A SAVIOR IS BORN!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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MASSES

Saturday, December 24, Vigil, Christmas

4:00 p.m. † Margaret Fortier

6:30 p.m. † Msgr. Edward Hession &

Msgr. John Suelzer † Ed Morris

Midnight Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

9:00 a.m. † Deceased of the Robert Barrand Family

11:00 a.m. † Suzanne Tippmann

5:00 p.m. NO MASS

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

6:15 a.m. † Scott Burkhart 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † James Henry 6:30 p.m. † Conrad Cierniak

Tuesday, December 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

† William J. White 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:15 a.m. † Darrell VandeZande † Tom & Mary Alice Kleber 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

Special Intention 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Donald Bentz 6:30 p.m. † Monte Winebrenner

Thursday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord—St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

† Terry Fields 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Ann Marie Fisher

Special Intention for R. & S. Rossi 6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

6:15 a.m. † Paul Hoehn 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Joe McGraw 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions 6:30 p.m. † Marie Dunderman Adoration & Benediction 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Sylvester I, Pope

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Larry Kuntz 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, December 31, Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, The **Holy Mother of God**

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Sunday, January 1, 2023—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † Fritz Dunderman

9:00 a.m. Priests, Deacons & Seminarians

11:00 a.m. † Anthony Christie

5:00 p.m. † Agnes & Olivia Schnelker

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Sat., Dec. 24: Vigil-Is 62.1-5/Acts 13.16-17,22-25/Mt 1.1-15 Night:Is 9.1-6/Ti 2.11-14/Lk 2.1-14

Dawn:ls 62.11-12/Ti 3.4-7/Lk 2.15-20 Day: Is 52.7-10/Heb 1.1-6/Jn 1.1-18

Moonless darkness stands between. Past, the Past, no more to be seen! But the Bethlehem-star may lead me. To the sight of Him Who freed me. From the self that I have been. Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy; Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly, Now beginning, and always:

Saturday, December 31

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

Gerry Brubaker, Edward Koors, Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Mary Jane Steup, Tom Yaggy

Altar Servers: Jozlynn Bird, Maeve Miltner, Maya Rivera

Lectors: Steve Harper, Joe Tratnyek

Sacristan: Don Smith

Sunday, January 1

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

Stephanie Eifrid, James Langlet, Judy Sherron, C.J. Steigmeyer (C Maggie Kleber) Altar Servers: Marco Cavacini, Lily Hilger,

(1 Sub Requested)

Lectors: Cece Dunderman, Carol Merkel Sacristan: (Sub Requested)

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Lou Morris, Colleen O'Leary, Kathy Vande Zande, Sr. Imelda Effiong (C Jan Hoy) Altar Servers: Ryan Eisaman, Lean Éllinger,

(1 Sub Requested)

Lectors: Tom Pycz, Deb Wagner Sacristan: Arlene Burgener

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kate Jones, Kelly Tippmann, Judi Ueber, Rhonda Walton (C Norma Baisinger) Altar Servers: Avery Arens, Ronnie Buskirk,

Zack Barton

Lectors: David Lonsway, Leanne Mensing

Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mona Sproat, Terry & Cindy Stults, Betty Williams (C Susan Badenhorst 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Rafael J. Cucueco, Malachi

Palumbo, Vincent Palumbo

Lectors: Nicole Scott, Retta Kohrman

Sacristan: Liz Jones



ATTENTION:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans

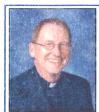
DEADLINE IS January 9, 2023

The new schedule is in preparation for February 4, thru May 29, 2023, so please submit your availability information via the web terminal, or email at ministries@scbfw.org. You may also call the office, 484-6570.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25

Mon., Dec. 26:Acts 6.8-10;7.54-59/Mt 10.17-22 Tues., Dec. 27:1 Jn 1.1-4/Jn 20.1a,2-8 Wed., Dec. 28:1 Jn 1.5-2.2/Mt 2.13-18 Thurs., Dec. 29:1 Jn 2.3-11/Lk 2.22-35 Fri., Dec. 30:Sir 3.2-6,12-14/Mt 2.13-15 Sat., Dec. 31:1 Jn 2.18-21/Jn 1.1-18



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We offer prayers and best wishes for a beautiful Christmas for all who join us at St. Charles and for those who are following our bulletin but unable to join us. This is a time to reflect on the great gift of Jesus, the Messiah who has come into the world for us. He is the great gift of Christmas.

