

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Matthew 24:44



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, December 2, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Frank & Josephine Tratynek Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Walter & Ruth Richter 9:00 a.m. † Kathryn Neddeff 11:00 a.m. † Michael Seleme

For Our Parish Community 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 4, Advent Weekday, St. John

Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church 6:15 a.m. Special Intention of Barbara Kluz

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions † Mark Buchler 8:15 a.m. † Rosermary Stewart 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Janet Love 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Leonard Family

6:30 p.m. † Barbara White

Wednesday, December 6, Advent Weekday, St. Nicholas, **Bishop**

6:15 a.m. † Linda Mattes 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. Jim Sherron 6:30 p.m. † Nicholas Hackman

Thursday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Raymond Dressel Confessions 7:30-8:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. † Ed Dobosz

Vigil for Feast of Immaculate Conception

6:30 p.m. † Mary Huettner

Friday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:15 a.m. For Our Parish Community

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

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

& Ade Families

12:30 p.m. † Cora Jo Flowers

Special Intention of Sr. Mary Ann Burkhart 6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, December 9, Weekday, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:15 a.m. † Gary Vanderbilt 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, December 9, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Gordon Anthony

Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the Fox & Brattoli

Families

11:00 a.m. † Jack & Marge Krutsch

5:00 p.m. † Jeffrey Devall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3

Sun., December 3:ls 63.16b-17,19b;64.2-7/1 Cor 1.3-9/ Mk 13.33-37

> Mon., December 4:ls 2.1-5/Mt 8.5-11 Tues., December 5:ls 11.1-10/Lk 10.21-24 Wed., December 6:Is 25.6-10a/Mt 15.29-37 Thurs., December 7:Is 26.1-6/Mt 7.21,24-27

Fri., December 8:Gn 3.9-15,10/Eph 1.3-6,11-12/Lk 1.26-38 Sat., December 9:ls 30.19-21,23-26/Mt 9.35-10.1,5a,6-8



First Sunday Of Advent

God's Faithfulness

Reading I Isaiah 63:16-17,19,64.2-7 (Prayer for the return of God's favor)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (Thanksgiving)

Gospel

Mark 13.33-37

(Need for watchfulness)

Key Passage: God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Adult: At this time, how faithful do you feel you are being to God's plan for you?

Child: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

Saturday, December 9

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

Lynn Gonzales, Becky Kien, Chuck Smith, Terry

& Cindy Stults

Altar Servers: Juliana Bird, Jozlynn Bird. Kira Kovacs

Lectors: Dr. Tom Ryan, Rita Barile Sacristan: Melinda Firestine

Sunday, December 10

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arianne Davis, Marijo Sliger, C.J. Steigmeyer, Anne Tinkel (C Maggie Kleber) Altar Servers: Bela Antunovic, Junior Segura

(1 Sub Requested)

ectors: Susie Hague, Barb Hartman

Sacristan: Abel Reyes

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Tom Ade, Audrey Clauser, Sr. Imelda Effiong,

Stephanie Keefer, Mary Lou Morris, Theresa Thissen (C Jan Hoy)

Altar Servers: Juliet Keefer, Cooper Eisaman,

Christian Koehler

Lectors: David Oberstar, Martin Sweigert

Sacristan: Emma Peat

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Betty Dobosz, Kate Jones, Beth Miller, Elaine Moser, Kelly Tippmann, Judi Ueber (C Norma Baisinger) 11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Zach Barton, Brooke Barton,

Hunter Carteaux

Lectors: Jerry Nuerge, Dave Nuerge Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: John Rorick, Audrey Stauffer, Jill O'Sullivan (1 Volunteer Needed) (C Susan Badenhorst) Altar Servers: Maeve Miltner, David Morris,

Gavin Stauffer

Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman

Sacristan: Lynn Adamson



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We have entered Advent. While the world is in a noisy scramble of activity, this is a time to find peace and calm. It is a time to join Mary in wonder as she awaits the birth of the Messiah. This should be a time of prayer. Note that we have a very short Advent this year. The fourth Sunday of

Advent falls on December 24, leading us directly in to Christmas Masses.

This Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate a 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7. Friday Masses are scheduled at 6:15 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. We turn to Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, whose life was free of sin, and we ask for her prayer.

