

Love Advent

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020 FOURTH 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 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

Monday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday, St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Zarrillo & Carmona Families

8:15 a.m. † Walt & Millie Vought

6:30 p.m. Special Intentions of the Leinweber Family

Tuesday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Don & Mary Lou Pruden

8:15 a.m. † Delbert & Rita Minnick

6:30 p.m. † Edward Dahm

Wednesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday, St. John of Kanty, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:15 a.m. † Vivian Welch

6:30 p.m. † Major Robert G. Jackan

Thursday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † **NO MASS**

8:15 a.m. † Margaret Milner

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m. † Margaret Lynch Fortier

6:30 p.m. † Msgr. Edward Hession & Msgr. John Suelzer

Midnight Mass † Ed Morris

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day Masses

7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

9:00 a.m. † Deceased of the Barrand Family

11:00 a.m. For the Parish Community

5:00 p.m. **NO MASS**



Saturday, December 26, St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:15 a.m. † Robert Loy Sweet

Saturday, December 26, Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00 p.m. † Mary Alice Kleber

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 a.m. † Robert Carroll, Sr.

9:00 a.m. † Conrad Cierniak

11:00 a.m. † Terry Fields

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20

Sun., Dec. 20:2 Sm 7.1-5,8-12,14,16/Rom 16.25-27
Lk 1.26-38

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

Tues., Dec. 22:1 Sm 1.24-27/Lk 1.46-56

Wed., Dec. 23:Mal 3.1-4,23-24/Lk 1.57-66

Thurs., Dec. 24:2 Sm 7.1-5,8-12,14,16/Lk 1.67-79

Fri., Dec. 25:Vigil, Is 62.1-5/Acts 13.16-17,22-25/Mt 1.1-15

Night: Is 9.1-6/Ti 2.11-14/Lk 2.1-14

Day:Is 52.7-10/Heb 1.1-6/Jn 1.1-18

Sat., Dec. 26:Acts 6.8-10;7.54-59/Mt 10.17-22

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DECEMBER 20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Acceptance of God's Will

Reading I

2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,14,16
(The Lord's promise to David)

Reading II

Romans 16.25-27
(Doxology)

Gospel

Luke 1.26-38
(The annunciation of the Lord)

Key Passage: Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Adult: When have you followed the example of Mary and said, "Let it be done to me as you say?"

Child: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Becky Kien, Edward Koors
(3 Volunteers Needed)
(C Carolyn Tyndall)
Lectors: Sarah Hunnefeld, Dr. Tom Ryan
Sacristan: Melinda Firestone

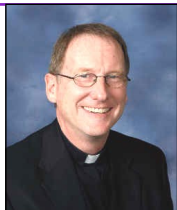
Sunday, December 27

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
David Pierre, Max & Anne Tinkel, Sr. Genevieve
(C Jane Relue)
Lectors: Cece Dunderman, Carol Merkel
Sacristan: Judy Sherron

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
David Lonsway, Colleen O'Leary, Stephen
Shannon, Donna Wagner
(C Kathy Suever)
Lector: Patricia Henry, Phillip Ottah
Sacristan: Audrey Clauser

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Joseph Barile, Maria Ellinger, Tim Miller, Gail
Stoner
(C Thomas Auer)
Lectors: Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Matthew
O'Shaughnessey
Sacristan: Julie Weingartner

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
Sara Bentz, Arianne Davis, Gene & Marilyn
Tippmann
(C Jill O'Sullivan)
Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman
Sacristan: Jill O'Sullivan

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

We are now nearly ready to welcome Christ on Christmas.

Understanding that we have many parishioners who cannot safely come to Mass because of the virus surge, we are offering our 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and our 11:00 a.m. Christmas morning Mass by livestream. You are an important part of our parish, and we join together in these most important prayers. If you go to our parish website, stcharlesfortwayne.org, you will see a simple click that will connect you to our parish Mass.

Due to the virus, our liturgies will be a little bit different this year. We won't be able to pack the church. We won't have large numbers of servers carrying red candles. We won't have a parish choir or a children's choir. Worst of all, we won't be able to sing our great Christmas carols. However, we will have grand liturgies for this important day. The 4:00 p.m. and the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses will be offered simultaneously both in the church and in the gym, with one priest in each location. Both locations will be decorated for Christmas and will have fine music, and we will practice social distancing with masks and sanitization at both sites.