We also welcome guests and visitors to the parish this weekend. We are glad to have you with us. For any who live in Fort Wayne and don't have a church, we would love to have you join us as a member of our parish family. Catholics can simply fill out a registration form. Forms are found on a table in the back of the church and also found on our parish website under the click "I'm New." Anyone who is not Catholic and would like to find out more, please give a call to the Parish Office and Casey Ryan will fill you in on what is involved in joining the Catholic Church. You are welcome.

Our church will be under construction this week as workers grind and replace some spots in our terrazzo floors. We will maintain our usual Mass schedule, with all Masses held in the Gathering Space. We will be back in the church next weekend.

We are grateful for the many people who have worked on music, decorating, and preparing for the great liturgies this weekend, as well as those helping with all of the office duties and charitable efforts this time of year. As I write this column, I am anxious to see how the Christmas decoration of the church turns out. In our first Christmas since the renovation, we will have to remove the new painting of St. Charles, rebuild a platform under the nativity scene, and make a lot of decisions about flowers and lights and trees.

As I write this column, we are also awaiting the return of our St. Charles statue in front of the church. After 42 years in the weather, it is out for repair.

Next weekend, like this weekend, has a Holy Day of Obligation which falls on a Sunday. The Feast of Mary, Mother of God, is January 1. We will maintain our normal weekend Mass schedule. Like this weekend, both Mass obligations are covered by attending one Mass. If you come Saturday evening or to any Mass on Sunday, your obligation is covered.

May God bless us all, especially in this holy time of year.

Fo. Tam

PAUSE & PRAISE

Due to the New Year Holiday, Pause and Praise will not be held on Sunday, January 1....Next date will be Sunday, February 5.

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. The sessions will



start with a 30 to 40 min. talk and then an open Q&A. There are five different presenters including Fr. Tom and Fr. Koehl. It will take place on the second Tuesday evening of every month in rooms C & D in the Hession center, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please join us for all the sessions or just those subjects that interest you. The schedule is:

- Jan. 17 Eucharist: Body, Blood, Sole and Divinity of Jesus Christ.
- Feb. 14 Salvation: Is It Faith Alone or Did God Give Us More?
- Mar. 14 Communion of Saints: The Workings of the Body of Christ.
- Apr. 11 Catholic Moral Teachings: Why the Church Doesn't Change with the Times.
- May 9 Mary: The Ark of the Covenant, Perpetual Virgin, and Queen of Heaven.
- May 16 Mary: The New Eve, Mary's Sinlessness and Mother of God.



BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

A Baptism class will be held at St. Charles Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 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 8, 2023.





Borromeo Bash is accepting donations of gift cards. The SCRIP office has designed a special form that you can use to choose your donation and then they will get the cards to Borromeo Bash. Your gift card donations are used as prizes in games, added to auction items and used to purchase items we may need. If you would like to use the form, they are available at the SCRIP office and where SCRIP is sold.

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.



Dear Friend of St. Charles Borromeo Parish & School,

We are pleased to announce that the 5th annual Borromeo Bash will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 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 \$82,000 to support new LED lighting throughout the school and at the same time setting aside funds for future projects. 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!

This year our event goal is \$85,000, the proceeds to be used to assist with a multiphase school window replacement project and for school restroom renovations. The two projects will benefit students, staff, and guests of the school adding natural light, increasing fresh airflow, providing a much needed exterior facelift, and adding to the personal convenience of all using our facilities.

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, you will not only help to raise money for the school but with 2,100 families in the school and parish, you will gain visibility within our community and receive recognition in multiple ways.

Opportunities for Borromeo Bash sponsorships are:

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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. **

Logo in program and on event website.

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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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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 2023 transaction must be made by December 31, 2022. 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

Rob Sordelet

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Chris & Roby Kaufman

Parish Priest

School Principal

2022 Chairs

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

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^{*} Reserved Table includes 10 seats.

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

SCRIP NEWS



Merry Christmas from SCRIP! May the peace and love of the Newborn King fill you with joy. Thank you to all our customers and volunteers this past year. We appreciate your support of St. Charles! SCRIP will be closed through Monday, January 2nd. We will open again on Tuesday, January 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

An Ode to SCRIP

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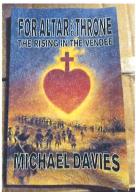
Thank you for reading this silly rhyme.

