

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then from the cloud
came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son;
listen to him."

Lk 9:35

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

5:00 p.m. † Alicia Heimann Eaton

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

6:15 a.m. † Fr. Barry England

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

8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the

Larry Brost Family

6:30 p.m. † Joe McGraw

Tuesday, March 18, Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of

Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † John & Patricia Betz

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

8:15 a.m. † Janice Dabbelt

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

Fred & Mary Savieo Family

Wednesday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15 a.m. † Frank & Rita Carteaux

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

8:15 a.m. † Kathleen Shank

6:30 p.m. † Joseph & Irene Gabet

Thursday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Anthony Christie

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

8:15 a.m. † Sally Miller

6:30 p.m. Priest, Deacons & Seminarians

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, March 21, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Michael Kacprowicz

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

8:15 a.m. † Msgr. John Suelzer

6:30 p.m. † Descendants & Spouses of Leo &

Esther Houser Family

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

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

8:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Ed

Morris Family

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

Saturday, March 22, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Charles Baumgartner

Sunday, March 23 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Living and Deceased of Pequignot

Family

9:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community

11:00 a.m. † Dick Eddy

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

5:00 p.m. † Mark Buchler

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16

Sun., March 16: Gn 15.5-12,17-18/Phil 3.17-4.1/Lk 9.28b-36

Mon., March 17: Dn 9.4b-10/Lk 6.36-38

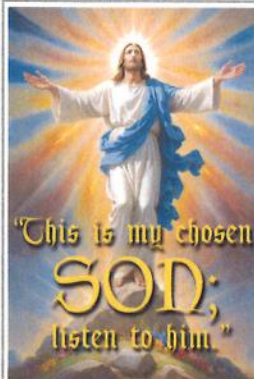
Tues., March 18: Is 1.10,16-20/Mt 23.1-12

Wed., March 19: 2 Sm 7.4-5a,12-14a,16/ Rom 4.13,16-18,22/
Mt 1.16,18-21,24a

Thurs., March 20: Jer 17.5-10/Lk 16.19-31

Fri., March 21: Gn 37.3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Mt 21.33-43,45-46

Sat., March 22: Mi 7.14-15,18-20/Lk 15.1-3,11-32



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Transformed by Christ

Reading I

Genesis 15.5-12,17-18
(The covenant with Abram)

Reading II

{Philippians 3.17-4.1
(Christ our goal)

Gospel:

Luke 9.28b-36
(Jesus transfigured)

Key Passage: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Adult: How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?

Child: When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

Saturday, March 22

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Roby Kaufman, Becky Kien, Kathy O'Neil,
Linda Schneider, Chuck Smith
Altar Servers: Gianna Bogenschutz,
Gianna Lytle, Colin Lytle
Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek
Sacristan: Cindie Rosswurm

Sunday, March 23

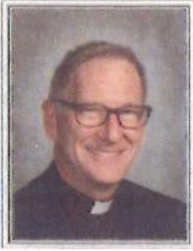
7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Stephanie Eifrid, Krystle Harless, Cheryl Prater,
C.J. Steigmeyer
(C Maggie Kleber)
Altar Servers: Matthew Bulanda,
Henry Gabet, Joey Gabet
Lector: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer
Sacristan: Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Katie Eckrich, Lee Ly, John Magsam, Colleen
O'Leary, Theresa Thissen, Ezenwa Opara
(C Jan Hoy)
Altar Servers: Lily Hilger, Lilah Hilger, Jillian
Scherschel
Master of Ceremonies: Charlotte Sweigert
Lectors: Bev Peters, Dennis Redding
Sacristan: Stephanie Keefer

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Carole Fuller, Ann Gabet, Bill Jackson,
Beth Miller, Gail Stoner, Teresa Michel
(C Norma Baisinger)
Altar Servers: Hunter Carteaux,
Will Hasselschwert, Abby Hasselschwert
Master of Ceremonies: Ronnie Buskirk
Lectors: Tara Christen, Ken Nelson
Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
John Rorick, Debbie Stevens, Phillip Tyndall,
(1 Volunteer Needed)
(C Theresa Burke)
Altar Servers: Marco Cavacini,
Liam Shannon (1 Sub Requested)
Lectors: Steve Horine, Retta Kohrman
Sacristan: Lynn Adamson

