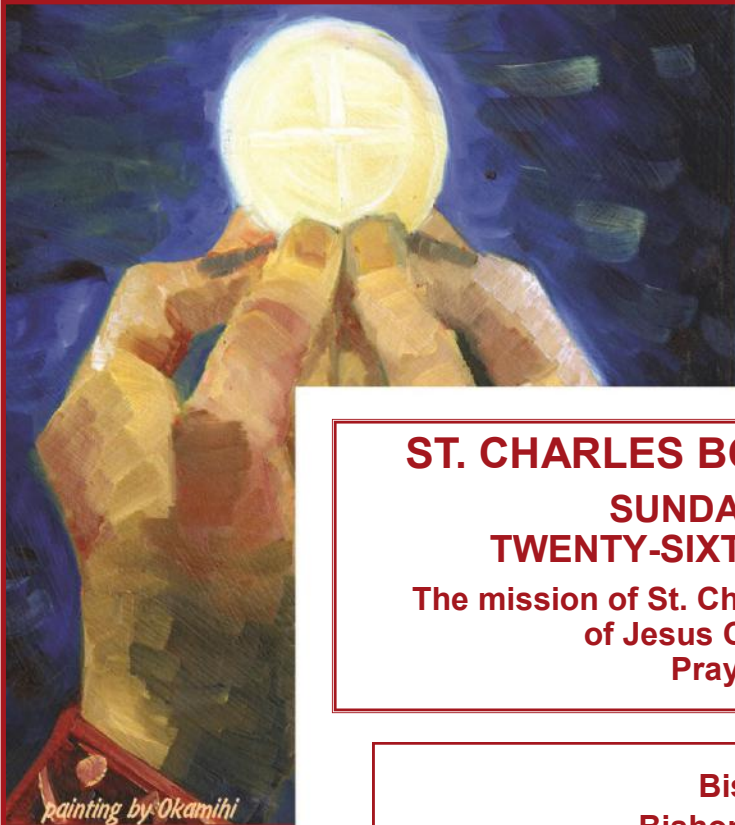




How can I repay the Lord for all the good
done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay
my vows to the Lord in the presence of all
his people. Lord, I am your servant.

Psalm 116:12-14, 16a

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving message
of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments,
Prayer and Service to others.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades,
Bishop of Fort Wayne/South Bend
Monsignor Tom Shoemaker, Pastor
Fr. Bobby Krisch, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jerry Madathiparambil, O.S.B., Parochial Vicar
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Directors of Music & Liturgy, Karen Hope and Tim Robison
Directors of Religious Education, Keith Heimann and Cindy Stults
Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinators,
Stacey Huneck, Anna Laisure

Invitation for ALL

Please join us for an American Needs Fatima
Public Rosary Rally taking place at 12 Noon,
Saturday, October 11.

We will meet on the St. Charles Parking lot on the
corner of Reed & Trier Roads and will pray for the
repentance and conversion of our great nation,
asking God to save America through the Rosary
of His Most Holy Mother.

Please bring a chair/blanket, weather permitting.
Questions, please call Loretta Russell, 260-438-0724.




Priesthood
Sunday

MASSES

Saturday, September 27, Vigil, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Richard Love

Sunday, September 28, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Lynn & LouEllen Hartman

11:00 a.m. † Jim Haffner

5:00 p.m. † Stephen Forte

Monday, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the William E. Martin Family

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

8:15 a.m. † Pat & Joe Altmeyer

6:30 p.m. † Florence Mikolay

Tuesday, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Anthony Gillig

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

8:15 a.m. † Gerald Kessens

6:30 p.m. † Steve Hope

Wednesday, October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Anointing of Divine Will Cenacle
It's Unity & Spiritual Growth

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

8:15 a.m. † Jack Krouse

6:30 p.m. † Susan Dosdos

Thursday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

6:15 a.m. † Marilyn Mae Maher

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

8:15 a.m. † Joanna Jacobs

6:30 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Dirig & Gfell Families

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, October 3, Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Christopher Lomont

