

Joy Advent

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, December 12, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Wellman & Kramer Families

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Tom & Annette Jones & Stephen Elick

9:00 a.m. † Donna Quandt

11:00 a.m. † For Our Parish Community

5:00 p.m. † Yolanda Foster

Monday, December 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Edward Wene

8:15 a.m. † Steve Hope

6:30 p.m. † Anna Gedom

Tuesday, December 15, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Carl Gruettert

8:15 a.m. † Gerald Stefanek

6:30 p.m. † Robert & Michael Samuel

Wednesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. In Thanksgiving

8:15 a.m. † Richard Shoemaker

6:30 p.m. † Denny Tippmann

Thursday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Helen Needham

8:15 a.m. † Pedro Ledo, Sr.

6:30 p.m. † Paul & Jeanette Madden

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour

Friday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the DeWispelaere & Needham Families

8:15 a.m. † Michael Sanders

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

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. † James Slater

2:30 p.m. Wedding - Goetz - Palmer

Saturday, December 19, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Don Ceckowski

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Jack & Junetta Henry

9:00 a.m. † Gene Kien

11:00 a.m. † Dr. James & Rita Berghoff

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13

Sun., Dec. 13: Is 61.1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5.16-24/
Jn 1.6-8, 19-28

Mon., Dec. 14: Nm 24.2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21.23-27

Tues., Dec. 15: Zep 3.1-2, 9-13/Mt 21.28-32

Wed., Dec. 16: Is 45.6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7.18b-23

Thurs., Dec. 17: Gn 49.2, 8-10/Mt 1.1-17

Fri., Dec. 18: Jer 23.5-8/Mt 1.18-25

Sat., Dec. 19: Jgs 13.2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1.5-25



DECEMBER 13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bringing Joy Through Justice

Reading I

Isaiah 61.1-2, 10-11

(The mission to the afflicted)

Reading II

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

(Christian conduct; blessing))

Gospel

John 1.6-8, 19-28

(John as witness to the light)

Key Passage: I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation.

Adult: What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

Child: What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

Saturday, December 19

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Chris Hartman, Chuck Smith, Andy Stauffer, Phillip Tyndall, Laura Underwood (C Carolyn Tyndall)

Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek

Sacristan: Carolyn Tyndall

Sunday, December 20

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sue Rohling, C.J. Steigmeyer, Larry & Linda Wellman

(C Sub Requested)

Lectors: Diane Hunter, Lillian Lothamer

Sacristan: Cheryl Roy

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Tom Ade, Jan Hoy, John Magsam, Mary Lou Morris

(C Arlene Burgener)

Lector: David Oberstar, Martin Sweigert

Sacristan: Kate Sweigert

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Doug Baisinger, Teresa Michel, Chad Voglewede, Mitchell Voglewede

(C Norma Baisinger)

Lectors: Benjamin Franke, Beau Strack

Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Susan Badenhorst, Phil Miguel, Sr., Dave & Debbie Stevens

(C Teresa Burke)

Lectors: Rita Barile, Bob Grabowski

Sacristan: Jill O'Sullivan



PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR AMERICA

At St. Charles
Saturday Mornings-10:00 a.m.
Parking Lot on the Corner of
Trier and Reed Roads

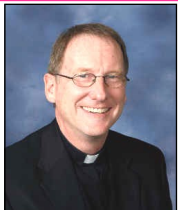
OPLATEK

The Polish Christmas Wafer, is available again this year.
Please stop by the Parish Office to pick up the wafers.
(\$1.00 per package, three to a pack)

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

III **Alexandra Goetz - Luke Palmer**





A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We have canceled the parish penance service which normally would have taken place this week. In its place, we will have our three St. Charles priests available for confessions on Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week, 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Come to the Gathering Space and you will find priests in three large, well-ventilated rooms. In all rooms, you may meet the priest face-to-face with a six-foot separation, or you may confess behind a screen. As a reminder, we also hear confessions Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m., and we have confessions on Saturdays from 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. There are a lot of opportunities for this sacrament before Christmas.

As I'm writing this column, Fr. Thomas and our three resident seminarians have been in quarantine for five days following an exposure to the virus. However, one of the seminarians has now tested positive and has had very mild symptoms. And with that, the quarantine is extended for the others. Fr. James and I have not been exposed and are avoiding the rectory. Last weekend we covered Masses at St. John, New Haven, where both priests were stricken with the virus. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic!