On the evening of December 7, I will offer a short presentation about the recent Redeemer Radio Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and our escape as war was breaking out. The presentation will conclude with a rosary for peace in that troubled land. Join us in the Hession Center at 7:30 p.m. on December 7.

We will have a parish penance service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, December 13. Many priests will be here to help with confessions as we prepare ourselves for Christmas.

Next weekend, we will have our annual collection to help the retired religious in the Church. Sister Genevieve will offer some words at Mass, as we stop to remember the sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made an important contribution to our faith lives. We offer help for our retired religious, who live in communities with vows of poverty.

On Veteran's Day, Fort Wayne news sources had a story about the dedication of a new monument installed at the Veteran's Memorial on O'Day Road. Twelve seven-foot bronze statues represent American military members who served in the Korean War. One of those statues, a soldier carrying a rifle on the west side of the grouping, was modeled on our own parishioner, Carl Fowler. Carl is a 94-year-old Korean War veteran. He and his wife Mary are part of our very small list of active charter members at St. Charles. I think this makes him a celebrity. I don't know anyone else who has been a model for a seven-foot bronze statue.

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The **Advent Booklets** are available this weekend. As in past years, there are two different booklets. The Little Blue Book, (Six Minute Reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Luke) and Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas (Waiting in Joyful Hope 2023-2024). The are \$2.00 each and there is an envelope in each booklet for your donation to be put in the collection basket.



"It is a good and holy thought to pray for the dead." (2 Maccabees 12)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of **Dustin Brown.**.

EMMANUEL, A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne is hosting a unique Advent experience "Emmanuel" A Musical Journey Through the Story of Christmas by an award-winning musician Tatiana 'Tajci' Cameron. She travels from Nashville, TN to offer an afternoon of music and inspiration that will turn your holiday stress into a deeply spiritual and sacred season. *Sunday, December 3*, at 2:00 p.m.



ADORATION & BENEDICTION December 8

Rosary—6:00 p.m.

Mass—6:30 p.m.

Adoration and Benediction 7:30 p.m.
Due to the Holy Day Mass, Adoration and Benediction won't begin until 7:30 p.m.

Ecce is a small group of classically-trained Catholic musicians who sing a capella sacred music in northeast Indiana. The following upcoming events are free and open to the public.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m. @ St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church -- Monroeville, IN

Saturday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.@ St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church -- Fort Wayne. IN





ST. CHARLES EUCHRE CARD Saturday, December 9

We will meet in the Hession Center with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. We will play from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the group, call Darlene at 260-403-3294. Bring your own drinks and a snack to share, if desired.



ST. CHARLES ATHLETICS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for **Sunday**, **December 10**, for our Annual Pancake Breakfast, benefiting

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 for adults and \$6 for children. Enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and a visit with Santa!



Dear Friend of St. Charles Borromeo Parish & School,

We are pleased to announce that the 6th annual Borromeo Bash will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Ceruti's. This past February, as a school and parish community, we gathered together for a delightful evening of food and fellowship, while successfully raising over \$72,000. Thank you to all, who through your generosity and kindness, have continued to support the needs of our school's students, faculty, staff and all our parishioners!

Borromeo Bash, through your kindness, has raised approximately \$385,000 over the past five years. We have also been blessed that many of our planned projects utilized matching funds or additional grants from an influx of State and/or Federal funds received during the Covid years. This unforeseen funding led to projects being completed at lower than

expected costs to the parish. The computer lab, improved security system, high efficiency lighting, and more - all would not have been possible without the Borromeo Bash. Instead of spending frivolously, the Borromeo Bash Committee held onto the funds until we could properly channel money towards other needed projects - for instance, after an unforeseen delay last year, new school windows are finally in the works!

Our current BB balance sits at just over \$235,000, of which, with additional funds from BB 2024 in February, we hope to put \$250,000 towards the school window replacement project, then turn further attention and proceeds towards a school restroom refreshening/renovation. As good stewards of your generosity, we are committed to helping the school and Parish grow with an eye towards the future.

