

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who do
not see might see, and those who
do see might become blind.

John 9:39

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

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 14, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Living & Deceased of Needham & DeWisperleare Families

Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

7:30 a.m. † Gary Jacob
For Our Parish Community
9:00 a.m. † Robert Minick
11:00 a.m. † Maryann Quinn
5:00 p.m. † Robert Minick

Monday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Barbara J. Davies
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Kenny & Patty Pallotta
6:30 p.m. † Margaret Vaporean

Tuesday, March 17, Lenten Weekday, St. Patrick, Bishop

6:15 a.m. † Dolly Szymanski
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Kathleen Shank
6:30 p.m. † Mary C. Purdy

Wednesday, March 18, Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Eric & Herb Anthony
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Kenneth Vondrell
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 p.m. † Tom Eckrich

Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15 a.m. † John & Patricia Betz
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Msgr. John Suelzer
6:30 p.m. † Dave & Pete Johnston

Friday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Gene Tippmann
7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Patricia Noll
6:30 p.m. † Art & Gail Bunt
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions
8:15 a.m. † Katie Bloom
2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, March 21, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Maurice Linder

Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Charles Baumgartner
9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of Ed Morris Family
11:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Joseph & Mary Sekel Family
5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15

Sun., March 15:1 Sm16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Eph 5.8-14/Jn 9.1-41
Mon., March 16:1s 65.17-21/Jn 4.43-54
Tues., March 17:Ez 47.1-9,12/Jn 5.1-16
Wed., March 18:1s 49.8-15/Jn 5.17-30
Thurs., March 19:2 Sm 7.4-5a,12-14a,16/
Rom 4.13,16-18,22/Mt 1.16,18-21,24a
Fri., March 20:Wis 2,1a,12-22/Jn 7.1-2,10,25-30/
Sat., March 21:Jer 11.18-20/Jn 7.40-53

THE LORD IS MY
SHEPHERD;
THERE IS NOTHING I
SHALL WANT.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Source of Light

Reading I

1 Samuel 16.1b,6-7,10-13a
(Samuel anoints David)

Reading II

Ephesians 5.8-14
(Duty to live in the light)

Gospel

John 9.1-41
(The man born blind)

Key Passage: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Child: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?.

Saturday, March 21

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Roby Kaufman, Edward Koors,
Linda Schneider, Marijo Sliiger, Chuck Smith
Altar Servers: Maddy Marshall,
Cohé O'Rourke, Alie Saleem
Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek
Sacristan: Cheryl Morello

Sunday, March 22

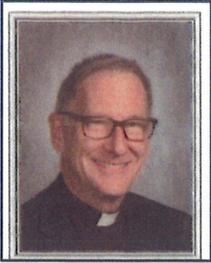
7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Sean Digan, Cheryl Prater, C.J. Steigmeyer,
Margie Stier
(C Jane Relue)
Altar Servers: Luka Bacak,
Matthew Bulanda, Juliet Underwood
Lector: Cece Dunderman, Ron Russell, Jr.
Sacristan: Cheryl Roy

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Tom Ade, Lee & Trinh Ly, John Magsam,
Ezenwa Opara, Jill Redding
(C Jan Hoy)
Altar Servers: Lilah Hilger,
Annabelle Keefer, Elizabeth Keefer
Master of Ceremonies: Lily Hilger
Lectors: Patricia Henry, Emily Parker
Sacristan: Stephanie Keefer

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Edwin Capuyan, Betty Dobosz, Carole Fuller,
Ann Gabet, Teresa Michel, Gail Stoner
(C Tes Sanderlin)
Altar Servers: Gabriel Hughes,
Vivienne O'Neal, Abbie Tippmann
Master of Ceremonies: Ronnie Buskirk
Lectors: Cindy O'Shaughnessey,
Matthew O'Shaughnessey
Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Nolan Hartman, John Rorick, Camille Smith,
Audrey Stauffer
(C Debbie Stevens)
Altar Servers: LeVigne Claycomb,
Luke O'Keefe, Joey Williams
Master of Ceremonies: Marco Cavacini
Lectors: Dave Stevens, Annie Shank
Sacristan: Lynn Adamson

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



This Sunday is Laetare Sunday, from the Latin word "Rejoice." We are half way through Lent. We will welcome new Catholics into the Church at the 9:00 a.m. Mass this weekend. Christians, who are baptized in other faith traditions, they make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, receive their First Communion and also Confirmation. There is reason this weekend to rejoice.

This Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. we begin our Lenten series with Dr. Tom McGovern. I have finished his book, "What Christ Suffered," and I recommend it. It is a fascinating walk through the Passion of Christ with deep reflections on our suffering joined to the suffering of Christ. Join us in the church on any or all of his Sunday evening presentations:

- March 15 - Gethsemane through Sunrise Good Friday
- March 22 - Scourging through Nailing to the Cross Beam on Calvary
- March 29 - Crucifixion, Death, and Responding to our own Suffering based on Jesus' suffering

I offer a reminder that we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Wednesdays of Lent in the daily Mass chapel from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

The Knights of Columbus had a very busy fish fry last week, serving over 900 dinners. I heard all good reviews.

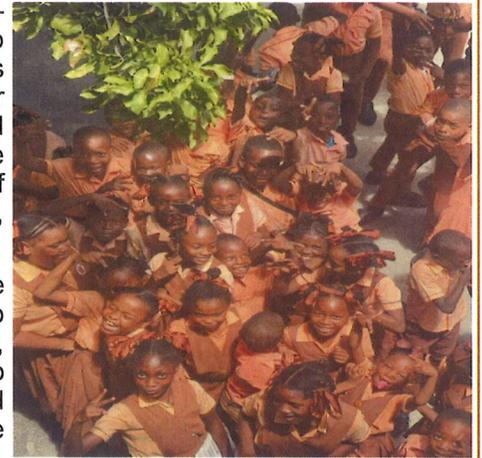
Someone recently sent information on Grandly, a Catholic program for grandparents who especially wish to share the faith with grandchildren. In a series of sessions on the internet, subscribers will hear talks and testimonials, and have a chance to join in group discussions. For more information, check out <https://catholic.grandly.org/>

Fr. Tom

I offer a word on our parish Lenten almsgiving effort.

The St. Luke Institute, run by Passionist Fathers in Haiti, reports: "Our medical and educational institutions remain strong, even if severely challenged. Our 36 schools are offering many levels of education to nearly 12,000 children. With up to 60% of hospitals and medical centers closed in Port-au-Prince due to violence, ours remain open for the sick and wounded in spite of shortages of medicine, fuel, and personnel.

If you would like to contribute to this good cause, write a check to St. Charles and put "Haiti" in the memo line.



Fr. Tom

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.

Clear the mud from your eyes and see! The one who heals also calls us to follow. Live your life as a witness to God's healing, saving touch.

CHRISM MASS

The Annual Chrism Mass will be held the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invites everyone to attend this Mass.

At the Chrism Mass, the Holy Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick are blessed. This beautiful Mass manifests the communion of the priests with their Bishop in the same Priesthood and Ministry of Christ.

Mr. Trent Horn, Author, Staff Apologist and Speaker for Catholic Answers, will talk at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington, IN on April 25. The title of the retreat is "Why We're Catholic" call 812-82504642, ext. 1 of maryschildren.com

A St. Charles Parishioner is looking for a ride to Church. Nicole Crabtree lives on Golden Years Homestead Dr. Give her a call at 260-385-2183 to see if you can help her out.

Divine Will Cenacle

*Adoration
Following
Cenacle*

*Thy Will be done
on earth as it is in
Heaven.*

When: 1st & 3rd Wed
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: St. Charles
Community Room



Your Generous Help is Needed

Help is needed to provide dinners for Just Neighbors families. Just Neighbors is a homeless shelter for families, located down the street from St. Charles. Volunteers will prepare dinners for a full week three times a year. **March 22-27** is the first week of 2026 St. Charles is assigned to feed Just Neighbors families. Volunteers are needed to prepare main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. A table will be in the Gathering Space this weekend, March 14/15 for meal sign-ups. If you would like to volunteer prior to March 14/15, please contact Lori Stock at 260-341-4113 or Lockestocklori@gmail.com.

**In addition, Just Neighbors provides every family with new sheets and towels. Please consider donating NEW twin size sheets (regular or XL) and NEW bath towels (only bath size is needed). These will be collected during meal sign-up on March 14/15.

Thank you for helping Just Neighbors families!
Lori Stock



St. Charles Day is March 19
Planned Parenthood 2930 Lake Avenue
8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Sign Up Sheets will be on the Table Near the Usher's Room in the Back of Church.

Camp Sharing Meadows is a Christian overnight camp for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, located in LaPorte, Indiana. The camp would like to hire camp counselors, camp nurses and camp cooks from July 9-17. For information go to sharefoundation.org.

