

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12,13

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MASSES

Saturday, February 20, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Gene Kien

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

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

Pequignot Families

9:00 a.m. † Anthony Vince

† Devon Doty 11:00 a.m.

For Our Parish Community 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

† Charles & Carol Brown 6:15 a.m.

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

† Colleen Griffith 8:15 a.m.

† George E. Dunbar 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday, St. Polycarp,

Bishop and Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Clarita Miller 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Confessions 8:15 a.m. Special Intention (Z.L.)

6:30 p.m. † Denny Tippmann Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Jean Ellison

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions † Bud Marburger 8:15 a.m.

† Daniel & Jackie Hilker 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Josef & Christina Florin

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

8:15 a.m. † Clayten Stuart

6:30 p.m. † Fritz Dunderman

7:00-7:30 p.m. Confessions

Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Doris Fosnaugh

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

> † Bob & Midge Vodde 8:15 a.m.

Special Intention (J.B.) 6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Adoration and

Benediction

Saturday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

† Mary Heinkel 8:15 a.m. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, February 27, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

† Richard Daugherty 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Timothy Kelly

11:00 a.m. † David & Mary Klein

5:00 p.m. † Richard & Mary Jane Lichtsinn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21

Sun., Feb. 21:Gn 9.8-15/1 Pt 3.18-22/Mk 1.12-15 Mon., Feb. 22:1 Pt 5.1-4/Mk 16.13-19 Tues., Feb. 23:Is 55.10-11/Mt 6.7-15 Wed., Feb. 24:Jon 3.1-10/Lk 11.29-32

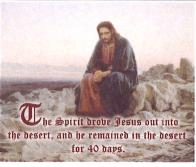
Thurs., Feb. 25:Est C.12,14-16,23-25/Mt 7.7-12

Fri., Feb. 26:Ez 18.21-28/Mt 5.20-26

Sat., Feb. 27:Dt 26.16-19/Mt 5.43-48

SCHEDULE MASSES FOR 2021 MASSES AVAILABLE FEBRUARY (WEEK OF FEB. 28) & MARCH

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 482-2186, TO SCHEDULE MASSES FOR THE 2021 YEAR.



FEBRUARY 21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Call To Faith

Reading I Genesis 9.8-15 (Covenant with Noah)

Reading II

1 Peter 3.18-22

(The purpose of Christ's

suffering)

Gospel

Mark 1.12-15

(Jesus' temptation; the call to conversion)

Key Passage: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.

Adult: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

Child: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

Saturday, February 27

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Roby Kaufman, Linda Schneider, Mary Jane

Steup, Kirk & Lisa York

(C Carolyn Tyndall)
Lectors: Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell

Sacristan: Melinda Firestine

Sunday, February 28

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sr. Imelda Effiong, James Langlet, David Pierre,

C.J. Steigmeyer (C Jane Relue)

Lectors: Cece Dunderman, Carol Merkel

Sacristan: Judy Sherron

9:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Arianne Davis, John Magsam, Shephen

Shannon, Donna Wagner

(C Kathy Vande Zande)
Lector: Lynda Houk, Chris Stock

Sacristan: Amanda Scherschel

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Claudia Crabill, Carmen Crabill, Kate Jones,

Beth Miller

(C Tes Sanderlin)

Lectors: David Lonsway, Leanne Mensing Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Susan Badenhorst, John Rorick, Jerry Tippmann, Jill O'Sullivan

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I offer thanks to everyone who has turned in a Commitment Card in our Sharing Jesus in the Family program. We will be mailing personalized cards to those who haven't yet turned one in. Commitment Cards can also be filled out electronically: go to our parish website and you will find it at the top of the home page.

We will ultimately mail a summary report to the parish and it would be good to have cards returned from every family. If you have any questions, please contact the church office, 482-2186.

There have been questions about automatic bank withdrawals and electronic giving. If you would like to have regular gifts made directly from your bank account to the parish, our bank provides that service with no fees. Go to our parish website, click on "business office" and you will see a form. Fill it out, attach a voided check, and turn it in to the parish office. If you are currently using this service and would like to change the amount of your gift, call our parish office and we can help set that up. Another option is to go to our parish website and click "online giving" on the homepage. Here you can sign up for regular donations or one-time donations with a credit card or from a bank account. For those, like me, who don't always remember to bring an envelope to church, automatic giving is a great option.

An important parish meeting will take place this week. Along with a small committee of parishioners, I have been meeting with an architect, looking at ideas for some renovations in the church. The main focus has been the tabernacle—making it visible and accessible in both the church and the chapel. Lots of other issues and ideas follow. Our architect, Bill Heyer, specializes in Catholic church architecture, and has worked with many parishes in our diocese. He will join us for an open parish meeting in the church on Thursday evening, Feb. 25, at 7:00 p.m., as we look at the ideas now in front of us. We will livestream this meeting. Go to the parish website and you will find an easy click.

Tim Francis, a nationally-known speaker, will give a presentation on Eucharistic miracles at St. Charles next weekend. Join us Sunday evening, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. We will livestream the event for those who aren't able to be here.

I have now received my second COVID vaccine and Fr. James has received his first. Because priests are often called into hospitals and nursing homes, we were given access to the vaccines before our age group would have allowed. I am anxious to see this pandemic behind us, and I dream of the day that we will have a church filled with immune people. The masks will go, the strings on the pews will go, the sanitizing will go, and we'll have boisterous singing, a sign of peace, crews of servers, and people hugging and shaking hands in the Gathering Space.



Volunteers Are Welcomed for the Vocation Crucifix.

It's simple and rewarding. A family or individual will take the Vocation crucifix home for a week and pray daily for vocations! Prayer book is included. Return the vocation crucifix to church the next weekend. A reminder letter will be sent. Call or text Arlene Burgener (260) 602-0791.

