

*For I know well the plans I have in mind
for you... plans for your welfare
and not for woe, so as to give you
a future of hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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.**

**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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Directors of Music & Liturgy, Karen Hope and Tim Robison
Directors of Religious Education, Keith Heimann and Cindy Stults
Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinators,
Stacey Huneck, Anna Laisure**

Invitation for ALL

**Please join us for an American Needs Fatima
Public Rosary Rally taking place at 12 Noon,
Saturday, October 11.**

**We will meet on the St. Charles Parking lot on the
corner of Reed & Trier Roads and will pray for the
repentance and conversion of our great nation,
asking God to save America through the Rosary
of His Most Holy Mother.**

**Please bring a chair/blanket, weather permitting.
Questions, please call Loretta Russell, 260-438-0724.**



MASSES

Saturday, October 4, Vigil, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Max & Mary Stuck

Sunday, October 5, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Respect Life Sunday

7:30 a.m. † Kathryn Current

9:00 a.m. † Janice Dabbelt

11:00 a.m. † Patrick & Jessica Murphy

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

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

6:15 a.m. † Dianna Hershberger

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

8:15 a.m. † Katherine Minnick

6:30 p.m. † Karen Schleinkofer

Tuesday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

6:15 a.m. † Lena McMahon

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

8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Davis & Ade Families

6:30 p.m. † Thomas Hemmelgarn

Wednesday, October 8, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Rosaline Vondrell

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

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

6:30 p.m. † Vaughn Crabtree

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

6:15 a.m. † Diana Vegas

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

8:15 a.m. † Joseph & Barbara Becker

6:30 p.m. † Charles Baumgartner

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, October 10, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Marilyn Trimarchi

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

8:15 a.m. † Special Intention of Olejnik Family

6:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased of the Jack Graham Family

Saturday, October 11, Weekday, St. John XXIII, Pope

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

8:15 a.m. † Jordan Miller

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

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

5:00 p.m. † Rose Gibson

Sunday, October 12, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Kraft Family

9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Lauer Family

11:00 a.m. † Gerard Kessens

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

ST. CHARLES DAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

2930 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne

Thursday, October 16

Sign up Sheets on the Table in the Back of Church



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Faithful Christians

Reading 1

Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4a
(Habakkuk's complaint)

Reading II

2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14
(Exhortation to faithfulness)

Gospel:

Luke 17.5-10
(Sayings on the requirements of faith)

Key Passage:

Jesus said, When you have done all you have been commanded, say, "We are unprofitable servants, we have done what we were obliged to do."

Adult: When have you done more than was required of you in the service of others?

Child: When have you done something extra for someone in your family without being asked? What did you learn from this?

Saturday, October 11

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Kevin Hoersten, Becky Kien, Edward Koors, Chuck Smith, Carolyn Tyndall

Altar Servers: Harry Welch, Leo Welch
Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede

Lectors: Dr. Tom Ryan (**Volunteer Needed**)

Sacristan: Carolyn Tyndall

Sunday, October 12

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Sean Digan, Krystle Harless, C.J. Steigmeyer, Margie Stier
(C Jan Relue)

Altar Servers: Matthew Bulanda, Henry Eugene Stritmatter, Juliet Underwood

Lector: Susie Hague, Chris Stock

Sacristan: (**Volunteer Needed**)

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Katie Eckrich, Mary Lou Morris, Ezenwa Opara, Matt Smith, Kate Sweigert, Dan Vought, Sr.
(C Jan Hoy)

Altar Servers: Julia Sweigert, Evelyn Sweigert, Anberlin Wilder, Caroline Burkhart

Master of Ceremonies: Charlotte Sweigert

Lectors: Ann Isch, Deb Wagner

Sacristan: Kate Sweigert

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Ann Gabet, Sam Harkenrider, Tim Miller, Mackenzie Nord, Sharon Nuerge, Judi Ueber
(C Tes Sanderlin)

Altar Servers: Seth Andes, Brooke Barton, Emily Barton, Suzanna Jones

Master of Ceremonies: Zach Barton

Lectors: Leanne Mensing, Daniel Alejandro Montes

Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

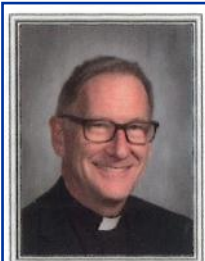
5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Malachi Palumbo, John Rorick, Teresa Burke, Jill O'Sullivan
(C Debbie Stevens)

