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MASSES

Saturday, December 30, Vigil, The Holy Family

† Marie Dunderman 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family

For Our Parish Community 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Anna Kumbakkeel Living & Deceased of the Walter & Rowe 11:00 a.m.

Families

5:00 p.m. † Gene Tippmann

Monday, January 1, 2024, Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (Only One Mass Today)

8:15 a.m. † Robert & Elfriede Samuel

Tuesday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors

† Charles Witcher 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

> † Edward & Jeanette Wene 8:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m. † Bob & Midge Vodde

Wednesday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

† Joan Weller 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions † Carl & Mary White 8:15 a.m. † Clement Lothamer 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

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

† Lynn & Lou Ellen Hartman 8:15 a.m.

6:30 p.m. † Walt & Millie Vought

Friday, January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:15 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of the Harry Miller Family

Confessions 7:30-8:00 a.m. † Michael Cesario 8:15 a.m.

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

> > Wuttke Family

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, January 6, St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:15 a.m. † Herb Widner

Wedding—Odle—Steenport 2:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, January 6, Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord

† Special Intention of Dino Santos 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord For Our Parish Community

7:30 a.m.

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

Families

† Deceased of the Robert & Delores Hope 11:00 a.m.

Family

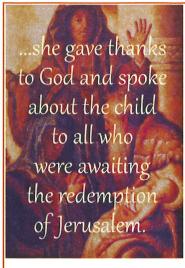
† Garner & Adelaide Wilkinson 5:00 p.m.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

Sun., Dec. 31:Sir 3.2-6,12-14/Col 3.12-21/Lk 2.22-40 Mon., Jan. 1:Nm 6.22-27/Gal 4.4-7/Lk 2.16-21 Tues., Jan. 2:1 Jn 2.22-28/Jn 1.19-28 Wed., Jan 3:1 Jn 2.29-3.6/Jn 1.29-34 Thurs., Jan 4:1 Jn 3.7-10/Jn 1.35-42 Fri., Jan 5. 1 Jn 3.11-21/Jn 1.43-51 Sat., Jan 6:1 Jn 5.5-13/Mk 1.7-11

ATTENTION: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans Deadline is Friday, January 12, 2024

The new schedule is in preparation for February 3 thru May 27, 2024, so please submit your availability information via the web terminal, or email at ministries@scbfw.org. You may also call the office, 484-6570.



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Compassion

Reading I

Sirach 3.2-6,12-14 (Duties toward parents)

Reading II

Colossians 3.12-21 (The practice of virtues; the Christian family)

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40 (Circumcision of Jesus; presentation in the temple)

Key Passage: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Adult: How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?

Child: What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?

Saturday, January 6

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Gerry Brubaker, Lynn Gonzales, Bob Leszczynski, Cheryl Morello, Phil Rosswurm Altar Servers: Bela Antunovic, Gabby

Colone, Gianna Colone Lectors: Dr. Tom Ryan, Andy Schneider

Sacristan: Gerry Brubaker

Sunday, January 7

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

Krystle Harless, Marijo Sliger, C.J. Steigmeyer, (Č Jane Relue) Margie Stier Altar Servers: Luka Bacak, Matthew Bulanda,

Junior Segura

Lectors: Nik Kleber, Lillian Lothamer

Sacristan: Abel Reyes

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

Stephanie Keefer, Mike & Susan Maskal, Colleen O'Leary, Matt Smith, Dan Vought, Sr.

(C Jan Hoy)

Altar Servers: Ryan Eisaman, Lilah Hilger, Lily

Lectors: Patricia Henry, Emily Parker Sacristan: Stephanie Keefer

11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Joseph Barile, Teresa Michel, Betty Dobosz, Carole Fuller, Ann Gabet, Morgan Lewis (C Tes Sanderlin)

Altar Servers: Zach Barton, Brooke Barton,

Jenna Yurek

Lectors: Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Matthew

O'Shaughnessey Sacristan: Maria Ellinger

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

Andy Stauffer, Dave & Debbie Stevens, Jill O'Sullivan (Susan Badenhors (Susan Badenhorst) Altar Servers: Marco Cavacini, Bryson,

Merrell, David Morris

Lectors: Janaya Hoffman, Kitten Pratt

Sacristan: Carolyn Tyndall



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We offer sincere thanks to all who put so much work into our Christmas liturgies this year: our decorators, church musicians, our maintenance crew, the volunteers who managed the Advent Giving Tree gifts, our liturgical ministers and planners, our ministers to the homebound, and the many others who helped us to celebrate in such a beautiful way.

Our new parish picture directory is not done yet, but it shouldn't be much longer. We have just received proofs from the printing company, awaiting our corrections and approval before the final printing. When the books do arrive, we will organize a crew to distribute them after Masses to all who had their photos taken.

For the past few generations we have not had enough priestly vocations in our country to provide priests for all of our parishes. However, we have been greatly blessed by the ministry of many priests who come to us from other countries-including, of course, Fr. James. The weeks after Christmas are a popular time for some of these priests to return home and spend time with their families. Over the next seven weeks St. Charles priests will be covering a number of weekend Masses in Freemont, Pierceton, and Besancon. We are happy to help our brothers. And we are hoping for weekends without much snow or ice.