ST. CHARLES FISH FRY DAN'S FISH FRY
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. CAFETERIA
WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Next weekend, we will begin our 40 Hours Devotion at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 23. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed night and day until our concluding Mass on Tuesday evening. Fr. Herb Weber will be here to preach at an Evening Prayer on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., and at the closing Mass Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. (You may remember Fr. Herb, who came to our parish

last year representing Cross Catholic Outreach. He was a very compelling speaker with great stories to share. He will speak about the Jubilee Year on these three evenings.) With the Blessed Sacrament exposed, we will need to have people sign up to be in the church for that time span. I am especially grateful to those who are willing to sign up for an hour during the night. We have sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space, and there will be an easy electronic sign-up also on the homepage of our parish website.

We have an interesting diocesan event taking place at St. Charles on Monday, known as *Pueri Cantores*. Each Catholic school in the diocese will send a few of their good singers to St. Charles. A professional director will spend the day rehearsing with them, and this very large childrens' choir will sing for a Mass with Bishop Rhoades at 3:00 p.m. We will have an early dismissal from our school because of the large number of people coming for this event. Anyone who would like to join us for the 3:00 p.m. Mass is welcome. You will hear some beautiful music coming from our children.

An organization called *Xavier Society for the Blind* offers braille, audio, and large-print religious materials for those who need them. I believe that many are free. If you know someone who would benefit, google "Xavier Society for the Blind" and you will find their website.

Last weekend, a parishioner noticed that someone near her had returned from the Communion line with a consecrated Host in her hand. She politely asked and found out that the person wasn't Catholic and had simply gotten in line with everyone else, not knowing what to do. The parishioner explained that Communion is reserved for Catholics and took the Host from her. Done in kindness, I think the response was perfect. I offer a reminder for those who are not Catholic or Catholics who don't receive Holy Communion: you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

As we are thinking of sponsoring a well to provide clean water for a village in Africa, our parish Knights of Columbus presented us with a check last week for \$5,000! The cost of a well averages \$8,000. I'm now wondering if we can raise the money to help two villages.

There is progress on our school window project. At my last report, we needed to spend \$26,000 to move the two portable units so that they would be in compliance with fire code and another \$26,000 to provide the electricity to heat both. We are saving most of those costs by eliminating one classroom and moving the other. We will be able to put two classes of students into the remaining unit and our builders will be able to continue their work.

Fr. Tom

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Livestream Link:
March 21, 6:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass, Benediction, and Stations of the Cross



<https://youtube.com/live/Koa7y2594xM>

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 this weekend for sign ups for food. If you'd like to sign up now please contact Maggie Kleber at 485-4717 or 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

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.



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.



This is my beloved Son, hear him, Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say?



"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 **Lauren Griffith, Jr., Kathleen Robinson and James Haffner.**



Lenten Prayer & Fellowship

Tuesdays at 6pm

Get more info at:
stcharlesfortwayne.org/YA

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:



The **Catholic Medical Guild in Fort Wayne** invites anyone in healthcare to come to our annual Lenten Retreat on March 29. Spouses also welcome. This year's topic will be on Seven Last Words of Christ. This will be presented by Father Royce Gregerson at the St Vincent Life Center. Please RSVP as breakfast and lunch are included and the cost is \$10. However, if unable to RSVP come anyway!\ See fortwayne.cathmed.org or 260-222-6978 for details. Starts at 8:15 a.m. with Mass in church.

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 22**, 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 week's subjects are: "Communion of Saints and Prayer."



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

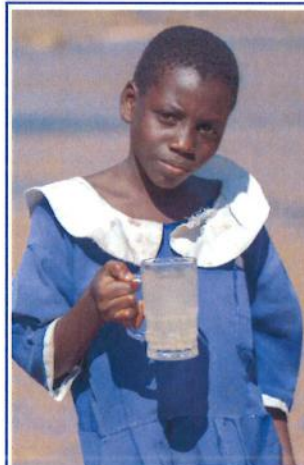
40 Days for Life- Spring Campaign

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 or call 260-471-1849.

