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Advent

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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MASSES

Saturday, December 4, Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Anna Gerdom

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Tony Scatena

9:00 a.m. † Hugh & Nancy Gerard

11:00 a.m. † Barbara White

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

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

6:15 a.m. For Priests, Deacons & Seminarians

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

8:15 a.m. † Diane Hostetler

6:30 p.m. † Charles Murphy

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

6:15 a.m. † Virginia Strawbridge

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

8:15 a.m. † Joseph Bragg

6:30 p.m. † Vigil for Holy Day—Cyril Linder

Wednesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

6:15 a.m. For Our Parish Community

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

8:15 a.m. † Mary Ann Gilbert

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

Thursday, December 9, Advent Weekday, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:15 a.m. † Gary Vanderbilt

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

8:15 a.m. † James Weir

6:30 p.m. † Bob Sonya

Friday, December 10, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Nancy Gerard

8:15 a.m. † Michael & Marilyn Patterson

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

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, December 11, Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m. Rorate Cael Mass

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

8:15 a.m. † Kathleen Shank

2:30 p.m. Wedding—Clark-McKinstry

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

Saturday, December 12, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Tom & Annette Jones & Stephen Elick

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Edward Kallenback

9:00 a.m. † Steven DeGrandchamp

11:00 a.m. † Margret Fortier

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5

Sun., December 5: Bar 5.1-9/Phil 1.4-6,8-11/Lk 3.1-6

Mon., December 6: Is 35.1-10/Lk 5.17-26

Tues., December 7: Is 40.1-11/Mt 18.12-14

Wed., December 8: Gn 3.9-15,20/Eph 1.3-6,11-12/Lk 1.26-38

Thurs., December 9: Is 41.13-20/Mt 11.11-15

Fri., December 10: Is 48.17-19/Mt 11.16-19

Sat., December 11: Sir 48.1-4,9-11/Mt 17.9,11-13

"THE WINDING ROADS SHALL BE
MADE STRAIGHT, AND THE
ROUGH WAYS MADE SMOOTH..."



DECEMBER 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Reading I

Baruch 5:1-9

(Jerusalem consoled)

Reading II

Philippians 1.4-6,8-11

(Gratitude and hope)

Gospel

Luke 3.1-6

(John the Baptist)

Key Passage: John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Adult: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Child: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry.

Saturday, December 11

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

Kate Jones, Roby Kaufman, Chuck Smith, Phillip Tyndall, Laura Underwood (C Carolyn Tyndall)

Altar Servers: Lorenzo Escueta, Dylan Kovacs, Maya Rivera

Lectors: Andy Schneider (**Volunteer Needed**)

Sacristan: Carolyn Tyndall

Sunday, December 12

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

Max & Anne Tinkel, Larry & Linda Wellman (C Jane Relue)

Altar Servers: Matthew Bulanda, Joey Gabet

Lectors: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer

Sacristan: Cheryl Roy

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

Arienne Davis, Patricia Henry, Colleen O'Leary, Kate Sweigert (C Kathy VandeZande)

Altar Servers: Will Hasselschwert, Brenden James, Nicholas Tippmann

Lectors: Lynda Houk, Mary Lou Morris

Sacristan: Kate Sweigert

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

Joseph Barile, Carmen Crabill, Claudia Crabill, Beth Miller (C Norma Baisinger)

Altar Servers: Brooke Barton, Zach Barton, Daniel Tippmann

Lectors: Jerry Nuerge, Dave Nuerge

Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

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

Sara Bentz, Gene Tippmann, Jill O'Sullivan (C Debbie Stevens)

Altar Servers: Amy Hernandez, Dominic Hernandez, Taylor Mathews

Lectors: Dave Stevens, Steve Horine

Sacristan: Jill O'Sullivan

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November 29

JOE & LOIS EWALD



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR.

This Wednesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a vigil Mass Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Masses Wednesday at 6:15 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Next weekend we will have our annual collection to help with our retired religious. Sister Genevieve will offer a few words about the collection and the needs of our elderly religious. There is an envelope in the envelope packet for this collection. If you don't have the envelope, you may write a check and mark "Retired Religious" in the memo line or you can drop a gift into the extra baskets which will be marked "Retired Religious" on the tables in the back of the church.

Our school Athletic Board is offering a pancake breakfast next Sunday from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.. Stop by the school cafeteria on Sunday morning for some good pancakes and to meet other St. Charles parishioners.

Advent is especially a time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have a parish Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Everyone is welcome.

Finally, the excitement is building with our church renovation. There are two: the lamb and the pelican. The lamb, of course, represents Jesus, the Lamb of God. With our renovation, the wooden carving of a lamb which is now on our church altar will be relocated to the altar in the chapel. The altar in the church, which will be faced in marble, will feature a marble carving of a pelican with her babies. We include a picture below of the carving. There was a story told in ancient times that during a drought or a famine, the mother pelican who couldn't feed her babies would use her beak to pierce her breast and feed her young with her own blood. The earliest Christians saw this as a symbol of the self-sacrifice of Christ; He offers His blood that we may live. The image of a mother pelican has been featured on Catholic altars since the second century. This beautiful carving of a pelican and her babies was done by stone carvers in Carrara, Italy, and is now in transit to St. Charles.

