



1st Sunday of Advent

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

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Stay awake!

For you do not
know on which
day your Lord
will come.
Matthew 24:42

MASSES

Saturday, November 29, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Jay McGraw

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Jim Haffner

11:00 a.m. † Karen Schleinkofer

5:00 p.m. † Mike Donovan

Monday, December 1, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased of Malvan Burkhart Family

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

8:15 a.m. † Joe Dahm

6:30 p.m. † Bernard Gase

Tuesday, December 2, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Marlene Romie

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

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

6:30 p.m. Special Intention BF

Wednesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Timothy Kearney

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

8:15 a.m. † Michael Seleme

6:30 p.m. † Leonard B. Koeller

Thursday, December 4, Advent Weekday, St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Mary Ehinger

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

8:15 a.m. † Eileen & Eric Smith

6:30 p.m. † Pamela Wolfe

Friday, December 5, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Edward Morris

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

8:15 a.m. † Lynn & Lou Ellen Hartman

6:30 p.m. † Marie Sprunger

Saturday, December 6, Advent Weekday, St. Nicholas, Bishop

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

7:00 a.m. † Virginia Gibson

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

Saturday, December 6, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Sr. Gloria Ann Fielder

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Stephen & Clara Schenher

9:00 a.m. † Jay McGraw

11:00 a.m. † Mary Helmkamp

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

HELP NEEDED

A woman would like a ride to Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. She resides at the corner of Trier and Goeglein Rd. If you can help, call Carol at 262-241-3074.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30

Sun., November 30: Is 2.1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24.37-44

Mon., December 1: Is 4.2-6/Mt 8.5-11

Tues., December 2: Is 11.1-10/Lk 10.21-24

Wed., December 3: Is 25.6-10a/Mt 15.29-37

Thurs., December 4: Is 26.1-6/Mt 7.21,24-27

Fri., December 5: Is 29.17-24/Mt 9.27-31

Sat., December 6: Is 30.19-21,23-26/Mt 9.35—10.1,5a,6-8

*"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come."*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Putting on the
Light of Christ

Reading I

Isaiah 2.1-5

(Zion, the messianic capital)

Reading II

Romans 13.11-14

(Christian use of time)

Gospel

Matthew 24.37-44

(The need for watchfulness)

Key Passage

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Adults: What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Child: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

Saturday, December 6

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Edward Koors, Phil Rosswurm, Chuck Smith, Phillip Tyndall, Laura Underwood

Altar Servers: Carter Bennett, Elijah Coak,

Henry Eugene Stritmatter, Ruby Stephens

Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek

Sacristan: Cindie Rosswurm

Sunday, December 7

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sean Digan, Krystle Harless, C.J. Steigmeyer, Lori Stock (C Margie Stier)

Altar Servers: Ayden Denney, Henry Gabet, Joey Gabet

Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Bulanda

Lector: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer

Sacristan: Cheryl Roy

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Stephanie Keefer, Lee & Trinh Ly, Ezenwa Opara, Matt Smith, Anna Tippmann (C Kathy Suever)

Altar Servers: Sophia Crates, Grace Finley, Marilyn Finley, Olivia Stroh

Lectors: Patricia Henry, Emily Parker

Sacristan: Arlene Burgener

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Doug Baisinger, Sarah Brust, Betty Dobosz, Beth Miller, Elaine Moser, Judi Ueber (C Darlene Simpson)

Altar Servers: Deacon Hartman, Claire Macejak, Lincoln Miller, George Downey

Master of Ceremonies: Lorenzo Escueta

Lectors: Cindy O'Shaughnessey,

Matthew O'Shaughnessey

Sacristan: Julie Weingartner

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sara Bentz, Audrey Stauffer

(2 Volunteer Needed)

(C Susan Badenhorst)

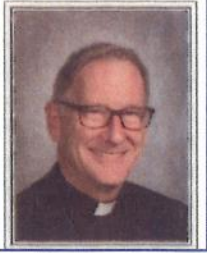
Altar Servers: Rafael J. Cucueco,

Malachi Palumbo, Declan Tippmann,

Skylar Tellez

Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman

Sacristan: Lynn Adamson



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Advent has begun. This is not our season of frenzied celebration... this is our season for quiet and for reflection. The church is decorated in purple, we are scheduling lots of times for confessions, and our music is subdued. We have some preparation to do before we are ready to greet the Lord at Christmas. A funeral director once came into our church in mid-December and asked, "Don't Catholics celebrate Christmas?" We do, indeed. But we need to prepare ourselves. Let us keep this holy season in watchful prayer.