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

I.....Raina Gulachek—Connor Tapp



One of our goals at St. Charles this Lent is to raise enough money to dig a well in a village in Africa. Cross Catholic Outreach is an organization which does research to find where wells are most needed, provides the necessary studies with the drilling and construction, and provides teachers to be sure that the villagers know how to use and maintain the well.

Cross Catholic Outreach sent us this photo of Ester Halawa, a 10-year-old from Chilonga village. Ester's life revolves around collecting water from a shallow pit. She waits for it to refill and then uses a bowl to fill her bucket. Though families are taught to boil the water, they often don't have time. As a result, Ester and others drink contaminated, cloudy water.

The average cost of a well is \$8,000. If you would like to contribute, write a check to St. Charles and put "African Wells" in the memo line.

Fr. Tom

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Info Meetings:

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

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025 March 9, 2025

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	43,270.00
March 9 Collection	\$	27,385.44
This Week	\$	(15,884.56)
Deficit Fiscal Year to Date	\$	(43,795.64)

Pre Planning Funeral/Cremation & Cemetery Needs Workshop

We would like to invite you, your spouse or a family member to one of our free workshops 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.

**Thursday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.
Summit Grill
6525 Covington Rd**

Let us help you provide your family with peace of mind, while alleviating the stress and burden by planning before the time of need.

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Please RSVP to Guy Dupuis #260-740-7961 by March 19

**Knights of Columbus
Spaghetti Dinner**



The K of C held a Spaghetti Dinner on January 30, for John Hope who needed a heart transplant. John received a new heart on January 22, 2025 and has returned home. John is doing very well. The dinner resulted in a donation of \$5,050 to help with the cost of the transplant. A huge and heart felt Thank You to all at St. Charles. Your generosity is amazing! God Bless.

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

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=9Z3knv2F9Gc&t=10s>

Pamphlets on indulgences at the back of the Church.

**ST. CHARLES INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
FOR THE 40 HOURS DEVOTION**



The church will be open, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration, from Sun, Mar 23, 6:00pm through Tues evening. Scan the QR code to signup for an hour of adoration. Guest homilist Father Herb Weber will speak at the following liturgies...



Mar 23, 7:00pm - Vespers
Mar 24, 7:00pm - Vespers
Mar 25, 7:00pm - Mass



NEWLY BAPTIZED AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

August 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025

Francis Thomas, son of Zach & Grace Potosky
 Daisy Francis, daughter of John & Jana Bloom
 Penelope Josephine, daughter of Daniel & Madelyn Howe
 Dominic Christopher, son of Gustavo & Maria Jimenez
 Mateo and Roxana, children of Victor & Yessica Lopez
 Vincent Jacob, son of Jacob & Emily Straessle
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 Averie Rose & Maizie Jane, daughters of Heather Johnson
 Ingrid Alice, daughter of Aaron & Bridget Palkovic
 Elsie Kathleen, daughter of Andrew & Rebecca Noll
 Joyce Lashae, granddaughter of Rick & Jeannie Stults
 Evelyn Amelia, daughter of Eric & Allison Louderback
 Weller Joseph, son of Joseph & Caitlin Berghoff
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 Ellie Sue, daughter of Christopher & Megan Barnes
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 Callen Gerald, son of Mark & Kelly Woollacott
 Ava Faith, daughter of Benjamin & Brittany Hartman
 Raegan, Rowan & Melody of Justin & Alexis Woods
 John Paul Joseph, son of Joshua & Gloria Perkins
 Nicolas Rey, son of Jasue & Kelby Castillo
 Easton Ryne, son of Zachary & Amy Richards
 Bennett Michael, son of Dalton & Megan Shutt
 Lilah Ann Marie, daughter of Deniro and Halie Brinker

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE**

Council 451 Knights of Columbus is pleased to sponsor our second blood drive of the year on Saturday, April 12, in the school cafeteria from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To sign up online:

- (1) Go to [Red Cross.org](http://RedCross.org)
- (2) Go to Find a Drive
- (3) To register for our drive - type in knights451 or

Sign-up in person in the Gathering Space on April 5 & 6.

You can donate if you have NOT donated after February 15.

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