



Advent

THIRD WEEK

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

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,
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MASSES

Saturday, December 14, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Arlene O'Connell

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Steup & Fleis Families

11:00 a.m. † Rosa Michel

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of the Witte & King Families

Monday, December 16, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Richard Love

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

8:15 a.m. † Amador Laude

6:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Joe Kraft Family

Tuesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Albert Gillig

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

8:15 a.m. † Philip & Sandra Shirmeyer

6:30 p.m. † Virginia Gibson

Wednesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Kathleen Minnick

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

8:15 a.m. † Elvira Ilusorio

6:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased of the Frank Whitacre Family

7:00 p.m. **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Thursday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Ellenberger Family

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

8:15 a.m. † Joe McGraw

6:30 p.m. † Karen Schleinkofer

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Fr. Adam Schmitt

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

8:15 a.m. † Teddy Wagner

6:30 p.m. † Tom Steele

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour & Benediction

Saturday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Mike & Phil Offerle

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

Saturday, December 21, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Louis B. Schneider

Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Elaine Baumgartner

9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Rosswurm & Sliger Families

11:00 a.m. Special Intention of Dino Santos

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

Sun., Dec. 15: Zep 3.14-18a/Phil 4.4-7/Lk 3.10-18

Mon., Dec. 16: Nm 24.2-7,15-17a/Mt 21.23-27

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

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

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

Fri., Dec. 20: Is 7.10-14/Lk 1.26-38

Sat., Dec. 21: Sg 2.8-14/Lk 1.39-45

Masses are being scheduled for 2025. Call or stop by the Parish Office, 260-482-2186, 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Joy of Kindness

Reading I

Zephaniah 3.14-18a
(Promise of a Savior)

Reading II

Philippians 4.4-7
(Joy & Peace)

Gospel

Luke 3.10-18
(John calls the people to justice)

Key Passage: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all.

Adult: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?

Child: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

Saturday, December 21

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Kevin Hoersten, Kathy O'Neil, Linda Schneider, Chuck Smith, Mary Jane Steup
Altar Servers: Justin Johnson, Colin Lytle, Gianna Lytle
Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta
Lectors: Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell
Sacristan: Don Smith

Sunday, December 22

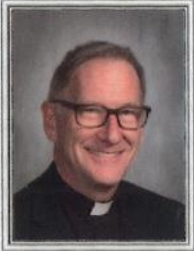
7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Marijo Sliger, Mona Sproat, C.J. Steigmeyer, Margie Stier, Katie Eckrich
(C Jane Relue)
Altar Servers: Lilah Hilger, Lily Hilger,
(Sub Requested)
Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda
Lector: Susie Hague, Barb Hartman
Sacristan: Christy Jacob

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Katie Eckrich, Jill Redding, John Magsam, Colleen O'Leary **(2 Subs Requested)**
(C Jan Hoy)
Altar Servers: Elaine Coleman,
(2 Subs Requested)
Master of Ceremonies: Jillian Scherschel
Lectors: Patricia Henry, Emily Parker
Sacristan: Charlotte Sweigert

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sarah Brust, Betty Dobosz, Carole Fuller, Sam Harkenrider, Teresa Michel, Judi Ueber
(C Thomas Auer)
Altar Servers: Abby Hasselschwert, Christina Lun, Elena Rottinger,
Master of Ceremonies: Will Hasselschwert
Lectors: Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Matthew O'Shaughnessey
Sacristan: Julie Weingartner

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Malachi Palumbo, Audrey Stauffer, Dr. Chris Wroe, Jill O'Sullivan
(C Susan Badenhorst)
Altar Servers: Rafael J. Cucueco, Bryson Merrell, David Morris
Master of Ceremonies: Allie Hofrichter
Lectors: Dave Stevens, Retta Kohrman
Sacristan: Jill O'Sullivan

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. Advent is a very short season, and the rose-colored vestments and candle remind us that we have passed the half-way mark. In a very busy season, we need to keep our focus on the coming of the Lord.

Our parish Advent Penance Service will be held this Wednesday evening, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.

We will have a brief prayer together and then ten priests to hear confessions. What better way to prepare for Christmas?

A thought: Christmas is a great time for evangelization. Please invite family, friends and neighbors to join us for a Christmas Mass. If you know someone who doesn't attend a church regularly, this is a great time to drop a simple invitation.

You may notice some particularly beautiful music coming from our pipe organ this Christmas. We have had organ specialists here for a week adding stops to the organ--including the sound of some beautiful chimes which I expect we will hear at Christmas. The organ was also "revoiced." When the organ was installed, we had carpet in the church. The acoustics of the church have changed, of course, with our hard floors. The organ is now adjusted for the new sound environment. I have no idea what is involved in revoicing an organ, but I'm grateful for a beautiful instrument and I'm grateful for a very talented organist who can use it to the full.

We have an engineering student from PFW who has no car and is walking to Mass on Sundays. As the weather is becoming cold, he would be very grateful if someone could provide a ride. Call the parish office if you might be willing.

Please remember in prayer Sophia Braun, a charter member who died last week. Our parish was founded in the summer of 1957; I believe that we now have only seven charter members who have belonged to this parish for all 67 years.

