

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

It is written,  
"One does not live  
by bread alone."

Lk 4:4

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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## MASSES

### Saturday, March 8, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † E. Fritz

### Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community  
9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Suzanne Esther  
11:00 a.m. Special Intention of Beau Strack Family  
5:00 p.m. † William J. White

### Monday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Mary C. Purdy  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Linda Till  
6:30 p.m. † Dewey Tagtmeyer

### Tuesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † John Wilkinson  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Bill & Margaret Sills & Family  
6:00-8:00 p.m. The Light is On  
6:30 p.m. † Joseph Woenker

### Wednesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Byron & Sue Wyss  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Vincent & Mary Jo Tippmann  
6:30 p.m. † James Seculoff

### Thursday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Dr. James & Rita Berghoff  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Bob Horner  
6:30 p.m. † Ed Dobosz  
7:00 p.m. Confessions

### Friday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Wispeleare & Needham Families  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Laux & Minick Families  
6:30 p.m. † Harry Miller Family  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction

### Saturday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions  
8:15 a.m. † Walter & Millie Woods  
2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

### Saturday, March 15, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Mary Lee

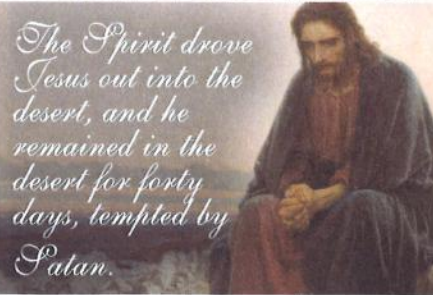
### Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Gary Jacob  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community  
11:00 a.m. † Karen Schleinkofer  
5:00 p.m. † Alicia Heimann Eaton

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9

Sun., March 9: Dt 26.4-10/Rom 10.8-13/Lk 4.1-13  
Mon., March 10: Lv 19.1-2,11-18/Mt 25.31-46  
Tues., March 11: Is 55.10-11/Mt 6.7-15  
Wed., March 12: Jon 3.1-10/Lk 11.29-32  
Thurs., March 13: Est C:12,14-16,23-25/Mt 7.7-12  
Fri., March 14: Ez 18.21-28/Mt 5.20-26  
Sat., March 15: Dt 26.16-19/Mt 5.43-48

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**  
Stations of the Cross  
& Benediction  
After Mass—7:00 p.m.



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT

Salvation Through  
Faith

Reading I

Deuteronomy 26.  
4-10  
(Thanksgiving for the  
Lord's goodness)

Reading II

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13  
(Temptation in the desert)

Romans 10.8-13

(The faith of the Christians)

**Key Passage:** For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**Adult:** How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?

**Child:** Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?

### Saturday, March 15

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Kevin Hoersten, Edward Koors, Emily Walden, Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Phil Rosswurm  
**Altar Servers:** Alie Saleem, Charles Tippmann, Daniel Tippmann  
**Lectors:** Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell  
**Sacristan:** Gerry Brubaker

### Sunday, March 16

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Judy Sherron, Marijo Sliger, Mona Sproat, Margie Stier  
**(1 Volunteer Needed)**  
(C Susie Hague)  
**Altar Servers:** Luka Bacak, Ayden Denney  
**(1 Volunteer Needed)**  
**Lector:** Susie Hague, Barb Hartman  
**Sacristan:** Cheryl Roy

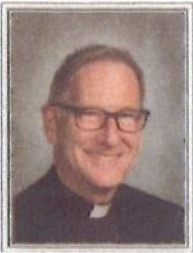
9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Tom Ade, Audrey Clauser, Arianne Davis, Mike & Susan Maskal, Mary Lou Morris (C Kathy Vande Zande)  
**Altar Servers:** Jude Clauser, Cooper Eisaman, Christian Koehler  
Master of Ceremonies: Vincent Clauser  
**Lectors:** Ann Isch, Deb Wagner  
**Sacristan:** Kate Sweigert

