



RespectLife

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Respect Life Sunday

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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MASSSES

Saturday, October 3, Vigil, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Joanna Jacobs

Sunday, October 4, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Respect Life Sunday

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Arthur & Joan Klein

11:00 a.m. † Bill Russett

5:00 p.m. † James & Nancy Barker

Monday, October 5, Weekday, St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Janet Rose

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

8:15 a.m. † Emmet & Velma Sorg

6:30 p.m. † Max & Mary Stuck

Tuesday, October 6, Weekday, St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

6:15 a.m. † Mark Murphy

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

8:15 a.m. † Deborah Geary

6:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph A. & Mary Jane Bruck Family

Wednesday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

6:15 a.m. † Josef & Christina Florin

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

8:15 a.m. † Patrick & Jessica Murphy

6:30 p.m. † Soul of Michael Wellman

Thursday, October 8, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Jean Franz

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

8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Robert Barrand Family

6:30 p.m. † Tom Eckrich

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, October 9, Weekday, St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Joseph & Barbara Becker

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

8:15 a.m. † Charles Baumgartner

6:30 p.m. † Kathryn Current

7:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, October 10, Weekday

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

8:15 a.m. † Vaughn Crabtree

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

Saturday, October 10, Vigil, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Hector Villalon

Sunday, October 11, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Stephen Myers

11:00 a.m. † Carol Offerle

5:00 p.m. † Michael James Voigt



TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dealing with Injustice

Reading I

Isaiah 5.1-7

(The vineyard song)

Reading II

Philippians 4.6-9

(Joy and peace in Christ)

Gospel

Matthew 21.33-43

(Parable of the tenants)

Key Passage: Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Adults: What would your reaction be if you found that someone you thought you could trust was taking money from you without your knowledge? How would you handle the situation?

Child: What would you do if you found out that a friend has not been loyal to you?

Saturday, October 10

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

Edward Koors, Ezenwa Opara, Chuck Smith, Terry & Cindy Stults

Altar Servers: Mae Cheviron, Dylan Lytle, Ruby Stephens

Master of Ceremonies: Cohen O'Rourke

Lector: Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell

Sacristan: Don Smith

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

Maria Ellinger, Cheryl Prater, Mona Sproat, C.J. Steigmeyer

(C Jane Relue)

Altar Servers: Luka Bacak,

Matthew Bulanda, Daniel Tippmann

Master of Ceremonies: Henry Gabet

Lector: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer

Sacristan: Maria Ellinger

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

Tom Ade, Lee & Trinh Ly, John Magsam,

Theresa Thissen, Judi Ueber

(C Kathy Suever)

Altar Servers: Bela Antunovic,

Tallulah Atkinson, Edwin Brown

Master of Ceremonies: Tyler Rodenbeck

Lector: Tara Christen, Mary Lou Morris

Sacristan: Joe & Maria Eifrid

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

Ann Gabet, Sam Harkenrider, Bill Jackson,

Jerry & Sharon Nuerge, Kathleen Wiley

(C Norma Baisinger)

Altar Servers: George Federspiel,

James Morris, Maddie Morris

Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta

Lector: Benjamin Franke, Beau Strack

Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

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

Malachi Palumbo, Andy Stauffer,

Jill O'Sullivan

(1 Volunteer Needed)

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Altar Servers: David Morris, Gabriela Morris,

Declan Tippmann

Master of Ceremonies: Rafael J. Cucueco

Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman

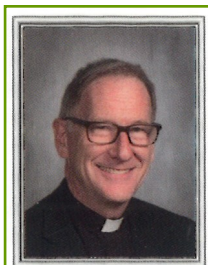
Sacristan: Carolyn Tyndall



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.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Please join us this Monday evening, October 5, for a tour and talk at St. John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church. We'll learn more about the Orthodox Church and their liturgy, we'll learn about the history of this small community in Fort Wayne, and we'll get a tour of a very interesting church building. The church is located at 402 Badiac Road, just off of Coldwater north of Dupont. Meet at that location at 7:00 p.m. or join us for a carpool from the St. Charles parking lot at 6:30.

