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DO TO YOU**

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving message
of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments,
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MASSES

Saturday, February 22, Vigil, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Eric Anthony

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Sally Miller

9:00 a.m. † Matt Woodrum

11:00 a.m. † Dennis Cuney

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Monday, February 24, Weekday

6:15 a.m. Special Intention of Jerin K. Abraham

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

6:30 p.m. † Mary Ann Jackson

Tuesday, February 25, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † James E. Voight

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

8:15 a.m. † Jordan Miller

6:30 p.m. † Gerald Stefanek

Wednesday, February 26, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Mary Louise Roberts

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

8:15 a.m. † Mike & Phil Offerle

6:30 p.m. † James C. Morton, Jr.

Thursday, February 27, Weekday, St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Zoe Haas

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

8:15 a.m. † Rozanne Hefty

6:30 p.m. † Marlene Romie

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, February 28, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Lambert & Mary Ann Mickelini

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

8:15 a.m. † Mary Helmkamp

6:30 p.m. † Joe Villalon, Jr.

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour & Benediction

Saturday, March 1, Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Bernard Gase & Annette Gase Bay

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

Saturday, March 1, Vigil, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Gene Tippmann

Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Family

9:00 a.m. † Virginia Gibson

11:00 a.m. † Joanna Jacobs

5:00 p.m. † Nicholas, Alberta & Andy Lulos

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

Sun., Feb. 23: 1 Sm 26.2,7-9,12-13,22-23/1 Cor 15.45-49/
Lk 6.27-38

Mon., Feb. 24: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9.14-29

Tues., Feb. 25: Sir 2.1-11/Mk 9.30-37

Wed., Feb. 26: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9.38-40

Thurs., Feb. 27: Sir 5.1-8/Mk 9.41-50

Fri., Feb. 28: Sir 6.5-17/Mk 10.1-12

Sat., March 1: Sir 17.1-15/Mk 10.13-16

CONFESSIONS AT ST. CHARLES IN THE CHAPEL
Monday thru Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening—7:00 p.m. until last heard
Saturday—2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.



SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

In Another's Shoes

Reading I

1 Samuel 26.2,7-9,12-13,
22-23

(Saul's life spared, Saul admits his guilt)

Reading II

1 Corinthians 15.45-49

(The natural and the spiritual body)

Key Passage: Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen,

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."

Adult: What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

Child: When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

Saturday, March 1

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Edward Koors, Linda Schneider,
Terry & Cindy Stults, Phillip Tyndall

Altar Servers: Jozlynn Bird, Juliana Bird

(Sub Requested)

Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede

Lectors: Dr. Tom Ryan, Chris Stock

Sacristan: Gerry Brubaker

Sunday, March 2

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Stephanie Eifrid, Krystle Harless, Marijo Sliger,
Margie Stier

(C Maggie Kleber)

Altar Servers: Zach Barton,

Matthew Bulanda, Andrew Jacob

Lector: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer

Sacristan: Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Colleen O'Leary, Jill Redding, Kate Sweigert,
Theresa Thissen, Anna Tippmann

(Sub Requested)

(C Kathy Vande Zande)

Altar Servers: Julia Sweigert,

Anberlin Wilder (Sub Requested)

Master of Ceremonies: Charlotte Sweigert

Lectors: Patricia Henry, Martin Sweigert

Sacristan: Emma Peat

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Carole Fuller, Ann Gabet, Bill Jackson,
Beth Miller, Gail Stoner, Judi Ueber

(C Norma Baisinger)

Altar Servers: Bela Antunovic,

Joseph Lavelle, Alexander Tellman

Master of Ceremonies: Ronnie Buskirk

Lectors: Cindy O'Shaughnessey,

Matthew O'Shaughnessey

Sacristan: Maria Ellinger

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

John Rorick, Andy Stauffer

(2 Volunteer Needed)

(C Susan Badenhorst)

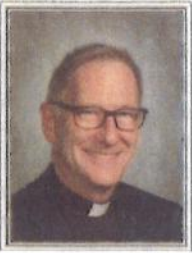
Altar Servers: Scarlett Lesh, Christina Lun,

Liam Shannon

Master of Ceremonies: Marco Cavacini

Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman

Sacristan: Don Smith

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We are planning to offer coffee and donuts after the 8:15 Mass on Wednesday this week. The goal is to encourage people to get to know one another, and a donut never hurts. Stop by the Community Room (the room off of the church Gathering Space) after Mass on Wednesday. Have a donut and get to know your neighbors in the pew.