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

8:15 a.m. † George Schenkel

6:30 p.m. † Eugene "Bob" Wagner

Saturday, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi

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

8:15 a.m. † Patricia Helmkamp

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

Saturday, October 4, Vigil, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Max & Mary Stuck

Sunday, October 5, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Kathryn Current

9:00 a.m. † Janice Dabbelt

11:00 a.m. † Patrick & Jessica Murphy

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

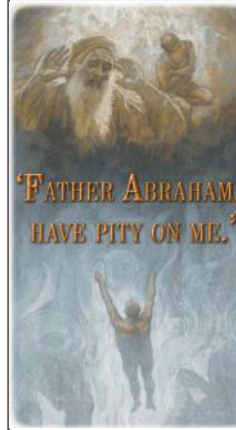
September 21, 2025

Budgeted Collection Needed \$ 42,320.00

September 21 Collection \$ 47,807.14

This Week \$ 5,487.14

Fiscal Year to Date \$ 23,901.06



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Rich and the Poor

Reading 1

Amos 6.1a,4-7
(Third woe)

Reading II

1 Timothy 6.11-16
(The good fight of faith)

Gospel:

Luke 16.19-31
(The rich man and Lazarus)

Key Passage:

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man names Lazarus, covered in sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

Adult/Children: What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?

Saturday, October 4

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Gerry Brubaker, Kathy O'Neil, Laura Underwood, Kirk & Lisa York

Altar Servers: Carter Bennett, Lincoln Miller, Anthony Rainey, Ruby Finn

Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek

Sacristan: Gerry Brubaker

Sunday, October 5

7:30 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Stephanie Eifrid, Cheryl Prater, Lori Stock, Anne Tinkel

(C Maggie Kleber)

Altar Servers: Luka Bacak, Daniel Tippmann

Miles Till

Lector: Cece Dunderman, Ron Russell, Jr.

Sacristan: Melinda Firestone

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Arianne Davis, Stephanie Keefer, John Magsam, Colleen O'Leary,

Theresa Thissen, Kathy Vande Zande

(C Kathy Suever)

Altar Servers: Elaine Coleman, Haylee Ade

Elizabeth Keefer, Juliet Keefer

Master of Ceremonies: Lily Hilger

Lectors: Linda Duesler, Martin Sweigert

Sacristan: Stephanie Keefer

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Betty Dobosz, Maria Ellinger, Grace Fischer, Nolan Hartman, Bill Jackson, Kathleen Wiley

(C Darlene Simpson)

Altar Servers: Drew Hofrichter, Duke Ley

Addison Rivas, Abbie Tippmann

Master of Ceremonies: Ronnie Buskirk

Lectors: Jerry Nuerge, Dave Nuerge

Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Susan Badenhorst, Andy Stauffer

(2 Volunteers Needed)

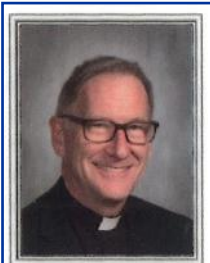
(C Teresa Burke)

Altar Servers: Gabby Colone, Eloise Epple

Gianna Colone, Luke O'Keefe

Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman

Sacristan: Arlene Burgener



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Please join us on Thursday evening, Oct. 2, for a 7:00 p.m. tour and visit at Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren. The Church is at 2810 Beacon Street, near St. Jude. Anyone who would like to carpool can gather at St. Charles at 6:30 p.m. It will be a chance to learn about the history and the worship of neighbors from the Anabaptist tradition. The

Pastors there will give a presentation, answer questions, and then their choir will lead us in some hymns.