Fr. Tom has contracted with MARTINRILEY architects • engineers (MRae) to replace all the circa 1970s curtain wall systems with a modern and more energy-efficient wall system. We would like to increase the amount of vision glass within each classroom and have at least one operable window for egress in each classroom. The preliminary construction budget range, based upon previous proposals, will run from \$600,000 - \$900,000 for all windows replaced along the main hallway from the office to the end of junior high. The proposed schedule of work and deadlines for the Window Replacement/Façade Update are as follows:

- Field Work and Data Collection Mid-October 2023 Begun
- Schematic Design with Owner Early November 2023
- 90% Review with Owner Early December 2023
- Construction Documents 100% Complete Late December 2023
- Invitation to Bid Early January 2024
- Pre-Bid Meeting Mid-January 2024
- Bid Opening Late January 2024
- Construction Start Beginning Summer Break 2024
- Construction Substantially Complete End of Summer Break 2024

Our Borromeo Bash Committee is again seeking individual and corporate sponsorships, and collecting items for both Silent and Live Auctions.

As a Borromeo Bash donor, your kindness will help the school and Parish, and you will gain direct visibility with the 2,100 families within our community and receive recognition in multiple ways.

Opportunities for Borromeo Bash sponsorships are:

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Royal Flush Sponsor	\$5000	Full page ad in program, Individual signage at event, Logo on event website, and reserved table.*
Four Aces Sponsor	\$3500+	Full Page ad in the program, on event website, as well as 10 dinner tickets. * This donation can be designated in partnership with the committee to potentially help spansor an Event Activity, Prize or a Live Auction Danation Drive.
Four of a Kind Sponsor	\$2000	Half page ad in program, Logo on event website, and reserved table. *
Full House Sponsor	\$1300	Quarter page ad in program, Logo on event website, and 4 dinner tickets. **
Teacher Recognition Sponsor	\$750	Sponsor complimentary tickets for St. Charles teachers. Includes logo in program, on event website and at a teacher table as well as 2 dinner tickets for the donor. **
Two of a Kind Sponsor	\$250	Logo in program and on event website.

^{*} Reserved Table includes 10 seats.

To set up a sponsorship online, visit our website at bidpal.net/BorromeoBash. You can request an invoice by sending email to BorromeoBash@gmail.com, or mailing the enclosed form.

You can also support Borromeo Bash by donating items from our auction wish list below (or other items you consider interesting and valuable). All auction donations will be acknowledged in the event program.



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Lawn Services or Tools
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Electronics and Appliances
Liquor, Spa/Beauty, Household, Kid Items
Gift certificates or Gift Cards, Restaurant Gift Cards

We greatly appreciate any sponsorship or donations you can provide. For sponsorships and donations to be acknowledged in event materials, the transaction or a commitment for a January 2024 transaction must be made by December 31, 2023. Because St. Charles is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, your donation may be tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to St. Charles Borromeo School, c/o Borromeo Bash, 4910 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815; or a committee member will gladly pick up donations. You can arrange pick-up by sending email to BorromeoBash@gmail.com.

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

Father Tom Shoemaker
Parish Pastor

Rob Sordelet

Chris & Roby Kaufman

School Principal 2024 Cha

Casino tables are for entertainment purposes only, and free and open to the public.

* Subject to state and local restrictions.

^{**} Additional Pre-Sale Tickets are available at time of initial donation for sponsorship levels of \$750* (\$85/Seat Pre-Sale Price)

Friends of St. Zélie December Gathering

Join us on **Sunday, December 10**, at 1:00 p.m. for our December gathering and Christmas Cookie exchange! Margaret Ryan will be speaking on Living Liturgically to get us started on celebrating the Advent season with our families. If you would like, bring a batch of your favorite cookies or treats to share (not required, and does not need to be homemade!) We will meet in the Community Room adjacent to the Gathering Space.



Be a Saint, Apply Now!

Bishop Dwenger High School new student enrollment is open for the Class of 2028! Now through January 15, all students can apply to become a Saint! Continue your Catholic education by attending Bishop Dwenger. Founded on the four

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WHAT IS LEGION OF MARY?

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the

last 6 Popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members.

- * To bring back our brothers and sisters in Faith who have been away from the church, through the Sacraments.
- * The sanctification of our members.
- * Sacred Heart Enthronement in the homes of our praying and active members.
- * Visit our new parishioners to welcome them into the parish, its school, activities and parish ministries
- * To be one in prayers, with the multitude of Legionaries, worldwide, to promulgate

Come to a Legion of Mary meeting at St. Charles, Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.

MEETING IN THE GATHERING SPACE—BRIDE'S ROOM!