On Saturday morning, December 6, we will have our annual Rorate Caeli Mass. This is an Advent Mass celebrated by candlelight in a dark church, ending as the sun comes up. Our Mass will begin at 7:00 a.m. Please note that we will not have an 8:15 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning.

Please pray for our young parishioners who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Saturday. This is an important day in their lives and an important day for our parish. As they are cleansed of sin, may they live long lives of holiness.

A *charter member* is a person who was part of St. Charles parish when it was founded in 1957 and has remained a member through the years. Our parish list shows only six remaining charter members. However, I learned this week of another. He was five years old when the parish was founded. His family was part of the new parish and he has belonged here ever since. My guess is that our parish list was compiled from a list of adults who were registered in 1957. If you or someone you know has been in the parish since 1957, even as a child, please let me know. This is a pretty exclusive list.

Fr. Tom

A **Rorate Caeli Mass** will be offered at **7:00 a.m.** on Saturday, December 6, in place of our usual 8:15 a.m. Mass. This special Mass is celebrated only by candlelight and concludes as the morning sun is rising. Please join us for this beautiful celebration in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary!



FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

St. Charles Borromeo Parish is looking to hire a full-time maintenance worker. Call Steve Springer for an appointment to discuss, (260)969-4029.

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

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 weekend's Masses.

Stay awake! Be Ready! God needs you to make known his imminent presence.

ROSARY, MASS ADORATION & BENEDICTION

First Friday, December 5
Rosary—6:00 p.m.
Mass—6:30 p.m.

After Mass 7:00 p.m.
Adoration & Benediction

ST. CHARLES PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 7**, of our Annual Pancake Breakfast, benefitting St. Charles Borromeo Athletics. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for school aged children—with a family max of \$40. Enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and a visit with Santa!



Volunteering is also greatly appreciated.
Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA9A723AAF9CF8-60272401-2025>

OPLATEK

The Polish Christmas wafer, Oplatek, is available again this year. Cost is \$2.00 per package and each package contains 3 wafers. Please stop by the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. any weekday to pick up the wafers.



"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 **Emma Momper, Jackson Kien and Thomas Scalzo.**



ADVENT GIVING TREE 2025

November 29/30 - For St. Patrick's Pantry

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December 6/7 - For Walking With Moms in Need

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used), Baby Washcloth & Towel, Baby Laundry
Detergent, Changing Pads, Baby Thermometer,
Newborn Mittens

Gift Cards - Meijer, Krogers, Walmart

December 13/14 - For St. Charles Youth Ministry

Monetary Donations (Envelopes).

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED!

The St. Charles Science Fair is quickly approaching. This means we are looking for 30 volunteers as judges! Backgrounds in Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine/Health, and Physics are greatly helpful. The St. Charles School Science Fair is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026. All judging will start at 8:15 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided for judges. If you are interested in helping to judge the science fair, please fill out this Google form: <https://forms.gle/Z57dyCmPbGFob5sH7>. All judges must have a current background check done with the parish/school. This can be done on the school website at <https://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/safe-environment-certification>. Thank you for helping us with this wonderful tradition!

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles **Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Office Basement**. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. Next class, January 21, 2026.



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As part of the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, the faithful are invited to receive special indulgences by participating in particular acts of devotion and charity. By fulfilling the required conditions - including confession, Eucharistic Communion, Prayer for the Intentions of the Pope, and more - you can open the door to God's grace and mercy in a profound way. For the specific requirements for obtaining indulgences, visit diocesefwsb.org/jubilee25.