I am excited about the new landscaping which you can see around our school and church. We have added nineteen trees and sixteen shrubs, most of which will bloom in the spring or fall. With the new brickwork and windows on our school, our property has become more beautiful. Many thanks to the Plant Center and to the 23 members of our Knights of Columbus who showed up with shovels and wheelbarrows to help with the planting.

Saturday, Sept. 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will offer a blessing of animals at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. You are welcome to bring any pets to the canopy area outside the Gathering Space doors.

Next Sunday, October 5, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., our *Walking with Moms in Need* group will collect diapers, wipes, baby food, and other donations which a struggling young mother could use. Volunteers will be in front of the church, under the canopy, to collect donations. We are grateful to those who can help.

Bishop Rhoades will offer a Jubilee Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. A Pontifical Blessing will be offered and a plenary indulgence is attached with the usual conditions. Everyone is welcome.

My Scotland vacation, travelling with four priest friends, was a great getaway. A highlight was two days in a 13th Century Monastery, eating and praying with the Benedictine Monks. We also caught a parade in Edinburgh. There were lots of bagpipes, lots of horses, and an appearance by Princess Anne, riding on horseback with a Scottish regiment. The Princess looked right at me, but didn't return my wave. At age 75 she probably should hang on to the horse with both hands. *Fe. km*

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

If you did not make your Annual Appeal pledge last weekend, please take time to do so today. We invite everyone to share a portion of God's blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. No gift is too small (or too big). Please give from the heart. We hope for 100% participation of our parish this year. Please consider giving online at www.diocesefwsb.org/aba.

Thank you for your support of our diocesan ministries and services. If you are unable to give this year, please return your pledge card with a zero so as not to receive the follow-up letter and phone call. Please do not send in a pledge card if giving online.



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

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.

Fight the good fight. Take a firm hold on the everlasting life to which you are called. Pray for those who are called to run the race as Priests, Sisters and Brothers.

CATHOLIC APOLOGETIC STUDY

This fall there will be a 10 week study on Beginning Apologetics. We will meet in Rooms C & D in the Hession Center, Tuesday evenings, 7:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m.. Beginning with an organizational meeting September 30. Sessions run October 14 through December 16. The book series being used is; Beginning Apologetics by San Juan Catholic Seminars. There will be a \$26 cost for the books. Email scbb.study@gmail.com by September 8 to reserve your place in the program. Come and learn more about your Catholic faith and how to explain it to others.

Knights of Columbus Council 451 is pleased to sponsor our 5th Blood Drive of 2025 on Saturday, October 4, in the school cafeteria. This will be from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



To sign up on line:

Go to Red Cross Blood drives.org b) go to find a drive
3) sponsor code for us is knights451

We will also have in sign-ups in the Gathering Space, September 27 & 28. You are eligible to donate if you have NOT donated since August 2, 2025.



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 **August, 2025** we were able to help 217 individuals consisting of 141 adults and 76 children. Summary of assistances provided to our Neighbors includes: \$ 10.50 bus passes, \$ 63.84 other transportation, \$ 418 in food vouchers, providing 2,200 pounds of food, \$ 745 in gift cards, \$ 990 for motel stays, \$ 350 + \$ 4,111.25 rent/mortgage, \$ 3,998.25 utility payments, \$ 675 store vouchers, clothing vouchers \$ 340.00, \$ 1,356 partnering with local Parishes, and \$ 200 monthly to St. Patrick's Parish. SVdP St Charles spent \$13,257.84 to help the needy in the community.

Your generosity enables SVdP St. Charles to help so many Neighbors. If you know a Neighbor in need, please contact the St Charles SVdP help hotline; the number can be reached any time at **(260) 446-3112**, and please leave a message our volunteers can assist you. If you would like to help our ministry, please call the help line so that we can contact you. We are profoundly grateful for your continued support and generosity. Thank you!