Mark your calendar for a special event on the evening of Thursday, January 18. Jason Shanks, the President of the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, will give a talk at St. Charles at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Jason will share his conversion story, his experience in nearly dying of Covid, and his reflections on the Eucharistic Revival and the means of building reverence and focus on the Mass. I have been told that he is a great speaker and I would highly recommend this event.

I point out another event to mark on the calendar. Our parish will have Forty Hours Devotion on February 25-27. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the church from Sunday evening through Tuesday evening for quiet adoration. Father Patrick Mary Briscoe is coming from Rhode Island to speak on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings during that event. Fr. Patrick Mary grew up at St. Charles, attended our school and Bishop Dwenger. (He will be remembered as Ryan Briscoe). Since joining the Dominicans and being ordained a priest in 2016, he has authored books, taught in a university, and been named Editor of Our Sunday Visitor. The US bishops have listed him as an official speaker for the Eucharistic Revival. It will be exciting to have him return to St. Charles.

Volunteer Opportunity

Science Fair Judges Needed - The traditional St. Charles Borromeo School, in-person, board-with-presentation, Science Fair is back! This means that 40-50 volunteers are needed as judges! The St. Charles School Science Fair is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024. All judging will start at 8:15 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. Depending on presentations, we might end early. Lunch will be available for judges. Anyone interested in helping to judge the science fair, please click on this QR code and complete the Google form. All judges must have a current background check completed with the parish/school within the last

4 years. This can be done on the school website https:// www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/safe-

environment-certification. If you have any questions about judging, please contact school schooloffice@stcharlesschoolfw.org Thank

you for helping to bring back this wonderful tradition!





O God, Who's mighty Son was born in Bethlehem those days long ago, lead us to that same poor place Mary laid her tiny Child. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in

meekness of heart. And as we look in wonder and praise, make us welcome Him in all new life, see Him in the poor and care for His handiwork; the earth, sky and sea. O God, awaken in our hearts, love and gratitude for your infinite goodness and give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

Merry Christmas from Walking with Mom's in Need

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

> Ш **Shea Odle—Drew Steenport** Raegan Stauffer - David Kielbasa



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 at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, with Holy Hour beginning at 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, January 5, at St. Pius X in Granger, with Holy Hour beginning at 5:00 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information. RSVP is required by Wednesday, December 27 at diocesefwsb.org/discern-priesthood or call 260-422-4611.

HASA 300 CLUB 2023-2024 \$ 150.00 Weekly-December 25 - Kathryn Kleber CHRISTMAS—\$500.00 **RANDY & SHERI WAITE**

Create a Legacy of Hope

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society invites you to join them in building a Legacy of Hope by praying for the success of their capital campaign. Funds will help to serve more families, promote self-sufficiency, and create



equity for those in need by making improvements to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store downtown. Learn more and donate at svdpsfw.org. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ by helping those most vulnerable in your community.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION December 29



Rosary-6:00 p.m.

Mass-6:30 p.m.

Adoration and Benediction 7:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer.



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 pillars of spirituality, service,

academics, and active, all students are taught be "Citizens of Two World" by embracing a college preparatory curriculum rooted in the Catholic Faith. Join the Class of 2028 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. In honor of the school's 60th Anniversary, the registration fee is waived through February 1. 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.

Open Positions at BDHS

Bishop Dwenger currently has open positions for employment. If interested, get more details on the school's website at: https://www.bishopdwenger.com/employment. Consider joining the Dwenger Family!

- -Head Tennis Coach
- -Full Time Maintenance/Custodian
- -Math Maternity Leave (March-May)
- -Cafeteria Help
- -Bus Driver



ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP		
07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	December 17, 2023	
Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	41,900.00
December 17 Collection	\$	55,333.85
This Week	\$	13,433.85
Year to Date	\$	(79,588.49)

The *Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend, Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers High Schools* are excited to share an important opportunity that could significantly benefit our students and the community. As we navigate the everevolving landscape of education, it is essential to prepare our students for the workforce effectively. To this end, we are exploring the possibility of opening a Catholic Focused Career Tech Academy in our area.

Your insights and opinions will be vital in making informed decisions regarding St. Joseph the Worker Career Technical Academy. We want to ensure that any educational endeavors align closely with the needs and aspirations of our church community and its families.



Scan this QR code and take a few minutes to complete our survey! Your responses are completely confidential!

Please share this and encourage your friends, family, neighbors and fellow parish families to participate. Together, we can help shape the future of Catholic education!

BDHS Alumni Appreciation Night

BD & CC Alumni, join your fellow alumni and friends to support the Saints' Varsity Basketball teams on Friday, January 5, 2024. The Saints will take on the Carroll Chargers — Girls at 6:00 p.m. and Boys at 7:30 p.m. in the BDHS Main Gym. Please visit bishopdwenger.com for more information.

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

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.



Yours may not be THE Holy Family, but you are still a holy family. Share an expression of gratitude for the gift of your family today. Pray for wholeness and holiness for all members of the family of God.

Sponsor of the Week

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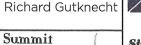
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