Altar Servers: Deacon Hartman, Justin Johnston, Christina Lun, James Morris

Master of Ceremonies: Rafael J. Cucueco

Lectors: Dave Stevens, Steve Horine

Sacristan: Jill O'Sullivan



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We are a little short on priests this weekend. Fr. Bobby is in Rome and I am covering Masses in Churubusco and Ege. Fr. Jerry will keep things rolling at St. Charles Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Walking with Moms in Need is having their baby shower this Sunday afternoon, October 5, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Volunteers will be at the Gathering Space doors to collect diapers, wipes, or other baby items which could help young moms in need.

As our nation focuses more and more on security issues, we are using grant money to help in hiring a full-time security officer for our school. We are hiring a young man who has five years experience on the police force. He will watch over our school throughout the school day, being present particularly on the parking lot and at school Masses. When he begins, in early October, we will make a practice of locking the church doors during our school Masses. Latecomers will be able to enter through a supervised Gathering Space door.

You will recall that our parish received a large bequest a year or two ago. I have heard many suggestions for parish projects, but deliberately delayed on any decisions because of the ongoing projects with our school windows and our youth house. I have also been very cautious about quick decisions that may be regretted. Now, after a long span of discernment and advice from various parish committees and staff, I think that we are narrowing in on a project. I would like to see a new building on our property which could house funeral luncheons, OCIA, and various other parish meetings. Our funeral luncheons are an important ministry now offered in the Hession Center. Since the rooms are located in the school building, there are security concerns with keeping the school unlocked during luncheons. We also have days when the rooms are needed for school functions and not available for a luncheon. A separate building would solve both problems. OCIA now meets in the basement of the parish office. The area is not accessible to a person in a wheelchair, it has primitive basement bathrooms, it has little parking nearby, and it is not a very welcoming space. My idea is to build a small building south of the church and east of the rectory which could house both of those ministries along with many other parish meetings. Watch for more information. As we explore the possibilities and talk with an architect, we will be looking for parish feedback.

Fr. Tom

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Have You Made Your Bishop's Appeal Pledge? 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 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.

If today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts. Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a Priest or Religious?

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. 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.

ST. CHARLES EUCHRE CARD "Saturday, October 11"

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.



ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Faith filled environment for cultivating awareness, resources, accompaniment and spiritual support for all mental health related topics.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 22ND
7-8PM

COMMUNITY ROOM OF HESSION CENTER

MEETINGS THEREAFTER EVERY 3RD
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

MORE INFO:
260-484-6817 OR 260-750-6871

A LIVING ROSARY will be held in the Church on
Tuesday, October 7—2:00 p.m.





CHOIRS BLESS US AT MASS.

We were blessed this past weekend to have several of our parish music groups share their musical offerings with us for the first time this fall. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, The School Handchime Choir under the direction of Analiese Cornelio played several pieces including Schubert's, "Sanctus." They will also begin learning handbells soon. At the 9:00 a.m. Mass, The Parish Children's Choir under the direction of Tim Robison, sang as one of their two pieces, "Prayer for Healing and Comfort" by Anne McNair, and was accompanied by Amanda Garlock on the flute.

Thank you to all who participate in our music ministry at St. Charles!



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

- II Maddie Freiburger—Justin Wirtner
- I Ashley Cooper—Dustin Jackson

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



You're invited to a "Drive-By Baby Shower" on Sunday, October 5! Please help us gift each mom in need with new baby supplies. The

baby shower will be outside under the overhang at the main entrance of Church from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. We are in need of diaper sizes: newborn, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Wipes, baby blankets, towels, wash cloths, nail clippers, bottles and bottle brushes, safety locks & plugs, combs, brushes, pac-n-play sheets, baby shampoo, diaper rash ointment and baby lotion. We are also collecting winter coats, hats and mittens for toddlers. Gift cards to Kroger, Meijer or Walmart would also be appreciated and can be placed in the collection basket at Mass. Items can be dropped off during the shower or placed in the pac-n-play in the Gathering Space the week before or at Mass that weekend. Thank you for your continued support helping Mom's in need.