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 weekends Masses.

At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be wiling to be surprised.

St. Charles Maintenance has openings for full and part-time evening positions.

If interested, contact Steve Springer at 260-969-4029.

Life Defenders Trip to The National March for Life



College-Aged and high school students are invited to join *Right to Life of Northeast Indiana* on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We leave the evening of January 17, and return home early morning on

Saturday, January 20. We want YOU on the bus with us for this life-changing experience!

Learn more at www.ichooselife.org/dc or call our office at 260-471-1849.

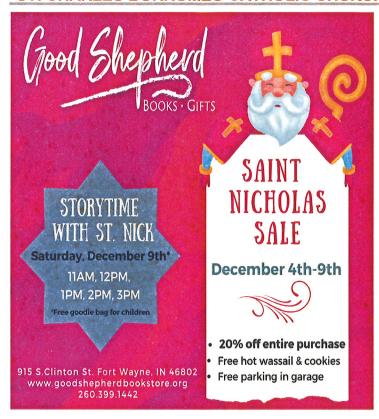
ADVENT GIVING TREE 2023

December 2/3 - for St. Patrick's Pantry
Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry soap, dish
soap, household cleaning products, toilet paper, paper
towels, tissues (Kleenex), body lotion, body wash,
shaving cream, razors/ razor blades

December 9/10 - for Walking With Moms in Need
Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Meier - \$25 increments);
Baby Lotion, Baby shampoo, Baby manicure sets,
combs/brushes, baby ointment, baby thermometer, ear/
nose cleaner, burping pads, baby bath towel/washcloths,
Laundry Detergent for Babies (Dreft, Arm & Hammer,
Purex, All, for babies), Diapers (sizes 1-6), baby bathtub,
baby bouncer, newborn caps, baby socks, pacifiers,
baby bottles, Desitin ointment, baby blankets, receiving
blankets, baby hand/mitten covers

December 16/17 - for St. Charles Pro-Life Monetary donations.





UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS NATIVITY EXHIBITION Now thru December 20

USF Main Campus, 1014 Leesburg Rd., Fort Wayne The exhibition will display works by over 30 regional artists that focus on interpretations of the Nativity as a spiritual and artistic theme. On December 24, 1223, St. Francis of Assisi stages the first Living Nativity. Complete with live animals and human participants, he created this scene to cultivate the worship of Christ.

Gallery Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sponsor of the Week

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40 Hours Devotion—December 3,4,5

All are invited to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, F.W., for 40 Hours Devotion. Join us for prayer and worship of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration will be held Sun., Dec. 3, from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 4, from 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. and Tues., Dec. 5 from 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Evening prayer and reflection by Fr. Paolo Degasperi will take place each evening at 6:30 p.m. Confessions will follow on Sunday and Monday until 9:00 p.m. Join us Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for Evening Prayer and Benediction followed by a reception in the Cathedral Center. Please visit cathedralfw.org to sign up for an adoration hour.



Catholic Charities' 2023 Christmas Program is still in need of sponsors to adopt families this Christmas! If you would like more information on how you can help a child in need, visit www.ccfwsb.org/christmas.

Tis the Season of Giving Back

Remember your parish, school or Catholic ministry when making a gift during this holiday season. Not too sure how to do this? Contact the staff at the Catholic Community Foundation to determine the best approach. 260-399-1436



ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP					
07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	November 26, 2023				
Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	41,900.00			
November 26 Collection	\$	24,863.46			
This Week	\$	(17,036.54)			
Year to Date	\$	(70,921.39)			



We are about two months away from **BORROMEO BASH!!!** We are gathering items for our silent and live auction. If you have a vacation home you'd like to share or tickets to an event or unwanted gift cards, or if you know of a unique experience, please reach out to the committee. You can communicate through email borromeobash@gmail.com or Facebook or talking to a committee member. We have teacher tables that can be sponsored and are looking for a bar sponsor this year.

GIFTCARDS!!!! We will can use any amount to a variety of places, from \$10 to Dunkin Donuts to \$100 to Target and everything in between! You can drop gift cards in the collection basket at Mass or send to school with your child. Please just put Borromeo Bash on the envelope. These gift cards are used as prizes to games, added to some auction items and used to purchase items to add to baskets.

Our parish has been so generous and giving in the past and we couldn't do this night without you!

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