Fr. Tom



ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022

November 28, 2021

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	37,500.00
November 28 Collection	\$	26,718.09
Deficit This Week	\$	(10,781.91)
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	(4,424.20)

"This Week in RCIA"

December 7

This week in RCIA, we will take a look at the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the font and apex of the Christian life because it is Christ Himself. The institution of the Holy Eucharist took place during the Last Supper which celebrated, in an anticipatory way, the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Jesus, in the Gospel of John, stated the importance of the Eucharist, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). May we gain a better understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates, Aaron, Sabrina, Susan, Bryan, and Jena as they continue their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.



"Hail Mary, full of grace". For thousands of years, millions of times per day the Virgin Mary is greeted by the faithful with the greeting of the Archangel. The sons of the Church learn from the words of the Archangel Gabriel that the fullness of the mystery of God's grace was realized in Holy Mary. St. Paul the Apostle teaches us that the Father made all fullness dwell in His Incarnate Son (c.f. Col 1:12-20), which overflows from Christ's head and spills out on His Mystical Body that is the Church. Before descending in Body, Christ's fullness was spread in a unique and unrepeatable way on Mary, predestined from eternity to be the Mother of God.

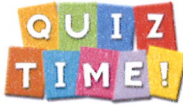
CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



St. Charles School students from grades 3-4-5 will perform a Christmas musical, *O Come Emmanuel*. This is a biblical retelling of the birth of our Savior. The performance of this show is **Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Hession Center gym. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. (If there is inclement weather, the show will be Friday at 7:00 p.m.) Admission is free. This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and spirits for Jesus' birth in our lives each and every day! Please plan on spending some time supporting these budding thespians and enjoying an evening

out. Seating is limited and is on the bleachers, with some chairs available on the floor. Audience members are asked to sit with their families and allow for social distancing between family groupings. For those not fully vaccinated, masks are not required but are encouraged.

SCRIP NEWS



Here's a **SCRIP** quiz question: **What days of the week can you purchase SCRIP gift cards?**

- (A) Weekends (Sat after Mass and Sunday morning)
- (B) Fridays (8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Hession Center)
- (C) Weekdays: Mon - Fri (at the Parish Office; call/email before noon & pickup by 4:30 p.m.)
- (D) All the Above

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Dates to Remember:

Mon., Dec. 13—Last day for any special order items (i.e., gift cards that we don't keep on hand; see complete list at ShopWithScrip.com/Shop). We must have your order by 9:00 a.m.!

Wed., Dec. 22—Last day to purchase **SCRIP!** Order must be received before noon, but can be picked up until 4:30 p.m. at the Parish Office.

For any questions or to place your **SCRIP** order, please call 260-969-4027 or email scrip@scbfw.org. Our order form is always online at www.StCharlesFortWayne.org/scrip

Volunteers:

- Mon, Dec. 6 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY: Christine Wulpi
- Fri, Dec. 10 – Mary Jo Amorini, Tom Neuhaus, MaryAnn Quinn
- Fri, Dec. 10 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY: Sarah Bauer
- Sat, Dec. 11 – Natalie Jackson, Bernadette Smith, Cindy Stults
- Sun, Dec. 12 – Sue Christle, Brenda Harter, Courtney Pennucci



ST. CHARLES PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 12, for 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 \$ 7.00 for adults and \$ 5.00 for children. Enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and a visit with Santa!

TIME TO SCHEDULE MASSES FOR 2022

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 482-2186
Tuesday—Friday—9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols: Sacred Music

Join us at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (1502 E Wallen Rd) on Friday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. for sacred music and scripture by a choir of young adults from Toledo, OH and Fort Wayne, IN.



Who has a vacation home or a fun unique experience they would like to donate to Borromeo Bash this year? We are looking for some special and different items for the live and silent auctions. Anyone with a fun talent or service you would like to share a class with or donate a gift certificate as an auction item? Borromeo Bash is a great night of fellowship; it is fun to walk around and look at all the items donated and see the names of parishioners and companies who were generous with our event. If you have something to donate, email borromeobash@gmail.com and we can make arrangements.

This year we are in need of a bar sponsorship for our event. You can email borromeobash@gmail.com if this is something you would be interested in sponsoring.

Parish Advent Recollection

Join us Sat, Dec 11, 2021

for a recollection with Fr. Tom and Fr. Koehl.

We will begin with Mass at 8:15am and conclude at 12noon.

There will be a light breakfast, talks and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

RSVP at www.stcharlesfortwayne.org/recollection

CONFESSIONS AT ST. CHARLES

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.

Enter Church through the Main Entrance. Confessions are being heard in the Gathering Space.

"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 **Mary D'Angelo**.

