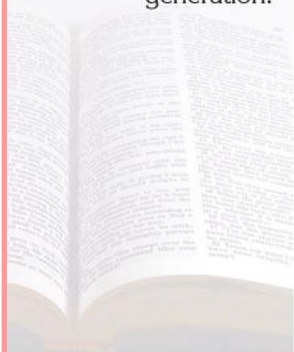
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

**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. Bobby Krisch, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jerry Madathiparambil, O.S.B., Parochial Vicar
Deacon Rob Lortie**

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MASSES

Saturday, September 20, Vigil, Twenty-five Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Susan A. Bruggeman

Sunday, September 21, Twenty-five Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Kathryn Neddeff

11:00 a.m. † Jill Schenkel

5:00 p.m. † Tony Tippmann

Monday, September 22, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Jerry Kessens

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

8:15 a.m. † Bernice Cielec

6:30 p.m. † Rick Gfell

Tuesday, September 23, St. Pius Pietrelcina, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Schneider-Willinger Families

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

8:15 a.m. † Wm & LeeAnn Gladieux

6:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased of the Carl & Mary Fowler Family

Wednesday, September 24, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Mary Ann Quinn

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

8:15 a.m. † Louis & Patricia Coffee

6:30 p.m. † Bob & Midge Vodde

Thursday, September 25, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Mary Louise Roberts

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

8:15 a.m. † Anthony T. Yagodinski

6:30 p.m. † Clement Lothamer

7:00 p.m. Confessions

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

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Fleis & Steup Families

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

8:15 a.m. † Dale Castleman

6:30 p.m. Lyn Schlegel

Saturday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

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

8:15 a.m. † Ric Stoner

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

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

5:00 p.m. † Richard Love

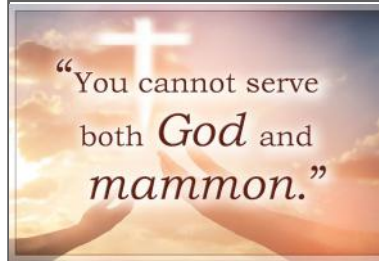
Sunday, September 28, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Lynn & Lou Ellen Hartman

11:00 a.m. † Jim Haffner

5:00 p.m. † Stephen Forte



TWENTY-FIVE SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Nm 21.4b-9

(First reading features complaint, punishment, prayer and healing) a little bit of everything

Reading II

Philippians 2.6-11

(Paul focuses on two qualities of Jesus; his humility and his glory)

Gospel:

John 3.13-17

Key Passage: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

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

Saturday, September 20

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Linda Schneider, Laura Underwood, Kirk & Lisa York

(1 Volunteer Needed)

Altar Servers: Gianna Bogenschutz, Maddy Marshall, Cohe O'Rourke

Lectors: Dr. Tom Ryan, Andy Schneider

Sacristan: Tina Schneider

Sunday, September 21

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Stephanie Eifrid, Krystle Harless, Cheryl Prater, Margie Stier (C Jane Relue)

Altar Servers: Luka Bacak, George Federspiel, Violet James

Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda

Lector: Susie Hague, Cece Dunderman

Sacristan: Cheryl Roy

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Tom Ade, Audrey Clauser, Jill Redding, Ezenwa Opara, Anna Tippmann, Dan Vought, Sr. (C Jan Hoy)

Altar Servers: Luke Clauser, Jude Clauser, Sophia Crates

Master of Ceremonies: Vincent Clauser

Lectors: Mary Lou Morris, Brooke Barton

Sacristan: Joe & Maria Eifrid

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Carole Fuller, Sam Harkenrider, Jerry & Sharon Nuerge, Gail Stoner, Kathleen Wiley (C Norma Baisinger)

Altar Servers: Seth Andes, Will Hasselschwert, Abby Hasselschwert

Master of Ceremonies: Ronnie Buskirk

Lectors: Benjamin Franke, Beau Strack

Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Audrey Stauffer, Terry & Cindy Stults, Jill O'Sullivan

EMHC Captain: Volunteer Needed

Altar Servers: Bryson Merrell, Liam Shannon, Declan Tippmann

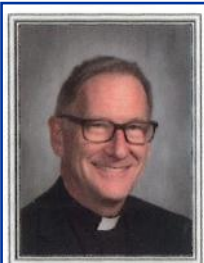
Lectors: Debra Rorick, Nicole Scott

Sacristan: Jill O'Sullivan



"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



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday is the annual St. Vincent de Paul *Walk for Hope*. Our parish has a great reputation in supporting this event and donations usually surpass those of every other parish. These funds are used to help with people here in Fort Wayne who are struggling with rent or utilities or living expenses. Before giving funds, our St. Vincent de Paul people meet with the folks in need and try to help with family budgeting, with making connections to other agencies, and with analyzing the root of the financial problem. If you would like to make a donation, go to the walk website, found in a QR code in the bulletin. Donate in the name of someone from St. Charles and those funds will be put to good use by our parish SVdP group. (You are welcome to sponsor me as a walker. As I am typing this column two weeks in advance, I see that I am in first place as a sponsored walker!)