ST. CHARLES VOCATION COMMITTEE

This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News. (Mark 1. 12-15)



"This Week in RCIA"

Feb 23 to the Easter Vigil The elect and the candidates have A JOURNEY IN FAITH now entered the season of Lent. For them, it is the period known as Purification and Enlightenment. This

is a time marked with more intense spiritual preparation for the reception of the Sacraments. They will participate in different reflections and rites. It is a period for looking inward at self, turning away from sin and learning to trust in God's mercy. The elect participate in three rites known as the Scrutinies and the candidates participate in the Penitential Rite. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is sinful in the hearts of the elect and strengthen all that is upright and good. Similarly, the Penitential Rite for the candidates gives them a chance to restrengthen their faith commitment that they have already made as baptized individuals. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates, Casey, Jacob, Graham, Brian, Todd, Natali, Caleb and Jessica as they continue their journey in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Eucharistic Miracles

with nationally-known guest speaker Tim Francis

Feb 28 6:30pm-9:00pm at St. Charles

Mar 1 6:30pm-9:00pm at Our Lady of Good Hope

Dynamic lay evangelist, *Tim Francis*, shares the journey that brought him back to the Church with video clips from a documentary reporting on amazing miracles that ultimately convicted him of the truths of our faith.

https://catholicfreepress.org/news/tim-francis-leads-people-tothe-church-through-miracles-mom-and-science

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

Beginning this weekend and next, filled Baby Bottles can be returned to St. Charles for pick up by the Christ Child Society. There will be a box in the Gathering Space to place the filled bottles.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

K of C Drive-Thru Fish Fry—Friday, March 19 K of C Blood Drive—Saturday, April 24



Now through March 28, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood of Fort Wayne at 2930 Lake Ave. also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information-and especially if you would like to volunteer, please contact: (260) 797-3144 or

Annemarie DeVille annemariedeville@gmail.com.

The local 40Days for Life website to sign up! Parking map can also be found at this link: https://www.40daysforlife.com/fortwayne

SCRIP NEWS



This past Wednesday was *Ash Wednesday* and this weekend marks the first Sunday of Lent. Last week's bulletin listed the guidelines for fasting and abstaining during Lent. There are many restaurants that run Friday fish specials at this time or you might choose a meatless pizza or pasta meal to help with those meatless Fridays. Using **SCRIP** gift cards for those dinner

options is a great way to make Friday dinners easy while you support the church.

Dollars and \$ense of SCRIP – Having been part of the SCRIP program for more than 20 years, it's easy to forget that not everybody knows or understands what **SCRIP** is and how it works.

Briefly, the participating merchants allow us to purchase gift cards from them at a reduced rate. You purchase and use the same gift cards for full face value. The difference between purchase and redeeming value becomes a profit for the parish. We carry gift cards for everything from gas and groceries to home improvements and restaurants; and the rebates range from 1.25% to 33.3%! With regular usage, the average parishioner generates approximately 5% profit from SCRIP. If you spend \$200 in a week on gas, groceries, a restaurant meal, paying your Kohl's bill or making a run to the home improvements store and use SCRIP for those purchases, you generate \$10/week! As a way to thank you for supporting the parish in this way, you actually share that profit. The profit is split 50/50 - 50% for the parish and 50% for you. Your SCRIP credit can be used toward tuition at any school, your cafeteria account, before and after school care, donated back to the various church ministries and many other options.

Without a doubt, **SCRIP** is a win/win endeavor for all who participate.

VOLUNTEERS:

Feb. 22 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Sue Forte

Feb. 26 - Cheryl Morello, Kristina O'Neal, Kara Straessle

Feb. 26 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Jen Eisaman

Feb. 27 - Diane Keefer, Amy Lin, Audrey Stauffer

Feb. 28 - Cathy Yaggy, Jennifer Hogan, Roberta Keefer



OPERATION RICE BOWL WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the church entrances. During the 40 days of Lent, we will

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE—All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

FASTING-All Catholics from their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday are bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting requires limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light nourishment may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Any good reason will excuse a person from these regulations on particular occasions and for health and dietary needs. Only a contemptuous violation of all regulations would be considered seriously wrong.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Each Friday evening during Lent after the 6:30 p.m. Mass, at 7:00 p.m., our priests will lead us in the Way of the Cross with Benediction to follow.



THURSDAYS DURING LENT AT 8:00 P.M.

Those who struggle with infertility and loss often find themselves on a lonely pilgrimage. But you are not alone! You are invited to join online for six evenings of prayer, community and sharing as we walk through the desert of Lent together, reflecting on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. Free registration—www.springsinthe desert.org

REKINDLE THE FIRE

Sadly, the 2021 *Rekindle the Fire Conference* has been cancelled. Please don't fret: the men of Rekindle will be premiering a FREE, 30 minute video every 3rd Sunday of the month. We will introduce a video every month leading up to the 2022 conference in Ft. Wayne. Please join us on rekindlethefire.net or the RTF Facebook Page. Our first video will be at 7:00 pm on February 21, with a personalized talk from Tim Staples of Catholic Answers and a reflection from St. Monica's, Fr. Jacob Meyer. If you have any questions please email us at rekindlethefiremen@gmail.com or message us through Facebook.



OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE LENTEN FISH FRY Friday, Feb. 26—4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Carry-Out

Featuring Alaskan Pollock by Ďan's of Huntington, Baked Potato, Roll & Cookie—Adults (11 and

over, \$10.00; Child (10 & under—\$5.00) (Knights of Our Lady, Council 12417)

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THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Lent, every parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have confessions available on *Tuesday, March 9*, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to our daily or Saturday afternoon confession times, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/light.

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