Many people have signed up to take part in our Wednesday adoration time during Lent. You can sign up electronically at the top of the homepage of our parish website, stcharlesfortwayne.org, or with a pen on a clipboard in the back of church. The chapel will hold 30 or 40 people, but we need to be sure that we have at least two committed people to be here each hour, from 9:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent. It has been pointed out that a plenary indulgence is offered to those who spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The regular norms apply: a sacramental confession within 20 days, receiving Communion within a few days, prayers for the pope, and a detachment from sin.

As Lent is nearly here, I'm excited about the Cross Catholic Outreach effort to drill wells and provide clean water in remote villages in Africa. The average cost of providing a well is \$8,000. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. A challenge: I wonder if we can raise enough money for a well this Lent. Anyone who would like to contribute to this cause can drop a contribution in the collection basket. Put it in an envelope or just write "African Wells" in the memo line of a check.

I am leaving this Sunday afternoon for a short vacation. I'm meeting a priest friend for a canoeing adventure in the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia. There are wooden platforms built in the swamp where we'll be able to set up a tent at night. We were told that this is a good time of year in the swamp; the biting flies are not too aggressive and the alligators are still pretty groggy. I'll be back next weekend.

Fr. Tom

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 sign up:



SCAN ME

**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF FORT WAYNE**

Reminder: Please remember to return your "Baby Bottle" filled with spare change for the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne. Bottles will be collected in the Gathering Space this weekend. The organization is grateful for your generosity and support.

**ROSARY, MASS
ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

Friday, February 28, 2025
Rosary—6:00 p.m. Mass—6:30 p.m.
Adoration & Benediction

**Catholic Apologetic Study**

This program is to help Catholics explain our faith to other Catholics and non-Catholics. It will take place on Saturday mornings during Lent, 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., starting on March 8 and ending on April 10. We will meet in the Community Room just off the Gathering Space. There will be two 30 to 40 minute talks with Q & A time. There will be study handouts so you can continue your studies at home. There will be coffee and refreshments available. The subjects are: Fr. Tom's Pope on a Rope, The Papacy/Apostolic Succession, Early Church Fathers, End Times, Communion of Saints, Prayer, The Mass, Worship in Spirit and Truth, Indulgences/Purgatory/Confession, Grace, Human Suffering, and The Trinity.

**Attention Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion to the Homebound!**

The Diocese is asking people who take Holy Communion to non-family members, to receive their diocesan safe environment certification. The process of certification involves several steps including online training and passing a background check. Please contact Casey Ryan at the parish office to get started: 260-969-4026, or stcadulted@gmail.com

LECTOR TRAININGS

New and current Lectors are invited to attend free training organized by the Diocesan Office of Worship.

Lector training will be held on March 1, Fort Wayne, Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, 7215 St. Joe Rd., from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Advanced registration is required by Wednesday, February 26, prior to the training. For full details, frequently asked questions, and registration, visit diocesefwsb.org/trainings.

All trainings take place in the church.

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

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.

The Lord calls us to be merciful as our God is merciful. The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

**SLÁINTE TO ST. PATRICK
A NIGHT OF FAITH, FUN & IMPACT!**

Join Catholic Charities on **Saturday, March 15, 2025**, from 6:00 p.m.– 10:00 p.m. at the Mirro Center in Fort Wayne for an unforgettable evening of Irish music, cuisine, and community—all in support of Catholic Charities, the Social Service Arm of the Church.

As Catholics, we are called to care for the most vulnerable among us. Whether it's providing a warm coat, essential food, job training, or vital clinical services, Catholic Charities is building a brighter future across the 14 counties of our Diocese. By attending Sláinte to St. Patrick, you are directly supporting this mission of serving all those in need.