Walking with Moms in Need is a St. Charles parish organization which helps new mothers who are struggling. This group will have their annual baby shower on Sunday afternoon, October 5, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Stop by under the canopy at the church front door with donations of diapers, baby wipes, or other baby supplies. A young mom will be very grateful.

October 2 is the date for our parish visit to Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, 2810 Beacon Street, (very near St. Jude.) We will meet at 7:00 p.m. for a very interesting evening, learning about some of our Christian neighbors and joining them in prayer. Anyone who would like to carpool can meet in the St. Charles parking lot at 6:30 p.m..

Father Bobby will be leaving on Wednesday for vacation and retreat. Included in his plans is the Ordination Mass of Patrick Ernst, a seminarian from our diocese soon to become a deacon. The ordination will take place at St. Peter's in Rome. Fr. Bobby will return October 11.

Fr. Bobby

Knights of Columbus Council 451 is pleased to sponsor our 5th Blood Drive of 2025 on Saturday, October 4, in the school cafeteria. This will be from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



To sign up on line:

Go to Red Cross Blood drives.org b) go to find a drive

3) sponsor code for us is knights451

We will also have in sign-ups in the Gathering Space, September 27 & 28. You are eligible to donate if you have NOT donated since August 2, 2025.

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 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 and phone call. Please do not send in a pledge card if giving online.



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.

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 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.

Spaghetti Dinner for Dominic

The Knights of Columbus Council 451 will be hosting a benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Dominic Durnell. He is a 6th grader at St. Charles School and was diagnosed with B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on January 3, 2025. His proposed treatment plan will last 2 ½ years. He is currently attending school half days after being out since December. The dinner will be held **Wednesday, October 1st from 5:00 PM– 7:30 PM** in the school cafeteria. A free-will offering is requested to help defray medical expenses.



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 2024.

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: wwwmomsinneed@gmail.com

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 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.

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A **WHITE MASS** will be celebrated by our Chaplain Father Royce Gregerson at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel next to the Cathedral in Fort Wayne at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 2**. This is for anyone in healthcare, and their families. A dinner arranged by the Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana will follow directly below the chapel in the Guerin Chapel Lower Level. Dinner cost is \$15. You can RSVP for dinner at fortwayne.cathmed.org or call 222-6978 for RSVP or details.

Sponsor of the Week

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SINGERS WELCOME!

We sent two members off to college, so the 11am Youth singers are looking for help! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, from 7:15 p.m. -8:15 p.m. We sing each weekend, and on special occasions. Singers aged from 6th Grade to young adults are welcome! Contact Karen Hope, 260-484-6570 (office), khopestcharles@yahoo.com



St. Anne's Home on Randallia is renovating a wing to become a Catholic hospice, with plans to open in the spring of 2026. A black-tie Hospice Benefit Gala will be held on **October 21**. For more information, visit www.sacfw.org. To sponsor, attend, or donate to the silent auction, contact maria.nancarrow@sacfw.org or call (260) 602-4822.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sponsored by St Charles Knights of Columbus,
Council #451

Saturday, October 4

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: St Charles Cafeteria -Door # 9

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. after 5:00 p.m. Mass
and Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$100 per table (8 people per table). BYOB, snacks & drinks. Must be 21 years old! Registration forms are available on table in the Church's Gathering Space or you can email Sean Digan at digansm@comcast.net or text/ phone Sean at 260-417-0216. Payment will be collected at event. Money raised will be used to support the various charity activities the Knights get involved in.

**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, Huntertown, 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.

