

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASSES

Saturday, December 10, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

† Gordon Anthony 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday

7:30 a.m. † Ruth Richter

9:00 a.m. For Our Parish Community

11:00 a.m. † Kathleen Shank 5:00 p.m. † Elizabeth Friedel

Monday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:15 a.m. Special Intention—Jonathan Acierto

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Phyllis Meyer † Edward Kallenback 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Pete Johnston 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions † Emmanuel Effiong 8:15 a.m. † Sharon Hamby 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

† Sue Seculoff 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions † Dennis Loney 8:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. † NO MASS

> **Parish Advent Penance Service** 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15, Advent Weekday

† Judy Wittkamper 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions † Anthony Rottinger 8:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. † NO MASS

Friday, December 16, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Lambert & Mary Ann Mickelini

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions † Joe McGraw 8:15 a.m.

† Sandra Palmersheim 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, December 17, Advent Weekday

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Roselyn Ream 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, December 17, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

† Kathleen Cox 5:00 p.m..

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased of the DeWispeleare

& Needham Families

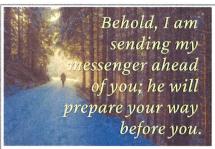
9:00 a.m. † Larry Kuntz 11:00 a.m. † Judy Auer

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

Sun., Dec. 11:ls 35.1-6a,10/Jas 5.7-10/Mt 11.2-11 Mon., Dec. 12:Zec 2.14-17/Lk 1.26-38 Tues., Dec. 13:Zep 3.1-2,9-13/Mt 21.28-32 Wed., Dec. 14:ls 45.6c-8,18,21c-25/Lk 7.18b-23 Thurs., Dec. 15:ls 54.1-10/Lk 7.24-30 Fri., Dec. 16:Is 56.1-3a,6-8/Jn 5.33-36 Sat., Dec. 17:Gn 49.2,8-10/Mt 1.1-17

AREA CHURCHES ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Tues., Dec. 13-6:30 p.m. St. Vincent, Thurs., Dec. 15—6:30 p.m. St. Jude, Thurs., Dec. 19-6:30 p.m. St. John, New Haven-Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m.



Third Sunday Of Advent

Reading I Isaiah 35.1-6.10 (Israel's deliverance)

Reading II James 5.7-10 (Patience)

Gospel Matthew 11.2-11 (Christ's witness to John)

Key Passage: "Amen I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Adult: What would Jesus see to praise about you right now?

Child: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

Saturday, December 17

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

Roby Kaufman, Becky Kien, Chuck Smith, Linda

Schneider, Patty Sosenheimer

(C Carolyn Tyndall) Altar Servers: Jozlynn Bird, Lorenzo Escueta,

Samantha Samons

Lectors: Annabelle Sweigert, Joe Tratnyek

Sacristan: Don Smith

Sunday, December 18

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

Krystle Harless, Marijo Sliger, Larry & Linda Wellman (C Jane Relue) Altar Servers: Matthew Bulanda, Joey Gabet,

Braxton Ostermeyer

Lectors: Susie Hague, Barb Hartman

Sacristan: Christy Jacob

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

John Magsam, Matt Smith, Kate Sweigert, Anna Tippmann (C Kathy Vande Zande) Altar Servers: Brooke Barton, Zach Barton, Charlotte Sweigert

Lectors: Patricia Henry, Emily Parker

Sacristan: Jill Redding

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Doug Baisinger, Joseph Barile, Teresa Michel, Tim Miller (C Thomas Auer) Altar Servers: Amy Hernandez, Dominic

Hernandez, Maya Rivera Lectors: Kitten Pratt, Jennifer Litchfield Sacristan: Doug & Norma Baisinger

5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Arianne Davis, Terry & Cindy Stults, Betty

Williams (C Teresa Burke) Altar Servers: Marco Cavacini, Bryson Merrell, Daniel Tippmann

Lectors: Steve Horine, Dave Stevens

Sacristan: Liz Jones

TIME TO SCHEDULE MASSES FOR 2023 CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 482-2186 OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE Tuesday—Friday—9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
MANY MASSES AVAILABLE DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

You will notice that St. Charles is missing from the front of our church. Fear not: there has been no theft, vandalism or kidnapping. The statue is out for repair. Our statue of St. Charles was sculpted in 1980 and has stood sentinel in front of our church for 42 years. The artist, Hector Garcia, is a prominent sculptor in Fort Wayne.