As we hope and pray that an effective vaccine for the Corona virus will soon bring an end to the pandemic, Bishop Rhoades assures us that there is no moral reason to avoid the vaccines which should soon be available. Concern is legitimately raised because of a strain of cells from fetuses aborted in the 1960s and 1970s which has been widely used in the development of many vaccines. The bishop reports that Pfizer and Moderna both used that strain of cells in some confirmatory lab tests, but they were not used in the design, development or production of their vaccines. We are morally allowed to receive these vaccines as they become available. And I think that most of us hope and pray that that is soon!

Fr. Tom

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. Next class is Wed., January 20, 2021.



GIVING TREE 2020

St. Charles Youth Ministry (date: 12/12 & 12/13). Monetary gifts. Place your envelope marked "Youth Ministry" in the Sunday collection basket.

HASA 300 CLUB 2020-2021
\$150.00 - December 7
MARK & CAROL HERRBERG

"O come all ye
faithful...
Come and
behold
him"



EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION WITH
CONFESSION AND PRAISE & WORSHIP
THURSDAYS @ 7:05PM

ST. CHARLES VOCATION COMMITTEE

Rejoice: *never cease praying*. Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.
(1 Thessalonians 5.16-24)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, you have made us in your image and likeness, and for this we will praise you forever.

As we pray this Prayer for Vocations, we call to mind the priests and consecrated religious whose lives have been instruments of holiness.

Thank you Lord for the gift and inspiration each of them has been, proving that your steadfast love endures forever.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and St. Charles Borromeo, we pray to you Lord Jesus, that more men and women will open their hearts to your loving plan. We pray especially for those whom you are calling to serve the church as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers. Help them to hear and answer your call to discipleship.

Bless our families Lord, so that they may become instruments of holiness and peace.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

ATTENTION:

**Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans**

The new schedule is in preparation for **February thru May, 2021**, so please submit your availability information **via the web terminal**, or email at ministries@scbfw.org. You may also call the office, 484-6570. **Deadline is January 4, 2021.**





Christmas at St. Charles

WEARING MASKS IN THE CHURCH AND HESSION CENTER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m.

(Church) Prelude Music beginning at 3:30 p.m. by
Organ and Vocal Ensemble

(Hession Center Gym) Prelude Music begins at 3:45 p.m.
Karen Hope & Kohrman Family

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 6:30 p.m. (Incense will be used in Church)

(Church) Prelude Music beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Jaenicke Woodwind Ensemble, Organ, and Cantor

(Hession Center Gym) at 6:30 p.m. Piano and Cantor

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (Incense will be used)

Prelude Music Begins at 11:30 p.m.
Strings, Organ & Cantor

Christmas Day Masses

7:30 a.m.	NO MASS
9:00 a.m.	Prelude Music will begin at 8:45 a.m. Organ and Cantor
11:00 a.m.	Prelude Music Begins at 10:45 a.m. St. Charles Guitar Group Singers
5:00 p.m.	NO MASS

Due to Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25.

JOIN THE ST. CHARLES SEMINARIANS FOR A

FACEBOOK LIVE ADVENT SERIES

7pm: Wednesdays, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd
Learn about Advent, vocations, the Mass & MORE!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS—2020

You will note that an envelope was included in your envelope packet for December entitled "Christmas Flower Offering". In the past, we requested that you place your Christmas flower donation in a plain envelope and write names on the outside of the envelope. In lieu of this procedure, please write the names of your loved ones on this "new" envelope. Thank you.

SCHEDULE MASSES FOR 2021

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 482-2186, TO SCHEDULE MASSES FOR THE 2021 YEAR. MANY OPENINGS IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY.

SHOPPING ON AMAZON THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

With Each Purchase on Amazon, you can Give St. Charles a No-Cost Donation through AmazonSmile

You can now support St. Charles Borromeo Church & School when you shop on Amazon! Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0957942> when you shop Amazon. Each time you check out, at no cost to you, a donation will be made to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and School!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2020

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 is the deadline for receiving 2020 contributions to be credited to your 2020 record. Please place your contributions in the collection basket, or drop off any donations you wish credited for the year 2020 to the Parish Office before this deadline.