Good news: Bishop Rhoades has approved the final plans for the Borromeo Center. Construction will begin very soon on our new building, next to the rectory and across the drive from the Community Room. The project will begin with a lot of earth moving. We will fill in the current drainage area and create a large new drainage site behind the rectory. Unfortunately, many trees will be lost in this project, but we will replace them. We hope to have the building finished by mid-summer.

You will see in the back of the church a new cabinet being installed on the wall by the Baptismal Font. There will soon be some important content in that cabinet. Warren and Susie Wilhelm were collectors of relics, and after Susie's passing, their family has given to the parish a relic of the True Cross. With it is a document from the Vatican, stamped and signed, verifying that it is an authentic relic and that it can be used for public veneration. The document was signed in 1955 by Fr. Bernardinus a Senis, the Postulator Generalis in the Vatican. Relics of the True Cross point us back to St. Helena, who travelled to the Holy Land in the early fourth century, where the cross was found and verified through a miracle. While scientists and historians may argue over the authenticity of such a relic, it has been a source of veneration for many centuries and it does point us to the central truth of our faith: On the Cross Jesus offered himself for the salvation of the world. Our parish also has a documented first-class relic of St. Charles Borromeo which we will display for veneration in the same cabinet.

We received a note of thanks for Catholic Charities for the many donations made through their blue barrel. Those donations will benefit many individuals across our diocese. Thanks also to the many parishioners who sponsored me and other walkers in the St. Vincent de Paul Society Walk for Hope. We raised a lot of money. It will be used to help people in need in our city.

Finally, please note that the Annual Priest Continuing Education days are upcoming. All three priests will be attending. We will have no evening Mass on Oct. 13, no Masses on Oct. 14, and no morning Masses on Oct. 15.

Fr. Tom

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen

JUST NEIGHBORS

Help is needed once again to provide dinners for **Just Neighbors**, a homeless shelter for families located down the street from St. Charles. This fall, St. Charles will provide dinners for Just Neighbors families during the week of October 25-30. Volunteers are needed to prepare main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. A sign-up table will be available in the Gathering Space on the weekend of October 17-18. If you would like to volunteer prior to those dates, please contact Lori Stock at 260-341-4113 or Lockestocklori@gmail.com.

In the past, we have donated new sheets and towels to the Just Neighbors families. However, this summer/fall Just Neighbors is under construction as they are building a space to provide emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families, thus, their space is temporarily limited. Their greatest needs at this time are pillows and gift cards for gas and groceries. Please consider donating. These will be collected during the meal sign-up on October 17-18.

ST. CHARLES INDULGENCE GROUP

The **Saint Charles Indulgence Group** will host a public Marian Rosary the first Sunday evening of every month after the 5:00 p.m. Mass this month, **October 4**, as an act of gaining plenary indulgences. 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 (No unconfessed mortal sins) and a sacramental confession 20 days before or after the rosary. The group will soon be 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 2025.

Parents and families who have experienced the loss of a child before or after birth are invited to special Memorial Masses offered in remembrance of their child(ren). Siblings and grandparents are also welcome. English Masses will be celebrated October 19, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne and October 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King in South Bend. Spanish Masses will be celebrated October 9, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart and October 28, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne. Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace.

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

September 27, 2026

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,010.00
September 27	\$	45,582.00
Surplus This Week	\$	2,572.00
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	9,214.81

Saint Anne
COMMUNITY

Saint Joseph
HOSPICE SUITES

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



ROSARY RALLY



Join us as we come together to
pray the Holy Rosary
for our families,
asking for the Blessed Mother's
intercession while praying for peace
in our community and
throughout the world.



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2026
12:00 NOON**



**CORNER LOT OF
REED & TRIER ROAD**

Any questions, call
Loretta Russell
260-438-0724

*Praying for our families
and a more peaceful world.*

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



III Kennedy O'Boyle—Isaac Dant
II Paxton Simerman—Jack Marquardt
I Katie Miller—Andrew Stein

ST. CHARLES EUCHRE CARD **"Saturday, October 10"**

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. in Rooms C,D. 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.