Fr. Tom

Indulgences – Plenary vs. Partial
Help to free souls from Purgatory

More information can be found:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z3knv2F9Gc&t=10s>
Pamphlets on indulgences at the back of the church.

OPLATEK

The Polish Christmas wafer, Oplatek, is available again this year. Cost is \$2.00 per package and each package contains 3 wafers. Please stop by the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. any weekday to pick up the wafers.



ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 15**, for our Annual Pancake Breakfast, benefiting St. Charles Borromeo Athletics. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for school-aged children — with a family max of \$40. Enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and a visit with Santa!

ADVENT GIVING TREE—2024

December 14/15— St. Charles Pro-Life & Youth Ministry
Monetary donations (envelopes)



The traditional in-person, board-with-presentation Science Fair is back! This means we are looking for 40 volunteers as judges! The St. Charles School Science Fair is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025. All judging will start at 8:15 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for judges. If you are interested in helping to judge the science fair, please fill out this Google form: <https://tinyurl.com/yr5wpx73>. All judges must have an active safe environment certification with the parish/school to participate. This can be done on the school website at <https://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/safe-environment-certification>. Thank you for helping us with this wonderful tradition!



**ROSARY, MASS
ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

Friday, December 20
Rosary—6:00 p.m. Mass—6:30 p.m.
Adoration & Benediction
After Mass—7:00 p.m.

**SIGN UP NOW TO TAKE HOME THE
ST. CHARLES VOCATION CROSS**
Months of DECEMBER & JANUARY
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.

"What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinarily well is a step toward welcoming Jesus.



Bishop Dwenger High School new student enrollment is open for the Class of 2029! Now through January 15, all students can apply to become a Saint! Continue your Catholic education by attending Bishop Dwenger. Founded on the four pillars of spirituality, service, academics, and active, all students are taught to be "Citizens of Two World" by embracing a college preparatory curriculum rooted in the Catholic Faith. Join the Class of 2029 today by going to bishopdwenger.com > **Menu button (top right)** > **Admissions** > **New Student Application**. All applications are completed online through the link provided on the page. You will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and current grades. There is a \$125 registration that can be paid at the time of application, or you can defer that fee until after acceptance in early February. If you have any questions regarding Admissions, contact the Admissions Coordinator, Cindy Johnson at 260-496-4703 or at cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com. If you would like to schedule a tour or shadow for a day, please contact Andrea O'Neill at 260-496-4726 or at aoneill@bishopdwenger.com.

Life Defenders Trip to The National March for Life

College-aged and high school students are invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We leave the evening of January 22, and return home early morning on Saturday, January 25. We want YOU on the bus with us for this life-changing experience! Registration ends Dec. 15.

Learn more at www.ichooselife.org/dc or call our office at 260-471-1849.

Local Artist Exhibition

Calling all local artist to join us for the Art Exhibition Festival 2025. Artists will feature religious themed exhibits. Appetizers and Spirits will be available during this event

Date:
Feb. 22, 2025
6:30 pm
Location:
2304 Lower Huntington Rd
Space Fee /Reserve
By Feb 1, 2025
35.00

Contact Us

260-747-9139

secretary@sttheresefw.org

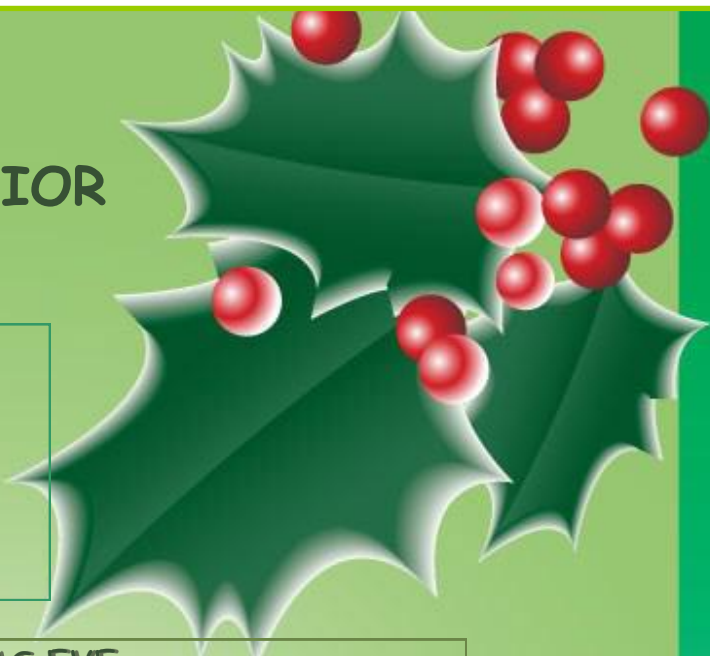


CUPERTINO CLASSIC: PRIESTS V. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

The annual Cupertino Classic Priests vs. Seminarians basketball game will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 27**, at Marian High School in Mishawaka. Join us for this great night of Catholic fellowship to encounter vocations and enjoy the game! The day kicks off with Adoration at 3:00 p.m. at the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration Provincial House, 1515 W. Dragoon Trail. Mass will follow at 4:00 p.m. at the same location. Then, move across the street to Marian High School, 1311 S. Logan St., for the Cupertino Classic. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to this free family-friendly event. Please pray for continued vocations to the priesthood. For more information, visit diocesefwsb.org/cupertino.