ROSARY, MASS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 20
Rosary—6:00 p.m.
Mass—6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
After Mass—7:00 p.m.

The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of Eucharistic worship

Saint Joseph
— HOSPICE SUITES —
at Saint Anne Communities

"As I have loved you, so you should love one another."
— John 13:34

scan me

Renovation is almost complete at St. Anne Communities. Help us furnish the Patient Suites and make it a home! Spread the love by hosting a drive through a business, family, or small group! Click the QR Code for our Amazon Registry Wishlist or visit www.sacfw.org for a link to the Wishlist. Emily Thiel @ 260-399-3135 or emily.thiel@sacfw.org

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Fr. Jay Horning will be leading a 9-day "Saints & Scholars" Pilgrimage to Ireland Sept. 7-15, 2026. Contact Mary Hilger 260-438-8356 Register for the pilgrimage on the link below: <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/horning>

Ladies!
Join us in March for Kingdom Builders

Of all the men across all of time, God chose Joseph of Nazareth to be the earthly father of Jesus. God invites us to claim Joseph as our spiritual father as well. Join us in March to discover the loving embrace of our spiritual father and protector ~ St. Joseph, Terror of Demons. Beloved Daughters of the King . . . together, let us go to Joseph.

Thursday, March 12th, 7:00 -8:30 PM
St. Vincent de Paul church, 1502 E Wallen Rd.

Kingdom Builders
www.BuildingThroughHim.com

Girl Scout Cookies Sales will be taking place at the end of each Mass this weekend, March 14 & 15. Each box is \$6.00. Proceeds go towards badges, meeting projects and troop events.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Lenten Bible Study Group on Fridays

Join the "Friends of St. Zélie" group on Fridays of Lent to spend time praying with Scripture. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. in the St. Charles Youth Center (4904 Trier Rd.) Lectio Divina will be led by the Friends of St. Zélie Group for Moms, but all are welcome to join. Children are welcome to accompany their parents. You do not have to be part of the Friends of St. Zélie group or have children to participate. Please sign-up here: www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-st-zelie



high school MINISTRY

High school teens are invited to a retreat on **March 20-22** at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, IN. This student-led retreat will be filled with prayer, Sacraments, talks, music, games, and so much more!



Register at stcharlesfortwayne.org/thy-will

AREA PARISHES LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

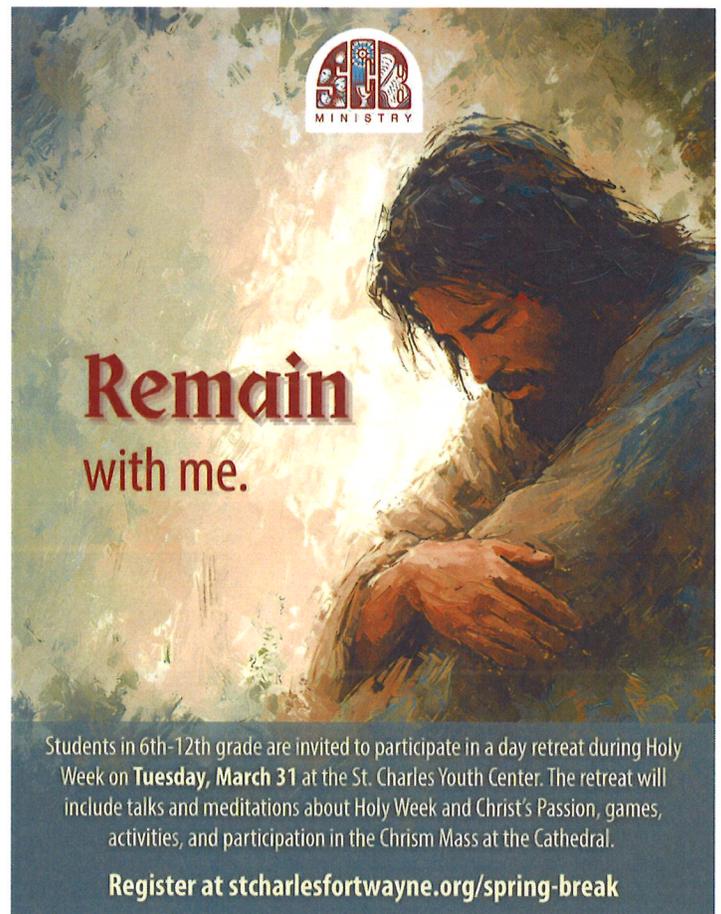
St. Vincent de Paul: March 18 at 6:30 pm
 St. Jude: March 18 at 6:30 pm
 St. John in New Haven: March 19 at 6:30 pm
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: March 23 at 6:00 pm
 St. Charles: March 25 at 7:00 pm