Hope to see you at Scrip sales next time!

(Adapted from C. Bell)

Dear Friends,

I will periodically offer in our parish bulletin for your consideration brief reviews of the books I have recently read. It is so important for us to continue to read, not merely for entertainment, but to remain students of life. This is especially needed in an age when so much information is so readily at our fingertips that we can be tempted not to truly learn, or oppositely, we are too inundated by entertainment media to even desire to learn. With that I offer my first review:



For Altar and Throne: The Rising in the Vendée Michael Davies, The Remnant Press, 1997. Pages: 92

For Altar and Throne is a brief historical account of France between 1793 and 1796, drawing special attention to the violent relationship between the newly founded Republic of France and the region known as the Vendée (von-day). The author, Mr. Michael Davies, himself an avid Catholic, makes special note of the Catholic perspective of this conflict.

Alongside the 'permanent dismissal' of King Louis XIV by "Madame la Guillotine" came a dismissal of everything that smacked of the old royal regime, including the nearly universal practice of the Catholic Faith by the French. France, being the eldest daughter of the Church, had been, to this point, Catholic to it's very soul, but the so-called 'Philosophes' had different ideas which they desired to implement. The book portrays the heroic figures of the 'Catholic and Royal Army of the Vendée' in their victory and their ultimate sacrifice, as well as the Martyrdom of the Royalist Catholics of the Vendée region.

For Altar and Throne is clearly not meant to be an in depth study of the French Revolution, rather it focuses on the cultural turnings of the period which shaped the French approach to the Faith at the turn of the 19th Century and highlights the martyrdom of the Vendée people. So, considering the proposed scope, I feel that Mr. Davies successfully achieved his goal. I enjoyed this book and recommend it to those who might wish to start a study of the French Revolution, reproach that topic from a Catholic perspective, or get a glimpse into the result of Enlightenment Philosophy in the Western World.

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

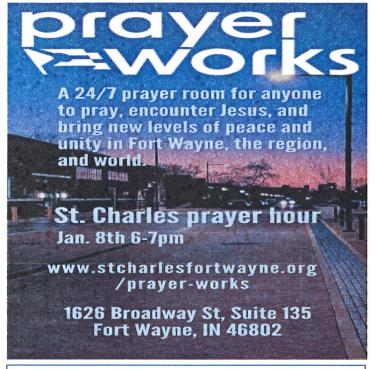
Born to a Lutheran family in 1638, Blessed Niels Stensenwas a famous scientist. As an adult, he specialized in medicine, particularly in the new science of anatomy. He discovered new organs and glands in the bodies of both animals and human beings. He is renowned for his work on the human brain, providing 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 DECEMBER THANKSGIVING 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.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022

Saturday, December 31, 2022 is the deadline for receiving 2022 contributions to be credited to your 2022 record. Please place your contributions in the collection basket, or drop off any donations you wish credited for the year 2022 to the Parish Office before this deadline. Checks need to be dated in the year 2022.





ST. CHARLES VOCATION COMMITTEE Volunteers Are Welcomed for the Vocation Crucifix

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Join over 1,000 men at our 2023 Rekindle the Fire Catholic Men's Conference on February 18, at the South Bend Century Center. This year's conference will be one of the most talked about, with three of the most dynamic speakers to date. This year the men of Rekindle will hear from Chris Stefanick, Jason Evert, and Paul Kim. Seats are limited and will SELL OUT. Go to rekindlethefire.net to order your ticket today. Receive a \$5 discount through December 31, and students are ½ price. If you have any questions or want to sponsor this amazing conference, please email us at rekindlethefiremen@gmail.com.

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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!

Bishop Dwenger High School is offering an ACT/SAT prep course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, and end on Thursday, March 9, 2023. The 14 sessions will include test familiarity, pacing, strategies, as well as a review of English, Math, and Science concepts. The session will address components of the SAT and the ACT test. The Tuesday sessions will focus on Math and Science while the Thursday sessions will address critical Reading, Writing, and Grammar. The class fee is \$ 225.00 and includes both an ACT text and SAT text for the course. The class is open to any high school student in the Fort Wayne and surrounding area. For more information and registration, please call Bishop Dwenger High School at 496-4700 or visit bishopdwenger.com/resources/news/satact-prep-course for more info and registration links.

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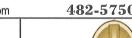
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