COME CELEBRATE AT ST. CHARLES THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!



RECONCILIATION

This Week
Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass

Prelude begins at 3:30 p.m.

Music by St. Charles Chamber Singers and the
Jaenicke Woodwind Quintet

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24, 2024 4:00 PM

<https://youtube.com/live/1drvJ2itcVA>

6:30 p.m. Mass (Incense Will Be Used)

Prelude begins at 6:15 p.m.

Music by The St. Charles Children's Choir

Midnight Mass (Incense Will Be Used)

Prelude begins at 11:30 p.m.

Music by Combined Choir from

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday Choirs
Strings and Brass

CHRISTMAS DAY

No 7:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass

Music by Cantor and Organ will begin at 8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Mass

Prelude Music will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Contemporary Choir

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25, 2024 11:00 AM

<https://youtube.com/live/Ntc3f7AIRO4>

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on
Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25

Hope you enjoy the time with your family!



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**EVENT
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FORM**

**Thank you in
advance for
your support!**

Royal Flush Sponsor	\$5000	Full page ad in program, Individual signage at event, Logo on event website, and reserved table.*
Four Aces Sponsor	\$3500+	Full Page ad in the program, on event website, as well as <u>10</u> dinner tickets. * <i>This donation can be designated in partnership with the committee to potentially help sponsor an Event Activity, Prize or a Live Auction Donation Drive.</i>
Bar Sponsor	\$3500-7000	Full Page ad in the program, logo on event website, as well as <u>10</u> dinner tickets. * <i>This donation will represent a partial or full sponsorship of the bar. You will also be recognized with signage at the event. (\$3500 = 1/2 Sponsorship, \$7000 = Full Sponsorship)</i>
Matching Cash Call Sponsor	\$2500+	Help us raise funds in the cash call at the end of the live auction by being a Title or anonymous sponsor. Your donation will be used to help raise additional individual donations during this period. Depending on the donation level dinner/event tickets and advertising will be included.
Four of a Kind Sponsor	\$2000	Half page ad in program, Logo on event website, and reserved table with <u>10</u> dinner tickets.. *
Full House Sponsor	\$1500	Quarter page ad in program, Logo on event website, and <u>6</u> dinner tickets. **
Teacher Recognition Sponsor	\$750	Sponsor complimentary tickets for St. Charles teachers. Includes logo in program, on event website and at a teacher table as well as <u>2</u> dinner tickets for the donor. **
Two of a Kind Sponsor	\$250	Logo in program and on event website.

* Reserved Table includes 10 seats.

** Additional Pre-Sale Tickets are available at time of initial donation for sponsorship levels of \$600+ (\$85/Seat Pre-Sale Price to guarantee seating)

Return or mail to: St. Charles Borromeo School, c/o Borromeo Bash, 4910 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Guadalupe Celebration! Come celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe at Guadalupe Men's Vita Dei House, 2801 New Haven Avenue, Fort Wayne. **Sunday, December 15**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Prayer, rosary, presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe, pot luck luncheon. Life sized, true to life reproduction of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the tilma of Juan Diego will be available. 260-341-7117 for more information. www.GuadalupeVDH.com

**ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN
DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD**

The Vocations Office is hosting two Andrew Dinners for young men ages 16 to 30 to learn more about seminary and the priesthood. The dinners will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, January 2**, at St. Monica Parish in Mishawaka and on **Friday, January 3**, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. RSVP is required by Wednesday, December 22, at diocesefwsb.org/discern-priesthood or by calling 260-422-4611. Prior to each Andrew Dinner, everyone is invited to Eucharistic Adoration at the host parish from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. to pray for vocations.

Most Precious Blood – Director of Music & Liturgy

Status: Exempt – Part time Ministerial position that reports to the pastor Start: As soon as available

Job Description: The primary role of the Director of Music & Liturgy is to provide and coordinate music for weekend Masses and special liturgies. This ministry requires work in a Catholic environment with the ability to elevate minds and hearts to God through worship. Duties include 3 weekend Masses and school Masses as needed, choirs, and cantors for the parish. For a more detailed job description for interested candidates, please contact Jamie Kolasinski at jkolasinski@preciousblood.org

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

I Erin Sterba—Joseph Abbate



AVA'S GRACE DECEMBER GATHERING

If you have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss and would like to gather online with others who know this deep grief, we invite you to attend the online Advent Ava's Grace gathering on **Wednesday, December 18**, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. as we discuss how to navigate grief during the Christmas holidays. Please email Lisa Everett at leverett@diocesefwsb.org for the Zoom meeting link and passcode. For more information about Ava's Grace, the diocesan ministry which offers spiritual, emotional and practical support to those grieving the loss of a baby before or after birth, visit diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace.

Sponsor of the Week

(Breakfast Club)