Among his other works are the statue of Chief Little Turtle near the Fort and the statue of the French Jesuit Priest by the water filtration plant at the confluence of the rivers. Our statue of St. Charles looks like stone, but is in fact made of fiberglass with an epoxy coating and marble dust in the epoxy. Over the years of standing in the weather, parts of the epoxy have chipped away. Fiberglass statues are not expected to have a long lifespan outdoors, but ours has done very well and we hope to prolong his life for another decade or two. If all goes according to plan, he will be home for Christmas.

Advent is a perfect time for confessions—the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have a parish penance service this Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, at 7:00 p.m. After a short prayer service, nine priests will be available for confessions. Please join us, and please invite family and friends.

Good Advent news: we now have nursery service available during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. We have friendly volunteers (all with Safe Environment screening and training), a beautiful nursery with a private bathroom, and lots of toys. Our volunteers are happy to watch children from newborns through age 4. Parents are welcome to drop their children off before Mass and fill out a form, giving a cell phone number so that they can be contacted (in vibrate mode) during Mass if there is a problem. The nursery capacity is 15 children. Last weekend we had happy children in the nursery at both Masses and parents who reported that their experience of the Mass was the best in years.

I offer a few words about our Christmas Masses. The 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is the largest Mass of the year. Come early for a seat and expect a church overflowing with motion and energy. Music will be led by our parish Chamber Choir and professional woodwinds. The 6:30 p.m. Mass will have plenty of seating and a much calmer tone. Our parish children's choir will lead the singing. Our Midnight Mass will begin at 12:00 midnight, with roughly a half hour of prelude music provided by organ, parish instrumentalists, our 9:00 choir and our Sunday evening singers. We will begin in a darkened church with the lighting of candles and much solemnity. We will use incense at both the 6:30 and Midnight Masses. On Christmas morning, both Masses will have ample seating and joyful Christmas music. Please invite family, friends and neighbors to join us. Christmas is a wonderful time to invite visitors to come and pray with us. Our hope and prayer is that some will be drawn to return.

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who pledged for the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The first statements will be mailed in early December. Payments should be made directly to the Diocese. Checks can be made out to the "Annual Bishop's Appeal". You can still pledge online on our website at www.stcharlesfortwayne.org or on the diocesan website at www.diocesefwsb/org/aba.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group Monday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. Meets the 2nd Monday of Each Month, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Community Room



December 10 & 11 - for Youth Ministry Envelopes
Monetary donations to support World Youth Day Trip.

This Week in RCIA

DECEMBER 13

This week in RCIA, we will take a look at the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. God looked inward at Himself, a communion of persons, and created us according to that same pattern. We were created for relationship with one another. In a certain way, through the Sacrament of Matrimony, spouses exercise a distinctive relationship to serve one another as Christ serves His Church. This sacrament of service requires sacrificing one's needs for the sake of another. This is part one of a two part study. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates, Bill, Joseph, Chris, Amy, Josh, Madison, Stephanie, Seth and Joshua as they continue their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

CATHOLIC FAITH TOPICS is a program focused on explaining our Catholic faith to those who don't know her teachings. This will equip you with the Scriptural evidence that supports Catholic teaching.



Tuesday, December. 13

7:00 p.m. in Rooms C & D in the Hession Center.

The topic this month is

"Baptism and Confirmation: How Do We Become Members of the Body of Christ, the Church?"

OPLATEK

The Polish Christmas Wafer, is available again this year. Please stop by the Parish Office to pick up the wafers. (\$2.00 per package, three to a pack). Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



The St Charles Chapter of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) would like to take an opportunity during this season of gratitude to THANK YOU for your generous donations this past Lent to the annual Rice Bowl

campaign! Our average Rice Bowl donations over the previous 7 years was around \$2,100/year, ranging from about \$1,600 in 2016 to \$2,800 in 2021. During the 2022 Lenten Rice Bowl, St Charles MORE THAN DOUBLED its average annual amount to a total of \$4,609, well over a 100% increase!