Spaghetti Dinner for Dominic

The Knights of Columbus Council 451 will be hosting a benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Dominic Durnell. He is a 6th grader at St. Charles School and was diagnosed with B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on January 3, 2025. His proposed treatment plan will last 2 ½ years. He is currently attending school half days after being out since December. The dinner will be held **Wednesday, October 1st from 5:00 PM– 7:30 PM** in the school cafeteria. A free-will offering is requested to help defray medical expenses.



The **Church Nursery** is now open at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Young children under 5 are welcome. Our nursery is staffed by parishioner volunteers. Help us support the young families in our church by volunteering with this ministry; adults 18 and older and teens are needed. This is a good opportunity for teens to earn service hours. For more information, stop by on Sunday to pick up a volunteer form or sign up at email: wwwmomsinneed@gmail.com

Q & A

Representatives from Divine Mercy Funeral Home and Catholic Cemetery, a non-profit ministry of the Church, will be handing out literature folders following all Masses the weekend of September 27 and 28, regarding information on Cemetery & Funeral preplanning. Please take folders for your review.



They will also be hosting a Dinner and Discussion Q & A Session on **Wednesday, October 1**, 5:30 p.m. at Divine Mercy Funeral Home, 1986 West Cedar Canyons Road, Huntertown, IN. No obligation is expected—this session is being held to allow families to ask questions and receive guidance to being better prepared for the death of a loved one. Please contact Divine Mercy Funeral Home—Catholic Cemetery at 426-2044 to register and reserve a seat for this event.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Sponsored by St Charles
Knights of Columbus,
Council #451

Saturday, October 4

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: St Charles Cafeteria -Door # 9

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. after
5:00 p.m. Mass
and Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$100 per table (8 people per table). BYOB, snacks & drinks. Must be 21 years old! Registration forms are available on table in the Church's Gathering Space or you can email Sean Digan at digansm@comcast.net or text/phone Sean at 260-417-0216. Payment will be collected at event. Money raised will be used to support the various charity activities the Knights get involved in.

ST. CHARLES INDULGENCE GROUP

The **Saint Charles Indulgence Group** will host a public Rosary the first Sunday evening of every month after the 5:00 p.m. Mass as an act of gaining a plenary indulgence. You are welcome to join us in the Community Room just off the Gathering Space. You can pray for a loved one who has passed, or you can ask for the indulgence to be applied to yourself. The requirements include being in a state of grace and a sacramental confession 20 days before or after the act. The group is also looking for volunteers to pray for those souls whose names have been recorded in the Saint Charles Book of Remembrance. These names are added every November, so we are currently praying for those who passed in 2024. **JOIN US** October 5, after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass and **LEARN** what indulgences can do for you.



You're invited to a "Drive-By Baby Shower" on Sunday, October 5! Please help us gift each mom in need with new baby supplies. The

baby shower will be outside under the overhang at the main entrance of Church from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. We are in need of diaper sizes: newborn, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Wipes, baby blankets, towels, wash cloths, nail clippers, bottles and bottle brushes, safety locks & plugs, combs, brushes, pac-n-play sheets, baby shampoo, diaper rash ointment and baby lotion. We are also collecting winter coats, hats and mittens for toddlers. Gift cards to Kroger, Meijer or Walmart would also be appreciated and can be placed in the collection basket at Mass. Items can be dropped off during the shower or placed in the pac-n-play in the Gathering Space the week before or at Mass that weekend. Thank you for your continued support helping Mom's in need.



St. Paul Center DVD Series
followed by Lectio Divina.

Please bring a Bible and a Journal
Email: mzbecker@ameritech.net
Come and learn about Scriptures
and Lectio Divina

Saturday Mornings in the Community Room
8:45 p.m. thru November 22
Join us for Study, Fellowship and
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Sponsor of the Week

(Parker Towing)

ST. CHARLES "WELCOMES" OUR NEW FAMILIES JUNE 1—AUGUST 31, 2025

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David & Jerre Conrad
Alicia Batchelder & John Ottenweller
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Dan & Christine Camp
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