JESUS NIGHT

A NIGHT OF ENCOUNTER

Come and encounter Jesus! Teens in 7th-12th grade are invited to a night of prayer and community building on **Sunday, October 18** from 6-8:30pm in the Hession Center and the Church. All are welcome!



INFO & SIGN-UP: STCHARLESFORTWAYNE.ORG/JESUS



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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

Thank You! —To all those who have already pledged to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The Church needs everyone's help. Please give 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.



Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Let us present our needs to God in the form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude. Let us pray for an increase in vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

Want to commit to an hour a month to boost your spiritual life and become a saint! Whatever your age, recognize and practice the virtues by following in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi and the Blessed Mother. Monthly hour long sessions with practical help. Introductory session: Saturday, October 10, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon in Mary's Glen Chapel. 2514 Reynolds Street, Fort Wayne. Same session in zoom on line gathering **Saturday, October 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Email copenitents@yahoo.com for zoom link. More information: call 260-341-7117 or see www.MarysGlen.com/ Footsteps Sessions conducted by the Confraternity of Penitents.

Knights of Columbus Council 451

Become a Knight!



**Our Knights of Columbus council is
having their membership drive
October 24 and 25.**

**Join them in the gathering space or in
the cafeteria on Sunday after all
morning Masses for coffee and donuts
and discover how you can get involved.**

Sponsor of the Week

(St. Joe Vision)

Friends of St. Zelig Lantern Walk

Friday, October 9— 6:30 p.m.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5

As the autumn days grow shorter, join the Friends of St. Zelig Mom's Group for an evening of warm fellowship, creativity, and prayer. We will gather at the St. Charles Youth Center to craft our own decorative lanterns - a tangible reminder of the light Christ brings into our homes and routine daily lives - followed by a peaceful twilight walk around the parish grounds. Kids are welcome and all materials will be provided! RSVPs are helpful but not required at <https://www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-st-zelig> or use the QR code.



A 9-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE

**With Fr. Nicholas Ward & Fr. Daniel Koehl
May 18—26, 2027**

Register at stcharlespilgrimages.com/ward-koehl

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.

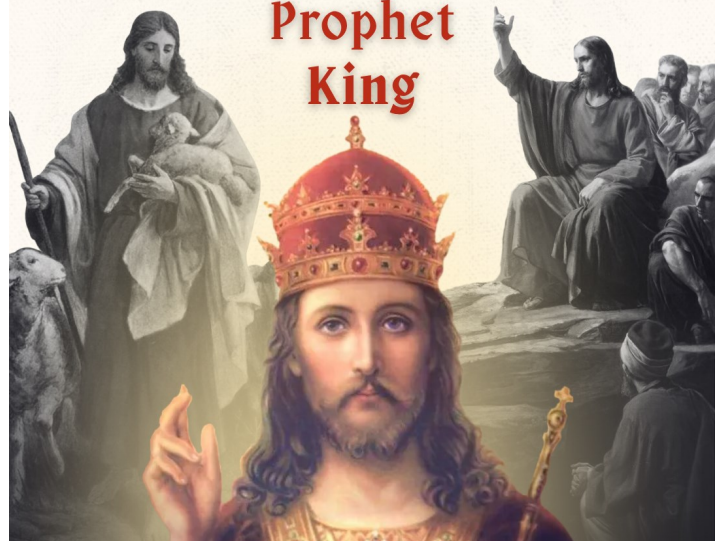
Bingo, Cards, Socializing, Raffles, Door Prizes

Lunch Served Cost is only \$10 per person

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Priest Prophet King



High school teens are invited to a retreat on **November 20-22** at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, IN. This student-led retreat will be filled with prayer, Sacraments, talks, music, games, and so much more!



Register at stcharlesfortwayne.org/king