You're Invited to the 8th Annual Borrromeo Bash
Saturday, February 7, 2026 · Ceruti's Summit Park

Dear Friends of St. Charles Borrromeo Parish and School,

We're delighted to announce that the **8th Annual Borrromeo Bash** will be held at **Ceruti's Summit Park on Saturday, February 7, 2026.**

Each year, we have been able to gather in fellowship as a community, and we look forward to keeping that tradition alive this year! Your generosity has strengthened our ministries and funded needed improvements and initiatives that help keep our community safe and vibrant.

This summer, Borrromeo Bash funding supported the long-awaited window project completion! A five-phase project replacing all original windows in 23 classrooms began last year and was fully completed in July 2025. This project transformed the exterior, brought much-needed light to interior classrooms, and increased the safety of each classroom.

On February 7, 2026 we'll gather again for a night of community and entertainment. This year's proceeds will help fund playground improvements, improved SBCS Athletics equipment and increased exterior safety features across school grounds.

This year's sponsorship levels range from \$250 - \$5,000 with opportunities to sponsor the event in a variety of ways including Teacher Recognition, Event Sponsorship, Bar Sponsors (full or partial), and more! Additionally, we are always look for fun, unique and valuable donations to fill our silent auction. Both forms for donation can be found below. If you would prefer a paper form, please email borromeobash@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Borrromeo Bash committee, thank you for your support and may God Bless You.

Sincerely,


**Monsignor Tom Shoemaker, Principal Rob Sordelet, Chris Kaufman (Chair),
and The Borrromeo Bash Committee**

[Sponsorship Form:](#)



[Item Donation Form:](#)





**Mom's Night Out
HOLIDAY MOVIE**

Friday, December 5th
Doors open at 6:30 Movie begins at 7pm
St Charles Cafeteria

Join us for a holiday movie and hot cocoa bar! Bring a comfy chair, blanket and enjoy a kid free night out with friends.

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Miss Virginia's Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Miss Virginia's Food Pantry, located at 1312 S Hanna Street, is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to support the Food Pantry operation, primarily on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We distribute meat, bread, fruit, eggs, canned goods, and other items. Help is needed with bagging and distribution of food, to those in need in the Allen County and surrounding areas. Also includes light warehouse work, which includes sorting and restacking products received. All help and assistance are provided in the spirit of giving, set by the example of our founder Miss Virginia Schrantz. It is truly rewarding and meaningful work! If you are available from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and feel a need to give back what has been given to you, please contact:

Greg Witte, Pantry Director:
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Thank you for your continued support!

Starting November 29 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and after every Mass until they sell out of wreaths. For pre-orders, please text Nancy at 260-494-0671.

The ECCE YOUNG ADULT CHOIR presents **Advent Lessons and Carols**. Ponder the Wonder and Beauty of the Incarnation through Sacred Music, Scripture, and Prayer. Free and open to the public. For more information, email Jessica Schuster, Director: jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com.

December 6 at 7:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

December 7 at 3:00pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Maumee, OH

December 13 at 2:30pm
Most Precious Blood Catholic Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

December 14 at 4:00pm
The Monastery of the Visitation ~ Toledo, OH



Advent Series

For Young Adults in their 20's and 30's
Join us at 7pm
On Tuesday, December 2, 9, 16 & 23
Info & Sign-up
www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/YA

ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

The Vocations Office is hosting two Andrew Dinners for young men ages 16 to 30 to learn more about seminary and the priesthood. The dinners will be held from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on December 29, at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart and on December 30, at The University of St. Francis Oratory, Fort Wayne. A Holy Hour open to the public will precede these dinners, from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. Learn more and RSVP (required) for the dinner at diocesefwsb.org/andrewdinner.

Cathedral Advent Women's Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, December 6 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sue Wilhelm, Spiritual Director and Retreat Leader from Lindenwood Retreat Ctr. will present an Advent Women's Spiritual Retreat at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1102 S. Clinton St., in the Cathedral Center. The theme of the retreat is *Let It Be Done: Receiving Christ at Christmas*. The retreat will explore Mary's particular journey from the Annunciation to Christ's Birth and how attendees might deepen their own relationship with Mary and with Christ moment by moment through Advent. Bring a bible and rosary. Light breakfast and lunch will be served. No cost. Seating limited to 50. Register by emailing parishsecretary@cathedralfw.org by **Sunday November 23**.



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