



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

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MASSES

Saturday, December 20, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Madonna Murphy

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community 9:00 a.m. † Lyn Schlegel 11:00 a.m. † Louis Schneider

5:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Ray

Thompson Family

Monday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

† Living & Deceased of the William F. 6:15 a.m.

Martin Family

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

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

Families

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

Larry Brost Family

Tuesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday, St. John

of Kanty, Priest

6:15 a.m. † Missionaries of the Most Precious

Blood

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

8:15 a.m. † Elaine Baumgartner

6:30 p.m. † Vivian Welch

Wednesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

† No Mass 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Anthony Rottinger

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

† Joe & Dene Dahm & Jack Krouse 4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Midnight Mass † Ed Morris † Ed Dobosz

Thursday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

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

Barrand Family

11:00 a.m. † Terry Fields NO MASS 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 26, St. Stephen, the First Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Leonard B. Koeller

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

8:15 a.m. † Walter & Helen DeGrandchamp

6:30 p.m. † John Stoody

Saturday, December 27, St. John, Apostle and

Evangelist

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Conrad Cierniak 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, December 27, Vigil, The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph

5:00 p.m. † Thomas & Mary Alice Kleber

Sunday, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

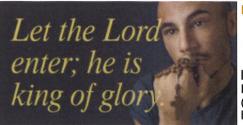
9:00 a.m. Kenneth Vondrell 11:00 a.m. † Margaret Vaporean

5:00 p.m. † Richard Sines

"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 Robert Gerdom,

Herbert Gase, Margaret Schenkel and Janice Krabach.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcoming Light

Reading I Isaiah 7.10-14 (Birth of Èmmanuel)

Reading II

Romans 1.1-7

(Greetings from Paul)

Gospel

Matthew 1.18-24 (The birth of Jesus)

Key Passage When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife.

Adults: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

Child: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

Saturday, December 27

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Edward Koors, Linda Schneider, Marijo Sliger,

Chuck Smith, Carolyn Tyndall

Altar Servers: Colin Lytle, Gianna Lytle, Dylan Lytle, Vivienne O'Neal

Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyck

Sacristan: Lisa York

Sunday, December 28

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

Stephanie Eifrid, Krystle Harless, Laura Underwood, Mona Sproat (C Volunteer Needed)

Altar Servers: Luka Bacak, Andrew Jacob,

Juliet Underwood

Master of Ceremonies: Danny Jacob Lector: Cece Dunderman, Ken Klausing

Sacristan: Christy Jacob

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

Tom Ade, Arianne Davis, Colleen O'Leary, Ezenwa Opara, Judi Ueber, Dan Vought, Sr. (C Kathy Vande Zande)

Altar Servers: Lily Hilger, Liah Hilger,

Claire Wulpi, Miles Till Lectors: Bev Peters, Dennis Redding

Sacristan: Jill Redding

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

Edwin Capuyan, Betty Dobosz, Grace Fischer, Carole Fuller, Nolan Hartman, Tim Miller

(C Norma Baisinger)

Altar Servers: George Federspiel, Joseph Lavelle, Elena Rottinger,

Chandler Huston

Master of Ceremonies: Mason Vogelwede Lectors: Anna Laisure, Ken Nelson

Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

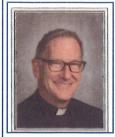
5:00 p.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Sara Bentz

(3 Volunteers Needed) (C Teresa Burke)

Altar Servers: Christina Lun, Zoe Tellez, Abbie Tippmann, Skylar Tellez Master of Ceremonies: Marco Cavacini

Lectors: Lucy Blakey, Retta Kohrman Sacristan: Arlene Burgener



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

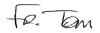
We are nearly ready for our great celebration of Christmas. Masses will be at 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve; Midnight; and at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Please invite friends and relatives to join us. While we have many beautiful Christmas traditions...sharing a meal with family, opening presents, spending family time

together....our most important Christmas tradition is coming to Mass. Here we welcome Christ.

A fun event the day after Christmas: The Cupertino Classic is an annual basketball game with priests of our diocese competing with our seminarians. The tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 26 in the gym at Bishop Luers High School. While none of our St. Charles priests has any basketball skill, I think that we will see Michael Florin, our seminarian last summer, and Deacon Sam Martinez in his final year as a seminarian. It should be fun. The Bishop is also offering a Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations before the game. The Holy Hour begins at 3:00 p.m. and the Mass at 4:00 p.m. at the chapel at St. Francis University. All are welcome.