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Edwin Capuyan, Sam Harkenrider, Kate Jones, Teresa Michel, Elaine Moser, Rhonda Walton (C Thomas Auer)  
**Altar Servers:** Zach Barton, Brooke Barton, Maddie Morris  
**(1 Sub Requested)**  
Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede  
**Lectors:** David Lonsway, Leanne Mensing  
**Sacristan:** Darlene Simpson

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Malachi Palumbo, Andy Stauffer, Terry & Cindy Stults  
**(1 Volunteer Needed)**  
(C Susan Badenhorst)  
**Altar Servers:** Scarlett Lesh, Christina Lun, Davis Morris  
**Lectors:** Derek Pillie, Nathan Pillie  
**Sacristan:** Don Smith



**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**



Lent has begun. This is the season when we are trying to change ourselves. We spend time examining our faults, and through the disciplines of prayer and fasting and almsgiving we are trying to become better people. However, the point is not just to change ourselves. The reason for Lent is to become more faithful followers of Christ. We can't take our eyes off of Him.

With our focus on Christ, Lent is a perfect time to take part in the Stations of the Cross.

In prayer, we remember what He has done for us. The Stations will be offered on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. We walk the path of the Passion with Christ. Stations booklets will be available in the back of the church for anyone who would like to come at a different time and offer that prayer on your own.

If you are able, please stop by the chapel any Wednesday in Lent between 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and we will have time for quiet adoration. While there could be funerals, music practices or other events taking place in the church, we will try to keep the chapel as quiet as we can.

I point out again other Lenten opportunities. A Catholic Apologetics Class is taking place on Saturday mornings, young adult gatherings are taking place on Tuesday evenings, and sessions are offered on Wednesday evenings for anyone interested in becoming Catholic.

We have a good opportunity this Thursday evening, March 13, to learn about our Catholic faith and the social teaching of the Church. For the most part, most of us know right from wrong in our personal behaviors. The Catholic Church also has rich teachings which describe how societies should function. There are, of course, a lot of implications for good government. Please join us as Steve Lalor, a teacher from Bishop Luers, offers a presentation with a chance for discussion at 7:00 p.m. on March 13 in the Hession Center, Rooms C and D.

And finally, please note that "The Light is on for You" is taking place this Tuesday from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. A priest will be available hearing confessions for those two hours in every parish of the diocese. This is an especially appropriate time for those who have been away from the sacrament for a long time, and we will have sheets available for those who don't remember the prayers. Come to the chapel at St. Charles, or go to any other parish if you would rather meet with a priest you don't know.

Please remember in your prayer Fr. Barry England, a priest of our diocese who died last week at the age of 82. Fr. Barry served at St. Charles from 1971 through 1978. When he was transferred, Fr. Hession wrote in his parish diary: "We thank Fr. Barry for his exceptional leadership and service."

"May He Rest in Peace."

*Fr. Tom*

**INDULGENCES FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY**



Our prayers can help loved ones pass through Purgatory and into Christ's loving embrace in Heaven. For more information, scan the QR Code to watch Fr. Bobby's talk.

Pamphlets on Indulgences are available on the table in the back of Church.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**ABSTINENCE**-All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

**FASTING**-All Catholics from their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday are bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting required limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light nourishment may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Any good reason will excuse a person from these regulations on particular occasions and for health and dietary needs. Only a contemptuous violation of all regulations would be considered seriously wrong.

**HELP IS NEEDED**

Help is needed to provide dinners at Just Neighbors - a homeless shelter for families (just 'down the street' from St Charles on State Street). St Charles volunteers to make dinners for a full week three times a year. Our next week to provide dinner is March 23-28. We will need volunteers for a main dish, side dish, salad, and desserts. We will have a table in the Gathering Space on the weekend of March 15/16 for sign ups for food. If you'd like to sign up now please contact Maggie Kleber at 485-4717 or [maggiikleber@msn.com](mailto:maggiikleber@msn.com).

\*\*\*Also, we will be collecting new Twin size sheets (regular or XL) and new Bath Towels (only bath size is needed) during sign ups !