Our CRS chapter is already making preparations for this coming Lent, with new activities designed around the CRS mission to provide information about world food insecurity, and to advocate for legislative action to address the basic humanitarian needs of our global family. This year, CRS also highlights the importance of Climate Change and the trickle-down effects of climate change on food insecurity around the world. Stay tuned for more details to come!

We are very interested in having you join our parish chapter! Please reach out to Renee Buskirk, renee.e.buskirk@gmail.com for more information, If you are unable to become a chapter member, we hope that you will prayerfully consider participating in our upcoming events and activities.

Let's all work together in whatever way we can to meet OR EVEN EXCEED this year's Rice Bowl contributions through prayer, education, and legislative advocacy. It may be worth a reminder that 75% of Rice Bowl donations are directed to worldwide needs, but 25% of Rice Bowl donations stay local to address the needs of our neighbors here in our own diocese (with the local work administered by Catholic Charities).

SCRIP NEWS

Two new restaurants have joined the SCRIP program! Please patronize these businesses and thank them for supporting St. Charles. To see a complete list of all our local SCRIP retailers, check out the bulletin board in the Church Gathering Space.



Guadalupe's Mexican Grill has locations at Illinois Road and Leo Road. They will also have two more restaurants opening in the future on Dupont Road and in Georgetown. Guadalupe's is open every day starting at 10:30 a.m. and they offer \$10 gift cards with a 10% profit.



Breakfast Clubb is located in the Marketplace of Canterbury on St. Joe Center Road. They serve breakfast and

lunch during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast Clubb offers \$10 gift cards with a 10% profit.

Dates to Remember:

Only 12 SCRIP shopping days left!

TOMORROW, Monday, Dec. 12: If you want special cards not typically kept in stock or need a large quantity of a certain card, your <u>order must be placed before 9:00 a.m. tomorrow</u>. Although we will have an extensive inventory of gift cards on hand after the 12th, this will be the last day for a guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

Sat.-Sun., Dec. 17-18: Last weekend sales before Christmas.

Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 19-22: SCRIP office open 8:30 a.m. to noon in the parish basement. Pickup is available until 4:30 p.m. at the Parish Office. Orders will be filled with available inventory on hand.

The <u>Borromeo Bash needs gift cards</u> for their games on February 4th. **SCRIP** has a special green order form you can use for your donation. Or, add a card to your own order and include a note indicating which cards you are donating. We will make sure it gets sent to the Borromeo Bash and you earn the credit.

To place your order, call 260-969-4027 or email scrip@scbfw.org. You can also send in your order with your school student. We are in the office weekday mornings until noon to serve you, and you can pick up your order at the Parish Office until 4:30 pm. Check out our order form online at www.StCharlesFortWayne.org/scrip

Volunteers:

- Mon, Dec. 12 <u>Classroom Delivery</u>: Kelly Tippmann & Amanda Woods
- Fri, Dec. 16 Jane Cavacini, Karen Koester, Berniece Williams
- Fri, Dec. 16 <u>Classroom Delivery</u>: Nicole Voss & Jamie Wyss
- Sat, Dec. 17 Natalie Jackson, Bernadette Smith, Cindy Stults
- Sun, Dec. 18 Deb Brandenberger, Kasey Eckland, Terri Wallace

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Lighten the Load

An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE SITE FOR DECEMBER: ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH, CHURUBUSCO



Each month, you are invited to take a self-guided pilgrimage to a site of Eucharistic significance in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The December pilgrimage site is St. John Bosco Parish

in Churubusco, a parish whose patron had a deep devotion to the Eucharist. Pilgrims are invited to download a pilgrimage passport at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist and self "stamp" the passport each time you visit a site. When six sites have been visited, bring the passport to Divine Mercy Gifts in South Bend or to Good Shepherd Books & Gifts in Fort Wayne to receive a free gift!