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 15, 2026
 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Central Catholic High School Alumni
 4618 E. State (South entrance to building)

Many yearbooks, team pictures and
 Other memorabilia to view
 Visit with other Alumni.
 Refreshments available.
 Please join us!



high school MINISTRY

**Remain
with me.**

Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to participate in a day retreat during Holy Week on **Tuesday, March 31** at the St. Charles Youth Center. The retreat will include talks and meditations about Holy Week and Christ's Passion, games, activities, and participation in the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

Register at stcharlesfortwayne.org/spring-break



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 resources, accompaniment and spiritual support
 for all mental health related topics.

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4916 TRIER RD.**

**EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH. 7-8PM**

**MORE INFO:
260-414-6817 OR 260-750-6871**

Sponsor of the Week

(Old National Bank)

Pre Planning Funeral/Cremation & Cemetery Needs Seminar

We would like to invite you to one of our free Dinner/Seminar about pre-funding funeral and cemetery needs. We will be talking about the **importance** and the **steps** families can take to put arrangements in place ahead of time. A complimentary dinner served.

Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m.

**Summit Grill Kitchen
6525 Covington Rd**

DO. McCombs & Sons and Dignity Memorial Funeral Homes & Cemeteries.

SAVE THE DATE

Evangelizing with St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, April 8

6:30 p.m.—Mass—Conference at 7:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo

Conference in Hession Center, Door #3
4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne

Jennifer Ristine, Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi

And author of three books on Saint Mary Magdalene, will share her journey of being called by Christ. During her 29 years of consecrated life, she became a special friend of Saint Mary Magdalene as well as lived and worked in her hometown, Ancient Magdala in the Holy Land. Hear her insights on this great historical figure and how she missioned with this saint. Her latest work of historical fiction, *Becoming Magdalene*, will be available.

Friends of St. Zelig Mom's Group: March Gathering
Sunday, March 15 • 2:00 p.m. •
St. Charles Youth Center (4904 Trier Rd)



Join us to make care packages for 8 moms in need who have recently had babies! Sign up to donate items using the QR code below or at www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/friends-of-saint-zelig

I Choose Life Spring Banquet Invitation and Event Details
You're Invited: 5th Annual Spring Banquet

Our organization is excited to announce the upcoming Spring Banquet, which will take place on **Monday, April 13**, at the Kruse Plaza, 5634 Opportunity Blvd., Auburn. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and we hope you can join us for this special event!

Ticket Information

Tickets are available for purchase online at \$50 per ticket. If you would like to bring your church community, you can reserve a table of 8 for \$400.

Keynote Speaker: Seth Gruber

Seth Gruber is a nationally recognized pro-life advocate, speaker, and cultural commentator known for his bold, articulate defense of unborn life and his unwavering commitment to equipping the Church to engage courageously on the issue of abortion. As the founder and CEO of The White Rose Resistance, Seth leads a national movement that calls on Christians to be the conscience of the culture—unafraid to stand for truth and defend the most vulnerable members of society.

Here is the link to purchase tickets:

5th Annual Spring Banquet—<https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/5th-annual-spring-banquet>

Immediate opening for single Catholic woman to serve as the live in House Administrator for a Fort Wayne Community House for Catholic women. Free housing plus 5 - 15 hours per week work. Stipend. Website www.AnnunciationVDH.com—Phone 260-341-7117—Email copenitents@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for taking up the gifts at Mass. Please consider volunteering to take up the gifts at the Mass you attend on the weekend. You can sign up ahead of time in the book on the pedestal in the Gathering Space or find an usher when you show up to Mass and let them know your family would like to take up the gifts. There are 3 ciboria and one cruet; so it only takes a minimum of 2 people, but entire families are welcome and appreciated. An usher can walk you through the easy steps if need be.

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.

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	March 8, 2026	
Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	42,320.00
March 8	\$	35,145.75
This Week	\$	(7,174.25)
Surplus Fiscal Year to Date	\$	68,510.71

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Drive Thru Fish Fry
March 20, 4:30-6:30
Cost: 14 adults
7 Children

St Therese Catholic Church
Parish Hall
2304 Lwr Huntington Rd
260-747-9139