Our Midnight Mass, (which I think is the last remaining Midnight Mass in Fort Wayne still scheduled for midnight) will begin with lights lowered as a cantor intones *Silent Night* and we light altar candles. The ancient Christmas Proclamation is sung at the beginning of this most solemn Mass.

Christmas morning Masses will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

We plan to use incense at two of these Masses: the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in the church and also the Midnight Mass. For those who can't handle incense, there are five other options.

As a gift for those coming to Christmas Masses, the parish has purchased 1000 books of daily reflections from Saint Mother Theresa. We will give them away, as they last, at Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Masses.

Our resident seminarians, Jake, Sam and Noah, will be offering a final Advent reflection this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on our parish Facebook page. The topic this week: "Spiritual Reading." I haven't seen them for a couple of weeks because of their Covid isolations and quarantine, but I'm hopeful that they are experts on the topic after all of this time cooped up. Tune in.

We welcome guests and visitors this weekend, as together with one voice, we welcome our Lord.

Fr. Tom

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)

HASA 300 CLUB 2020-2021

\$150.00 - December 14
WALT & GERRY JAMES

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 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.

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.

ST. CHARLES VOCATION COMMITTEE

Mary received and responded to the Lord's will through the invitation of an angel. Who are God's messengers in your life? Listen to God speaking to you through them. (Luke 1.26-38)

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

PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR AMERICA

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

**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.



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!



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. **THANK YOU!**

POSITION IN ST. CHARLES MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Part-time (with the possibility of future full-time) employment. For more information, call Steve in the Maintenance Department, 260-969-4029.

**TUNE IN TO CATHOLIC RADIO
106.3 FM REDEEMER RADIO**

SCRIP NEWS



4th Sunday of Advent – And here we are, the final few days before we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Hopefully you are ready with decorations up and packages under the tree. If you do find yourself needing some last minute gifts, **SCRIP** is here to help. We can help you check off those items so you can relax and enjoy Christmas.

SCRIP SCHEDULE through the end of the year

Mon. – Dec. 21 – SCRIP office open 8:30 – noon

Tue. – Dec. 22 – SCRIP office open 8:30 – noon

Wed. – Dec. 23 – SCRIP office open 8:30 – noon

SCRIP closed until Monday, January 4, 2021

Picking Up Your Order – If you called in a **SCRIP** order and agreed to pick it up at the Parish Office, or you have a back ordered item to be picked up, please be sure to do so. The Parish Office will close at 4:30 p.m. on December 23, and be closed until Monday, December 28, at 8:30 a.m. We wouldn't want your Christmas gifts to be locked up in the Parish Office until after Christmas.

*Thanks to everyone who shopped with us this year. Remember, we sell **SCRIP** all year long. Every dollar you spend at **SCRIP** helps the parish.*

VOLUNTEERS:

Jan. 4 – **CLASSROOM DELIVERY** – Christina Wulpi
Jan. 8 – Kathy Johns, Val Lankenau, Maryann Quinn
Jan. 8 – **CLASSROOM DELIVERY** – Kelly Tippmann
Jan. 9 – Mary Jones, Jill Onion, Tom Ryan
Jan. 10 – Arianne Davis, Nancy Hartig, Lisa York

"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 **Nancy Gerard**.



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.



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Sponsor of the Week

(Cosmos Restaurants)

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to confirm ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



"This Week in RCIA"

A Blessed Christmas to All!

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

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) at 10:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. This Mass, during which Bishop will entrust the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to St. Joseph, will be live-streamed on the [Cathedral's Facebook Page](#). In-person attendance is welcome, but limited seating is available for social distancing and masks will be required. For information on this and other remote viewing options, visit diocesefwsb.org/remote-mass-participation.

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 go to the Gibault School for troubled youth.



Disciple Course - Winter 2021

Join Deacon Fred Everett for a 10-session course over Zoom to help committed Christians in putting Jesus more at the center of their lives and daily decisions. Each session will look at a different aspect of discipleship as well as practical guidance in building up a life of prayer. Daily homework assignments of 15 minutes will make use of selected Scripture readings and time for personal prayer. Meetings will be held on Mondays beginning Jan. 18 through March 22, from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Visit diocesefwsb.org/disciple for more information and to register.

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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