Why Attend?

- Enjoy live Irish music from Laughing Jack & a live bagpiper
- Savor traditional Irish fare – Bangers & Mash or Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Take part in exciting auctions & raffles to support Catholic Charities
- Include a VIP add-on ticket to a whiskey tasting experience

This 21+ event is a perfect way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day while supporting Catholic Charities. Buy your tickets by February 28: www.ccfwsb.org/stpatrick

Don't miss this chance to have fun, strengthen our faith community, and uplift those in need!

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 DIOCESE IS HIRING: The Diocese is currently seeking applicants for the position of Full-Time Benefits Administrator. Information can be found for this specific position [here](#) or for all positions, visit our website at diocesefwsb.org/careers.



Once again, **THANK YOU** St Charles parishioners! Thanks to you 52 units of blood helping 156 patients were donated at the February 14 blood drive. Thanks again to Steve, who opened up the cafeteria at 6:00 a.m., the A team of Red Cross personnel, and the K of C volunteers, especially Vince, who brought in donuts! Next Blood Drive will be April 12, again in the School Cafeteria.

**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.

Help support our Priests and strengthen the Church! "Seven Sisters" make a Holy Hour each week for the sanctification and intentions of one of our Priests. Is God inviting you to join us? Find out more by contacting Anita at a.pardee@zoho.com or 678-910-7716 or by visiting <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>.

Becoming Catholic - Inquiry Sessions

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, then you and that someone are invited to our first of 7 inquiry sessions. We will dive into why we exist, the basics of God and our need for a Church.

Session 1: Wed, March 5, 7:00-8:00pm
in the parish office basement



St. Charles' Girl Scout Troop will be selling cookies following all Masses next weekend. Be sure to stop by and show them our support.

St. Charles is looking for Cheerleading Coaches for the 7th/8th grade and 6th grade for next school year. 7th/8th grade coaches should have some competition experience. If interested, please contact the Athletic Director, Justin Purdy, via email

athletics@stcharlesschoolfw.org



Love Thy Neighbor



We are profoundly grateful for your continued support and generosity. Thank you! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA harnesses the power of community and partnerships to feed, clothe, house, and heal individuals and families in our community.


If you have furniture, you no longer need, please consider donating it to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store and arrange for pickup of your items by calling the Thrift Store at 260-456-3561. They will be happy to schedule a time for the pickup. Your generosity will be beneficial to the SVdP Thrift Store and the poor. The profits from selling those items will be returned to the parish SVdP Conferences so we can help more needy people.

During January, 2025, we were able to help 210 individuals consisting of 91 adults and 119 children. We provided \$ 406 auto repair, \$ 326 in food equating to 1698 pounds, \$ 445 in gift cards for gas and food, \$ 719 for household items, \$ 1,095 in rent, \$ 1,751 mortgage, \$ 240 other, \$ 2,710 in utility payments, and \$ 200 monthly to St. Patrick's Parish. SVdP St Charles spent a total of \$ 7,892 to help the needy in the community.


Thank you for your generosity in enabling SVdP St. Charles to help so many.

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP		
07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025 February 16, 2025		
Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,270.00
February 16 Collection	\$	59,510.32
This Week	\$	16,240.32
Deficit Fiscal Year to Date	\$	(20,970.83)

INDULGENCES FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
 Our prayers can help loved ones pass through Purgatory and into Christ's loving embrace in Heaven. More information can be found: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=923knv2F9Gc&t=10s>
 Pamphlets on Indulgences are available at the back of Church.



40 Days for Life- Spring Campaign
 Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Tuesday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to begin 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 or call 260-471-1849.