EUCHARISTIC SAINT FOR DECEMBER BLESSED NIELS STENSENWAS

Born to a Lutheran family in 1638, Blessed Niels Stensenwas a famous scientist. As an adult, he specialized in medicine, particularly in the new science of anatomy. He discovered new organs and glands in the bodies of both animals and human beings. He is renowned for his work on the human brain, providing the basis for research throughout the following 200 years. His attendance at a Corpus Christi procession in 1666 moved him to consider Catholicism. After a thorough examination of the original Hebrew and Greek texts of the Bible, he wrote, "I became deeply convinced of the truth of what the Catholics [believe about the Holy Eucharist]". He converted to the Catholic faith and was ordained a priest in 1675, and later a bishop. There is only one human response to the self-giving love which shows itself on the cross and lives in the Church as the true bread of humanity," he wrote. "The more we discover and say "yes" to this love, the less do we remain as merely ourselves. The love of Christ urges us on." He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988. His feast day is Dec. 5. Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION FOR DECEMBERTHANKSGIVING AND WORSHIP

The word "Eucharist" literally means "thanksgiving." To give thanks properly, we should take a full, conscious, and active part in the liturgical celebration. We need to be conscious of the gift we have received, a gift that is none other than the Lord Himself in His act of self-giving. We become conscious of this gift when we actively engage our minds, hearts, and bodies to every part of the liturgy, allowing God through the words, actions, gestures, and even the moments of silence to speak to us. We actively and consciously participate by giving our full attention to the words being spoken in the prayers and the Scriptures, even if we have heard them hundreds of times before. We do so also by listening to the homily and reflecting upon how the Lord may be speaking to us through his ordained minister. We actively give thanks when we join in singing and in the responses; when we kneel, stand, and sit; and when we pay attention to the liturgical seasons where the entire history of what God has done for us, in and through His Son, is revealed to us. Our gratitude is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta reportedly once said: "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. Read this and each month's full reflection at diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022 December 4, 2022

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$ 39,750.00
December 4 Collection	\$ 51,673.42
This Week	\$ 11,923.42
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ (10,828.95)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES June, 2022 THRU November, 2022

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WELCOME TO THE ST. CHARLES FAMILY



Borromeo Bash is February 4th! We have an ambitious goal of \$85,000! We are confident with this generous parish and school families we will accomplish that goal! We are still looking for both live and silent auction items and of course gift cards! If anyone has a time share or vacation home, or a fun experience or another idea or something for our silent auction please reach out to borromeobash@gmail.com or a committee member or on Facebook.

The SCRIP office has designed a special form to make it easy to donate to Borromeo Bash, the colored form is available where SCRIP is sold and attached to the newsletter. Fill out the form and they will get the SCRIP to Borromeo Bash.

We will once again be playing the popular punch game and this year will be adding a couple new games with prizes of bourbon and jewelry. We are excited for the fifth year of this great event with fellowship with our church and school families and friends.

Christmas Musical

St. Charles School students from grades 3-4-5 will perform a Christmas musical, *A Christmas Tale*. This is a biblical retelling of the birth of our Savior. The performance of this show is **Thursday, December 15, 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 on the bleachers, with a limited number of chairs available on the floor.

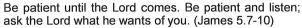
Through Walking with Mom's in Need (WWMIN) our parish can help vulnerable women find support in welcoming and

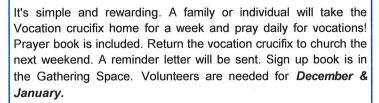


caring for their children. The WWMIN help hotline is now activated and can be reached by calling (260) 446-3111, and leaving a message. If you are a women or someone you know is with an unexpected or challenging pregnancy looking for help or a mom struggling to care for her young children looking to find local assistance, call the WWMIN help hotline.



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December 5

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embracing a college preparatory curriculum rooted in the Catholic Faith. Join the Class of 2027 today by going to bishopdwenger.com > Menu button (top right) > Admissions > New Student Application. All applications are completed online through the link provided on the page. Information on making Catholic high school education financially feasible for your family is also found on that webpage. We will work with you and your family to make it possible! If you have any questions regarding Admissions or want to learn more about what Bishop Dwenger has to offer, contact the Admissions Coordinator, Cindy Johnson at 260-496-4703 or at cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com.

BDHS Alumni

Do you have news to share? Perhaps an address update, job change, marriage, or birth announcement? Please let us know by using this link: http://www.bishopdwenger.com/Address-and-News-Updates Also, if your high school graduating class year ended in a "3" or "8," then your class should be gathering for a reunion in 2023! If you or someone you know is planning a class reunion, please contact Ingrid (Tippmann) Nicholson at inicholson@bishopdwenger.com. Thank you!

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