

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic

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Confessions @ St. Charles: 4:30 PM Saturday & 8:00 AM Sunday Morning
Confessions @ St. Mary's: 10:45 AM Sunday Morning
Marriage Preparation: See Pastor no later than 6 months in advance
Baptisms: Contact Pastor
DEADLINE for Bulletin Items: 5:30 PM Wednesday

1st Sunday of Advent
December 2 & 3, 2023

Mass will be Live-streamed on Facebook at 8:30 AM
St. Charles **5:30 PM Saturday** Mass Intention – For the People
St. Mary's **7:30 PM Saturday** Mass Intention – +Marie Pearson
St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention – +Jim Maddock

| Day, Date | Mass Time, Location | Intention & Donor |
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| Mon., Dec. 4 | 3:00 PM – St. Mary's | +Marie Pearson – Her Family |
| Tues., Dec. 5 | 5:30 PM – St. Charles | Marge Forward – A Praska |
| Wed., Dec. 6 | 8:30 AM – Hospital 3:00 PM – St. Mary's | +Marie Pearson – Her Family +Fr. Vincent Fitzpatrick – Fr. Tim |
| Thurs., Dec. 7 | 5:30 PM – St. Charles | All Knights of Columbus Members – KCs (Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass) |
| Fri., Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception | 7:00 AM – St. Charles 7:00 PM – St. Mary's | +LeRoy Schmaltz – J Buske For the People |
| Sat., Dec. 9 | 10:00 AM – Manor | |

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate toward Christmas flowers, in memory of friends or family, please give to Jean Bopp or Lisa Janes. You may also drop an envelope in the collection basket.

SUNDAY NOON MASS will be held at St's Peter & Paul in Cayuga from November-March.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule:
St. Charles: Thursday, Dec. 7th – 5:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 8th – 7:00 AM
St. Mary's: Friday, Dec. 8th – 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS PANTRY at St. Arnolds' Catholic Church in Milnor is scheduled for Wednesday Dec. 6th from 4:00-6:00 PM. Shop for Christmas goodies and enjoy homemade stew. Eat in or "To Go" – 4:00 PM until gone. More info is available on the bulletin board.

JAMESTOWN STATE HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM: St. Charles & St. Mary's parishes will again participate! **Items will be collected until Thurs., Dec. 3rd.** The guidelines are as follows: Bring unwrapped gifts of new items that you yourself would enjoy receiving for Christmas, and place them in the box in the church at St. Charles, or the box in the entryway at St. Mary's. Lists of suggested items can be found by the drop off boxes.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE: New & gently used clean winter gear (child & adult sizes), can be dropped off at the St. Charles Social Center between 8:00 AM & 8:00 PM. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 3rd. **Coats, Snow pants, Mittens, Gloves, Hats, Snow Boots.** A second collection will be taken at Mass on the **1st Sunday in Advent** to be donated to the Tornado Watch Program at OPS.

BIRTHDAYS AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Dec. 2 Steve Konker
Dec. 3 Ryan Hermes
Dec. 6 Lloyd Gebhardt, Maryellen Homan
Dec. 9 Beau Thorpe

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

| <u>ST. CHARLES FINANCES</u> | |
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| Envelope amount last week | \$ 1,660.00 |
| <u>Other receipts last weekend:</u> | |
| Plate..... | 197.00 |
| Renewal/Building Fund..... | 527.00 |
| Stipends..... | 10.00 |
| Thanksgiving..... | 400.00 |
| Collection for Food Pantry..... | 125.00 |
| Black & Indian Collection..... | 170.00 |
| T-Shirt Fundraiser..... | 40.00 |
| <u>RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:</u> | |
| 1 st Campaign Goal: | \$750,000 |
| Miracle Goal: | \$1,500,000 |
| Goal Pledged & Gifted | \$1,057,844 |
| Families who have contributed: | |
| | 141% |
| | 84% |

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: All are welcome to join the St. Charles Christmas choir to sing at the Christmas Eve Mass. Practice Schedule: **Wednesday's:** At 7:00 PM on Dec. 6, Dec. 20; **Sunday's:** After Mass on Dec. 3, 10 & 17.

POINSETTIAS: All are invited to remember special people in your lives this Christmas season by making a donation for poinsettias at St. Charles. You May donate in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone, or as a special intention. Fill out an envelope (available in the Narthex) and drop in the collection basket.

PARISH SOCIETY: Please mark your calendars for a short meeting, pot-luck appetizers, and a "Card Making Party" **on Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 6:00 PM.** All are invited!

SUNDAY BRUNCH: Join us **TODAY, for Brunch after the Dec. 3rd 8:30 AM Mass!** There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help furnish for any weekend. Brunches are held the 1st Sunday of each month!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SUNDAY CLASS TIME is 9:30 –10:45

THIS WEEK, Dec. 3: Advent Program Practice
Youth Advent Choir Practice: 10:45-11:00
NEXT WEEK, Dec. 10:Advent Program Practice
Youth Advent Choir Practice: 10:45-11:00

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14th, with a 5:30 PM potluck supper, followed by Eucharistic Revival Adoration and Confession at 6:30 PM.