Thank you for helping families in need!  
Margaret Digan & Maggie Kleber  
Just Neighbors Volunteer Coordinators

**Catholic Apologetic Study**

This program is to help Catholics explain our faith to other Catholics and non-Catholics. It will take place on **Saturday, March 15**, from 9:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m., in the Community Room, just off the Gathering Space. There will be refreshments and coffee available. This weeks subjects are: Early Church Fathers, End Times.

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

**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 tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support.



**"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 **Maria Parra, Carol Venderley and Patrick Murphy.**





## Lenten Prayer & Fellowship

Tuesdays at 6pm

Get more info at:  
[stcharlesfortwayne.org/YA](http://stcharlesfortwayne.org/YA)

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU CONFESSION IN EVERY PARISH

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have priests available for confessions on **Tuesday, March 11**, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to participate in this sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to an open confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Learn more at [diocesefwsb.org/light](http://diocesefwsb.org/light).



Old palm branches are being collected. Please place your palms on the table located **INSIDE** the church proper by the Ministry/Ushers Room.



**RIGHT TO LIFE**  
 OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

### Spring Banquet

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana for the **4th Annual Spring Banquet**. Come celebrate our 51st year of defending innocent human life on **Saturday, April 12**, hosted this year at Mirage Banquet Hall in Decatur. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the program begins at 6:30 p.m.. To purchase a table or tickets, visit [ichooselife.org/springbanquet](http://ichooselife.org/springbanquet)

### 40 Days for Life- Spring Campaign

Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on **Sunday, April 13**, at 2:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to end our 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life Office on 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13th.

For more info please visit [www.ichooselife.org/40days](http://www.ichooselife.org/40days) or call 260-471-1849.

### BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Thursday, March 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. The next class will be Wed., April 30.



We will have adoration  
 of the Blessed Sacrament  
 in the chapel  
 every Wednesday of Lent  
 from 9:00am - 6:00pm

Scan the QR code to signup:



SCAN ME

### St. Patrick Church, Arcola

12305 Arcola Rd., F.W.

Friday, March 14 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Adults \$16; children 6-12, \$8.00 Children under 5, free

Drive-thru to Go-Dinner: \$16 includes fish, homemade coleslaw, applesauce, tartar sauce, and cookie. Drinks included:

Coffee, Water, and Lemonade.

### St. Therese Catholic Church Fish Fry

2200 Lower Huntington Rd., F.W.

K of C Council 9460 Annual Fish-n-Chips

Friday, March 14 - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Cost—\$15 for Adults; \$7 for kids 12 or younger.

Meal includes: all you can eat fish, 6 pieces for to-go orders, fresh made seasoned potato wedges, coleslaw, roll/butter and beverage.

## St. Dymphna's Refuge Presents

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Sacred Heart Healing Prayer Ministry

March 10, 2025 @7pm

St. Therese Catholic Church

2304 Lower Huntington Rd

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**ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**  
**07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025 March 2, 2025**

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,270.00
March 2 Collection	\$	38,371.75
This Week	\$	(4,898.25)
Deficit Fiscal Year to Date	\$	(27,911.08)




*Ladies!*  
 Join us in March for Kingdom Builders

*Raising Our Gaze ~ God is seeking to know us and to be known by us. He is calling us to a deeper intimacy with Him. Come and experience the warmth of His gaze and the depth of His embrace. Ladies ~join us at a Gathering as we behold the Face of Love.*

Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m.  
 Saint Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E. Wallen Rd.

*Kingdom Builders*  
 www.BuildingThroughHim.com



**Friends of St. Zélie Mom's Group - March Event**

Join us for our next gathering on **Sunday, March 16**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room off the Gathering Space. We will be doing a service project in partnership with Walking with Moms in Need Ministry to assemble care packages for 8 moms who have recently had babies. Childcare will be provided! Please sign up by using the QR code.