Cathedral Seeking Business Manager

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, is seeking a Business Manager. For a complete job description and to apply, visit diocesefwsb.org/careers.

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

Saturday Mornings in the Community Room
8:45 p.m. thru November 22
Join us for Study, Fellowship and
to Grow Spiritually

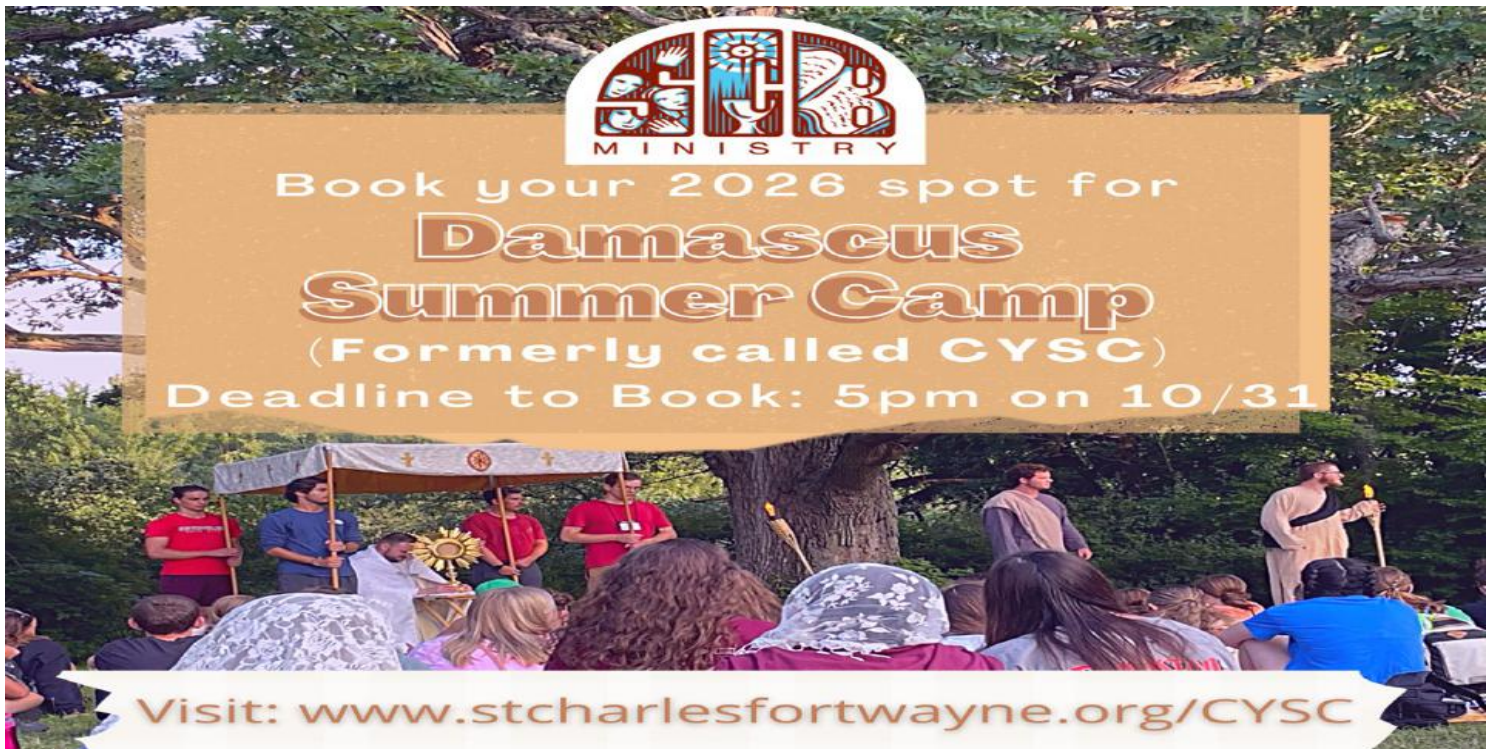
Sponsor of the Week


(Summit Orthodontics)