School is back in session. Sports practice, club meetings, and family activities are ramping up. We are blessed, but also busy. Come join the **Friends of St. Zelig Mom's Group** for fellowship, prayer, and community on Sunday, September 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room adjacent to the Gathering Space. Bring your favorite recipe to share for Crock Pot, One Pan, 5 ingredient or less, or other easily made meal for a last minute win. Share your favorite Hail Mary recipe and learn some new ones as well. Childcare will be provided in the nursery - sign up using the QR code or at www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-saint-zelig



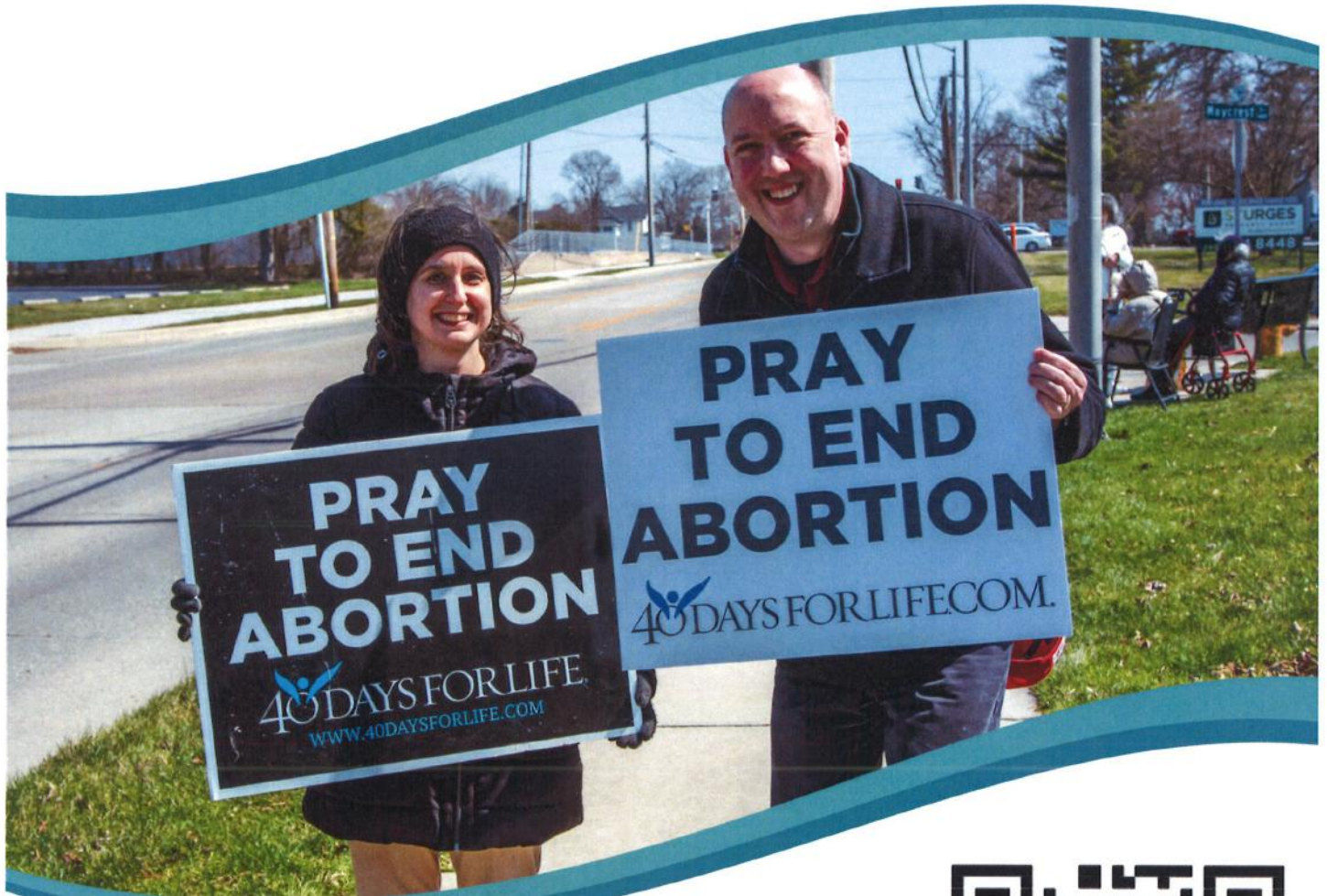
Jump start your spiritual life. Become an affiliate of the **Confraternity of Penitents**. Meeting monthly in the Bride's Room one Sunday per month after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and ending before the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Next meeting Sunday, September 21. Fr. Jerry will share on the Archangels. Pot luck breakfast. Prayer. Spiritual instruction. Information call 260-341-7117. Website <https://www.franciscanthirdorderpenitents.com/cfp-affiliates>



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OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

SEPTEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 2



40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion.



Sign up to spend time in prayer outside of Planned Parenthood by scanning the QR Code, calling (260)-471-1849, or visiting <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/fortwayne>