Weekly ROSARY Times in Church

Monday-Friday: after the 6:15 a.m. & 8:15 a.m. Masses
Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m.—before the 6:30 p.m. Mass
Saturday: 7:45 a.m. and after the 8:15 a.m. Mass
Sunday: All four sets of mysteries begin at 1:00 p.m.

"It is a good and holy thought
to pray for the dead."
(2 Maccabees 12)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of **Joan Haverstick, Lavon Sorg, Edwin Boknecht and Rosella Schaab.**



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



SCRIP NEWS

3rd Week of Advent – Just two more weeks until we celebrate the birth of our Lord! It seems that Christmas preparations began early this year as people have desperately sought to bring some normalcy to this crazy year. But it seems there are always last minute things that can make the season hectic. If you still have gifts to buy, pick up a **SCRIP** order form and see if the **SCRIP** team can help.

*12 DAYS UNTIL
CHRISTMAS*

SCRIP Shopping is Safe Shopping

If the pandemic has you anxious about Christmas shopping, we can assure you that gift cards purchased through **SCRIP** are the way to go.

The **SCRIP** office is open every day until the parish office closes for Christmas. The earlier you place your order, the better chance we have of completely fulfilling everything on your order. We are making every effort to have inventory safely on hand. Thank you to those who have placed orders and been understanding about backordered items.

VOLUNTEERS:

Dec. 14 – **CLASSROOM DELIVERY** – Kelly Tippmann
Dec. 18 – Leeandra Camos, Sue Rohling, Carolyn Tyndall
Dec. 18 – **CLASSROOM DELIVERY** – Sara Fischer
Dec. 19 – Cathy Jacob, Maryann Quinn, Cindie Rosswurm
Dec. 20 – Kasey Eckland, Terri Wallace

Sponsor of the Week

(Lopshire Flowers)

Borromeo Bash 2021 Update

In consultation with Father Tom and Principal Sordelet, the Borromeo Bash Committee has decided to postpone Borromeo Bash to **Friday, June 4, 2021**. We believe this will give us the best opportunity to host a fun-filled evening of fellowship for the St. Charles School and Parish Community. We appreciate your understanding and support, and we look forward to celebrating the successes of a challenging school year at Borromeo Bash 2021 on Friday, June 4 at Ceruti's.

We will continue to accept donations and sponsorships for Borromeo Bash 2021. We realize that many people will still prefer to make their donation during the 2020 Tax/Budget year. Please note that several charitable donation rules were expanded for 2020 only through the CARES Act. Those rule changes may help individuals and corporations in philanthropic support. Further guidance is available at IRS.gov or from your tax professional.

The school and parish community appreciate any support that you might be able to lend during these uncertain times as we continue to prepare for the 2021 event. If there are any concerns or questions regarding Borromeo Bash 2021, please email the committee at borromeobash@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

The Borromeo Bash Committee



"This Week in RCIA"

A Blessed Christmas to All!

RCIA is on Christmas Break until after the first of the year.

*He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:11

ONLINE MONTHLY AVA'S GRACE SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss and would like to listen to, learn from, and pray with others who know this deep suffering, consider attending the Ava's Grace monthly online support group, offering spiritual, emotional and practical support to families who have lost a baby before or after birth. The support group meets over Zoom on the third Wednesday evening of the month from 7:00 p.m.--8:30 p.m. Please email Lisa Everett at leverett@diocesefwsb.org for the Zoom meeting link and password. For more information about Ava's Grace, visit diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace.

The **St. Charles Knights of Columbus** have invented and installed a new can-crushing machine. After years of crushing cans by hand one at a time, they now have a high-speed crushing machine.

Donate your aluminum cans at the brown Knights of Columbus shed near our maintenance garage. All proceeds to go the Gibault School for troubled youth.



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- Daily readings
- The weekly bulletin
- Mass and confession times
- Confession guide
- Parish notifications

Visit www.diocesan.com, the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to gain access.

Widows of Prayer is a group of Catholic widows devoted to prayer. They foster devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, support Church leaders by prayer, and reach out to widows with compassion. A Fort Wayne group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish. On the first Wednesday of every month the gathering includes Mass, a talk, and an opportunity for confession. For more information, call 484-6300, or www.widowsofprayer.org.

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