ADVENT PROGRAM "On Our Way to Bethlehem" will be presented on Sunday, Dec., 17th after the 8:30 AM Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST will be served after the Advent Program on December 17th. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: December 3rd
"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33
We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

MEN'S ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST: Fr. Tim will be hosting a Men's Advent Prayer Breakfast in the Rectory at 7:00 AM on Thursday's during Advent: Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21. Come whenever it fits your schedule. All Men are invited & encouraged to attend!

LADIES, COME GET A "LIFT" from 40 minutes of Advent devotion, discussion and prayer! Living in Faith together (LIFT) will meet at St. Charles at **6:00 PM on Thursday, Dec. 7th.** All women of all ages are invited and welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday-Wednesday; From 5:00-9:00 PM

This week's ADVENT ADVANTAGE! Dec. 3rd:
Come Down, O God! Invite God to be with you during Advent. Read Isaiah 64:2-3.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: Dennis Forward's & Pat Roney's terms on the Parish Council are coming to an end. We thank them for their years of service to St. Charles. **Nominations for their replacements will be accepted at Mass for the next 2 weekends.** Others currently serving on the Council are: Bob German, Michele Rodine, Seve Konkler; Lay Directors: Curt Halmrast & Jeanne Thorpe

PARISH COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 PM.

NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: The Diocese has started filling a 2nd bus for the pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN, on July 16-22, 2024. Discounted Congress ticket prices end Dec. 30th.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE is Fri., Dec. 8th. We will be praying both silently and in community to convert America's heart to CHERISH life. One hour time slots are available from 8:00 PM-12 midnight. Breakfast will be provided at midnight. Sign up in the Narthex. Sign-up closes at 6:00 PM, December 7th.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers & Religious Order Priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift helps to furnish nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Please give generously by using the envelope provided in your offering box.

AMAZING PARISH: The process of becoming and being an “Amazing Parish” (“AP”) means that we continually pursue 3 things: Unceasing prayer, Healthy teamwork, and active discipleship. Fr. Tim initiated the AP process in 2022 when he was coached through the AP Bootcamp. Through a discernment process, our Amazing Parish Leadership Team was formed to support the goals of Amazing Parish at St. Charles. AP Leadership Team members, Fr. Tim, Monica Heimbuch, Maryellen Homan, and Cindy Klapperich, met weekly for AP orientation and training from April-June and participated in the 3-day AP summit this past summer. They continue to meet weekly to pray for St. Charles parish and its members and discern ways to serve the parish.

"HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?" An Amazing Parish prays unceasingly, so whatever your need(s), feel free to jot them down on a prayer request card and place the card in the prayer gathering space on the narthex bulletin board. Any need. Any time. Amazing Parish Leadership Team members will be at the church at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays to pray for each of the prayer requests. Other parish members are invited and welcome to also pray at that time or at any other time, too."

OLD CHURCH KITCHEN CUPS are available in boxes in the Social Center. Please help yourself to as many as you'd like – free for the taking!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: The Oakes Comm. Choir will present “Born a Savior, Born a King” by John Purifoy, on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 3:00 PM at Grace Lutheran Church. This years' cantata will be presented in honor of Blaine Wald, a 2023 graduate from Oakes, who is currently undergoing cancer treatments. A free-will offering will be available for those who attend, and wish to support Blaine.

TEEN LIFE PROGRAM: Grades 9-12
Wed., Dec 6: Class – What is Hope & Why Do you Need it?
Wed., Dec. 13: Service: BINGO & Pizza party @ Manor – 5:30 PM

JR HIGH:
Wed., Dec 6: Class
Wed., Dec. 13: Class

READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B)
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Saturday Dec. 9th at 5:30 PM – St. Charles
Int'n: +George Forward
Donor: A Praska
Greet/Ushers: Red & Cathy Iverson
Joan Orner
Proclaimer: Joan Orner
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:
Vickie Kelly, Steve Konkler
Altar Servers: Joseph & Luke Dobitz

Sunday, Dec. 10th at 8:30 AM – St. Charles
Int'n: +Mona Roney
Donor: N/C Klapperich
Greet/Ushers: Lloyd & Anita Gebhardt
Drew & Lindsey Courtney Family
Proclaimer: Anna Sell
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:
Cindy Klapperich, Martha Iverson
Dave Zetocha
Altar Servers: Logan Moore, Claire Pioske

Sunday, Dec. 10th at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's
Int'n: For the People
Donor:
Proclaimer: Bonnie Josewski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:
Mark & Jean Bopp
G/G: Cody & Dixie Bopp Family