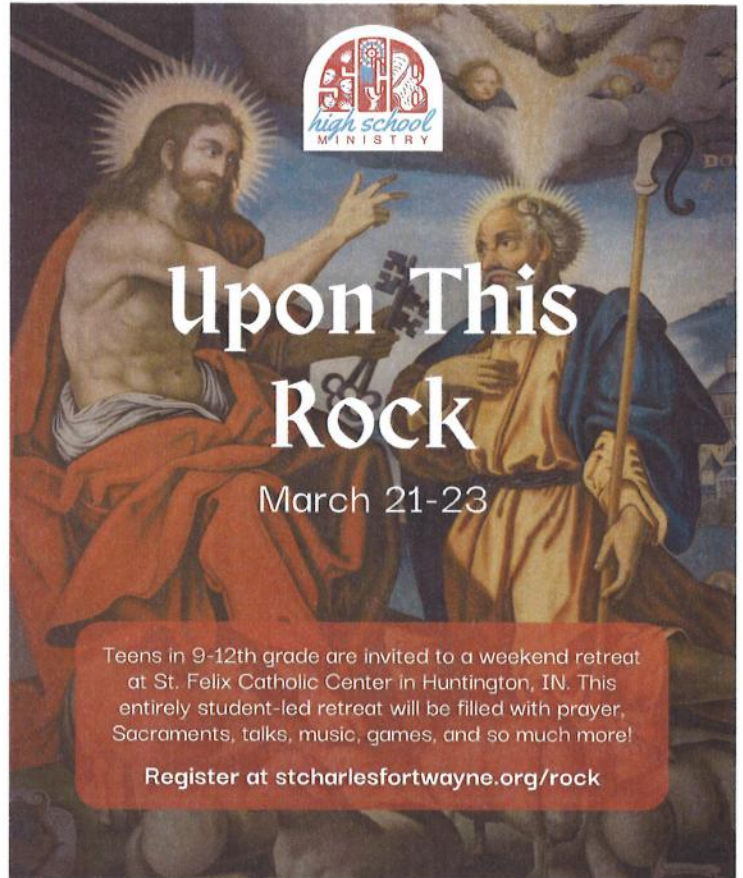



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**Saturday, March 15**  
 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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diocesefwsb.org/pnd-conference

**Upon This Rock**  
 March 21-23

Teens in 9-12th grade are invited to a weekend retreat at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, IN. This entirely student-led retreat will be filled with prayer, Sacraments, talks, music, games, and so much more!

Register at [stcharlesfortwayne.org/rock](http://stcharlesfortwayne.org/rock)

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**Info Meetings:**

Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m. Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church,  
 Huntington Church basement

Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 PM.  
 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Fort Wayne

Monday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
 St. Charles Catholic Church Hession Center, Door #3

If interested, please contact: Mary Hilger, 260-438-8356 or [hilger8@aol.com](mailto:hilger8@aol.com)

**Sponsor of the Week**  
 (L & S Alignment)



MARK YOU CALENDARS !!!

ST. CHARLES FISH FRY  
SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
APRIL 11, 2025 IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
4:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.



Many thanks to all K of C volunteers who made our "first hosting" of the Regional Free Throw Contest a tremendous success! Several Knights of Columbus State Officers commented on how well organized the event went.

**CONGRATULATIONS**, especially to  
Abby Hasselschwert,

15 year-old Regional Winner, who will be going to the State Championship on March 16.

**Saint Anne's Community, 1900 Randallia Dr. Fort Wayne, IN is looking to hire a Pastoral Care Associate.**

Duties include: sacristan duties for daily Mass, transporting residents to and from Mass and other spiritual activities, distributing of Holy Communion in the chapel and in the community, scheduling Masses, writing articles for the bulletin, charting resident's participation in spiritual activities and visiting with the residents weekly, these are the most important of the responsibilities. Working hours are able to range from 25-35 hours weekly. Once the weekly hours are set, that will be the schedule. These hours include working every other weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – noon. Scheduled day off during the week is always Friday, giving you a three day weekend every other weekend!



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Click the QR code to learn more and apply!



# Adoration by Candlelight

## AN EVENING OF THE SACRED

Saturday, March 22nd at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church  
7215 St Joe Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46835

*Prelude music will begin at 6:45pm*

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