I offer thanks to Tim Robison, Karen Hope, and all of the musicians who are putting in long hours of preparation for our Christmas music. Thank also to Kelly Tippmann and the crew which decorates the church. There is a lot of work involved in preparing beautiful liturgy.

I forgot to mention the Retired Religious Collection in the pastor's column last week. If you weren't prepared for that collection, you can still donate. Write a check and be sure to put "retired religious" in the memo line. Our parish owes a great debt to the Sisters who served us for so many years.



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: Cell: (260) 450-3575 Email: greg@missvirginiafoodpantry.com

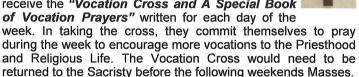
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21

Sun., December 21:Is 7.10-14/Rom 1.1-7/Mt 1.18-24 Mon., December 22:1 Sm 24-28/Lk 1.46-56 Tues., December 23:Mal 3.1-4,23-24/Lk 1.57-66 Wed., December 24:Morning 2 Sm 7.1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Lk 1.67-79 Wed., December 24:Vigil Is 62.1-5/Acts 13.16-17,22-25/Mt 1.1-25 Night: Is 9.1-6/Ti 2.11-14/Lk 2.1-14 Thurs., December 25:Is 52.7-10/Heb 1.1-6/Jn 1.1-18 Fri., December 26:Acts 6.8-10/7.54-59/Mt 10.17-22 Sat., December 27:1 Jn 1-4/Jn 20.1a,2-8

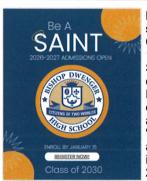
SIGN UP NOW TO TAKE HOME THE ST. CHARLES VOCATION CROSS Months of DECEMBER & JANUARY

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



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SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED!

The St. Charles Science Fair is quickly approaching. This means we are looking for 30 volunteers as judges! Engineering, Mathematics, Backgrounds in Science, 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 Google this form: https://forms.gle/ Z57dyCmPbGFob5sH7. All judges must have a current background check done with the parish/school. This can be https:// done the school website www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/safe-environment-certification. Thank you for helping us with this wonderful tradition!

ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

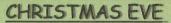
The Vocations Office is hosting two Andrew Dinners for young men ages 16 to 30 to learn more about seminary and the priesthood. The dinners will be held from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. on December 29, at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart and on December 30, at The University of St. Francis Oratory, Fort Wayne. 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.

COME CELEBRATE
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THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST!

RECONCILATION

This Week Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.



Wednesday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Mass
Prelude begins at 3:30 p.m.

Music by St. Charles Chamber Singers and the
Jaenicke Woodwind Quintet
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24
https://youtube.com/live/fEqiwlr4GBY

6:30 p.m. Mass (Incense Will Be Used)
Prelude begins at 6:15 p.m.
Music by The St. Charles Children's Choir
Midnight Mass (Incense Will Be Used)
Prelude begins at 11:25 p.m.
Music by Combined Choir from
9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday Choirs
Strings and Brass

Christmas Day
No 7:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass Music by Cantor and Organ will begin at 8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Mass
Prelude Music will begin at 10:50 a.m.
Contemporary Choir
Christmas Day Thursday, December 25
11:00 AM https://youtube.com/live/OTBaDeWIvlQ
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25 & Friday, December 26

Hope you enjoy the time with your family!





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

Dear Friends of St. Charles Borromeo Parish and School,

We're delighted to announce that the 8th Annual Borromeo 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, Borromeo 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 boromeobash@gmail.com.

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

Sincerely,

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

Sponsorship Form:



Item Donation Form:





ATTENTION:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans



The next scheduling period will be from January 31 thru May 31, 2026. Please remember to inform us of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period before Friday. January 9. So please submit your availability information by the web terminal, or email at

ministries@scbfw.org. You may also call Karen's office, 484-6570.

ROSARY, MASS ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Friday, December 26 Rosary—6:00 p.m. Mass—6:30 p.m. Adoration & Benediction After Mass—7:00 p.m.



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v=9Z3knv2F9Gc&t=10s

Pamphlets on indulgences at the back of the church.

The **Confratemity of Penitents** invites you to view 50 small Nativity Sets on display through Epiphany at Mary's Glen Spiritual Healing Chapel, 2514 Reynolds Street, Fort Wayne. Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. No admission. See www.MarysGlen.com

BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS



A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles Wednesday, January 21, 2026—7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Basement. To register, please call the Parish Office, 482-2186. Next class, is Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Knights of Columbus has an aluminum can recycling program at St. Charles. All parish families are encouraged to save their cans and drop off at the Knights collection building located by the softball diamond on the southeast side of the parking lot.—near the maintenance building.





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