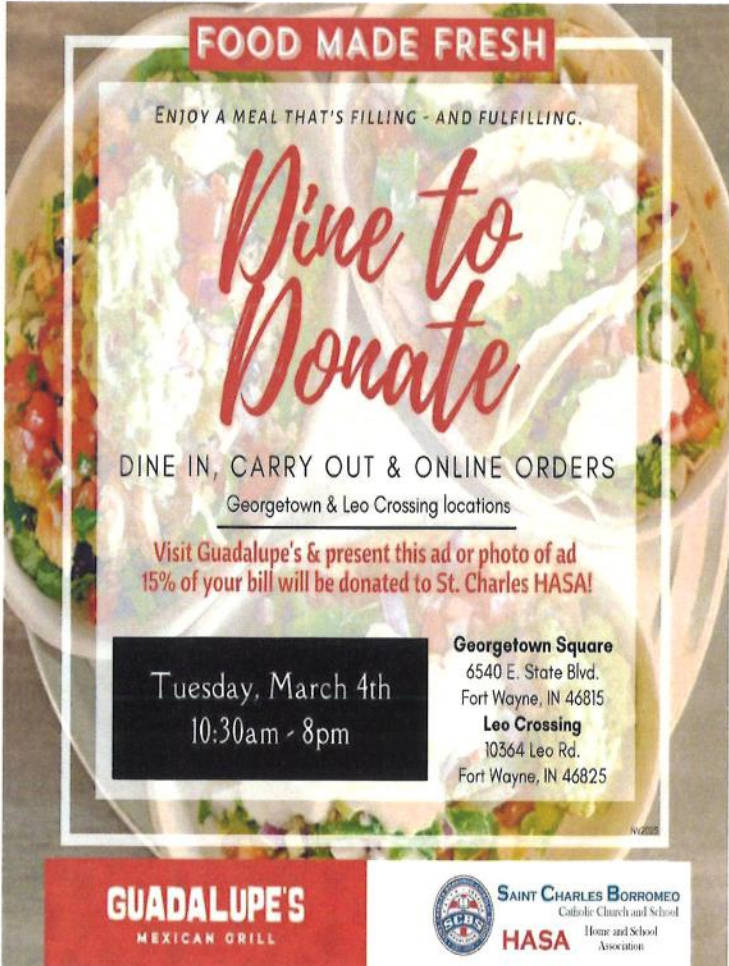
Upon This Rock

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

Old palm branches are being collected. Please place your palms on the table located **INSIDE** the church proper by the Ministry/Ushers Room. Palms will be collected through Tuesday, March 4.

Our Annual Ava's Grace retreat for anyone grieving the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death will be held on **Saturday, March 1**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pfeil Center on the Campus of Holy Cross College. This free retreat will include witness talks, couple conversation, small group discussion, Eucharistic Adoration and a pilgrimage to the new shrine of Our Lady of Sorrow on campus. Lunch will be provided. While this retreat is geared for couples, individuals are welcome as well. Registration website is <https://diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace/#retreat>. We have created a Facebook event at https://www.facebook.com/events/1590643214909516/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%5B%5D



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February 10, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Lent, we're invited to deepen our relationship and unite our hearts more fully with God and with one another. We can do this in an intentional way through the Catholic tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program – invites us to encounter God and our global family by practicing these Lenten pillars.

This year, CRS Rice Bowl celebrates its 50th anniversary. This is the time for us to recommit to our global family as we learn about communities in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh. At this very moment, millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. At the root of this crisis is a perfect storm of poverty, climate change, conflict and inequality. There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger – but we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation to us to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent – so all may live with dignity. **Seventy-five percent of alms collected through CRS Rice Bowl support CRS programs around the world. Twenty-five percent stays here in our diocese to help fight hunger and poverty.**

Nearly 13,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses across the U.S. are committed to practicing the traditional Lenten pillars of spirituality to help our global family with CRS Rice Bowl. Please consider committing to supporting our sisters and brothers around the world while forming families and faith communities to be missionary disciples.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities. I encourage you to order a CRS Rice Bowl poster to display in your communal space and enough rice bowls with Lenten calendars for each family in your community. These **free** materials are available in English and Spanish. You may also visit crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org to find additional resources, including:

- Devotions, like the Stations of the Cross, and prayers.
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school teachers and religious educators.
- Ideas for community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to join us for an enriching Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help people in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given potential.

Yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades
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