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

III MacKenzie Clark—Alexander McKinstry



GIVING TREE 2021

St. Patrick's Food Pantry

Second Sunday of Advent - (Date: 12/4 & 12/5)

Diapers, baby powder & lotion, dish soap, canned food items (vegetables & fruit), dry food products (beans, noodles, rice, macaroni, spaghetti, cereal, powdered milk.), hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, toilet paper). Return items to Church.

Catholic Charities—Afghan Refugee Assistance

Third Sunday of Advent - (Date 12/11 & 12/12)

Monetary gifts, Kroger, Meijer and Walmart Gift Cards

Consider Purchasing St. Charles SCRIP Certificates for Your Gift Certificates.

St. Charles Youth Ministry

(Fourth Sunday of Advent - Date: 12/18 & 12/19)

Monetary gifts. Place your envelope marked "Youth Ministry" in the Sunday collection basket.

All the gift cards and monetary gifts are to be put in the collection baskets.



TIME TO UPDATE THE MILITARY SERVICE BOARD IN THE BACK OF CHURCH

Please send any updated information to (email address) stcparishoffice@yahoo.com. **Updated pictures are to be dropped off at the St. Charles Parish Office. (Hard Copies only)** If your son, daughter, niece, nephew, etc is on the board, please send updated information. If we don't hear from you, they will not be included on the board. If the information on the board along with the picture does not need to be changed, please send an email stating that fact. Be sure to include the name of the person. Also, if the person listed on the board is no longer in the military, please advise us of this information.

Lighting of the Lake & Living Nativity Sunday, Dec. 5, 5:00 p.m.

Mirror Lake, patio outside St. Francis Chapel

The Lighting of the Lake features the blessing of luminaries dedicated to people who are special to those at USF. These vigil lights encircle Mirror Lake. Following the Lighting of the Lake and Living Nativity, cookies and cocoa will be served at Achatz Hall of Science and John and Toni Murray Research Center. Those who wish to honor a loved one or send a wish of hope may purchase a luminary in advance.

Brookside Tours

Friday, Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11, noon to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 12, noon to 5:00 p.m.

These docent-led Brookside Mansion tours will guide visitors as they enjoy the featured creches for Christmas. Tours require reservations and USF requests a freewill offering. To reserve a spot, visit go.sf.edu/creches.

For more information, please contact 260-399-8034 or visit sf.edu/Christmas.

Rorate Caeli Mass at Saint Charles Saturday, December 11, at 6:45 a.m.

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion in which a Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. In many instances families and individuals travel an hour or more, rising and arriving very early for this stunningly beautiful Mass. The interplay of light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world.

The Mass takes its title, *Rorate Caeli*, from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon, which are from Isaiah 45:8:

"Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem."

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, we prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born to Mary. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

Keeping the attitude of solemn watchfulness this tradition keeps, the music of the Mass on December 11, will be mostly a cappella chant sung by only a few voices. This style is meant to be largely meditative and lifts the mind of the attendant at Mass into the mystery.

Though it is early, it would be a beautiful sacrifice to make for the Lord during the penitential season of Advent. I highly encourage any and all to attend.

Fr. Koehl



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may have heard, the United States Supreme Court will begin hearing oral arguments on December 1st in the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The specific question the Court will consider is whether a state may enact limits on abortion before viability, the point at which the baby is capable of living outside his or her mother's womb. This is what the Mississippi law in question did in prohibiting abortion after 15 weeks gestation, except in cases of medical emergency or severe fetal abnormality. Mississippi's law is consistent with what more than 90% of countries around the world already do.

In deliberating the *Dobbs* case, the Supreme Court will consider the correctness of its previous rulings in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. These rulings essentially legalized abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy and severely restricted the ability of states to enact legislation to protect human life in the womb and to safeguard women's health. This has made the United States an extreme outlier in abortion policy, being one of only four countries, including China and North Korea, that allows the abortion of a child at any time during a woman's pregnancy.

Given the significance of the *Dobbs* case and its potential outcome, the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities is participating in a campaign called Pray for Dobbs (www.prayfordobbs.com) which aims to unite Christians across our nation in praying and fasting for the Supreme Court justices as they deliberate this case, a decision in which is expected next June.

As we begin the holy season of Advent, I would like to encourage all of the Catholic faithful in our diocese to join me in participating in this prayer and fasting campaign until a decision is handed down in this case. I recommend choosing a time of day to say a prayer for this intention, or perhaps to pray the Rosary or the Divine Mercy chaplet, and to undertake some kind of fast once a week, such as skipping a meal or limiting yourself to one full meal, or fasting from something else like television or social media for that day. Fridays have long been observed as days of sacrifice in the Catholic tradition in honor of the Lord's sacrifice on Calvary, so you might consider making Fridays your day of fasting. This campaign would be beautiful to undertake as a family or with a group of friends, co-workers or classmates to help support each other in this effort on behalf of restoring the protection of the law to these least of our brothers and sisters before they are born.

May Our Lady, the Mirror of Justice, intercede for the justices of the Supreme Court as they deliberate this important case.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

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