NEWLY BAPTIZED AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

March 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025

**Margot Josephine, daughter of Jacob & Katy Atkinson
Archer Joseph, son of Justin & Abigail McKenzie
Georgia Elizabeth, daughter of Dylan & Lydia Hall
Titus Louis, son of Clinton & Lindsay Mathew
Charlotte Florence, daughter of Barton & Anna Forrester
Elizabeth Mary, daughter of David & Raegan Kielbasa
Joseph Steven, son of Trevor & Jillian Straessle
Bayleigh Marie, daughter of Austin & Melanie Carteaux
Gavin Thomas, son of Brenton & Amy Mohoney
Benedict Robert, son of Sean & Jenna Stevens
Cillian James, son of Theodore & Maddison Hogan
William Peter, son of William Schenkel & Brooke Westphal
Oliver Otis, son of William and Rachel Beamon
Victor and Luther, sons of Edward and Bridget Chambers
Jameson Michael, son of Adam & Amy Hinkle
Margaret Austin, daughter of Dalton & Elizabeth Shutt
Henry Elwood, son of Benjamin & Melissa Clemmer
Norah Blair, daughter of Jacob & Sarah Gattuso
Felix Timothy, son of Patrick & Abigael Rupley
Caela Brielle, daughter of Eivin & Apple Jane Sajota
David Richard, son of Kelly & Alexandra Keefer
Susan Marie, daughter of James & Karly Perkins
Sutton Alice, daughter of Joshua & Jennifer Schipper
Evan Thomas, son of Daniel & Nicole Mueller
Robert John, son of Robert & Mary Thilman
Maisie Marie, daughter of Jason & Cynthia Wellman
Evelyn Marie, daughter of Christopher and Taylor Rittenhouse
Patrick & Willow, son & daughter of Tobias and Alison Geyer
Amari Maramba, daughter of Mark & Gae Guivencan
Evelyn Lane, daughter of Conor & Sarah Slocum
Theodore Justin, son of Stephen & Erika Stirm
Archie Daniel, son of Jeff Eifrid & Morgan Miller
Isaiah Eugene, son of David & Megan Rodriguez, Jr.
Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen & Chelsea Lavelle
Griffin Paul, son of Max & Anna Tippmann
Killyan Clyde, son of Benjamin & Thania Williams
Olivia Grace, daughter of Zeljko Antunovic and Stacey Hedges
William John IV, son of William & Katie Federspiel, III**




Book your 2026 spot for
Damascus
Summer Camp
 (Formerly called CYSC)
Deadline to Book: 5pm on 10/31

Visit: www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/CYSC

Pre Planning Funeral/Cremation & Cemetery Needs Workshop

We would like to invite you, your spouse or a family member to one of our free workshops about pre-funding funeral and cemetery needs. We will be talking about the **importance** and the **steps** families can take to put arrangements in place ahead of time. A complimentary dinner served.

Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Summit Grill

6525 Covington Rd

Let us help you provide your family with peace of mind, while alleviating the stress and burden by planning before the time of need.

DO. McCombs & Sons and Dignity Memorial Funeral Homes & Cemeteries.

Please RSVP with Guy Dupuis #260-740-7961 by Oct 14, a.m.



ENJOY A MEAL THAT'S FILLING - AND FULFILLING.

Dine to Donate

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
Washington Center & Leo Crossing locations

Visit Salvatori's & mention St. Charles to your server
15% of your bill will be donated to St. Charles HASA.

Tuesday, October 7th
11 am - 9 pm

Salvatori's Locations
 717 W Washington Ctr Rd
 Fort Wayne, IN 46825
 (260) 755-0130
 10340 Leo Rd
 Fort Wayne, IN 46825
 (260) 471-0031



Mental Health Sunday 2025

The mental health crisis is a profound challenge to the Church and to society. Catholics can respond with generosity, hope and compassion to everyone who needs help. The USCCB invites all people of good will to pray for mental health wellness with a special nationwide novena beginning on World Mental Health Day (October 10), continuing on the feast of Saint Luke, patron of healthcare (October 18). See usccb.org/mentalhealth for more information.

“Whoever suffers from mental illness ‘always’ bears Gods image and likeness. “

Pope St. John Paul II