

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

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23 & 24, 2023

Mass will be Live-streamed on Facebook at 8:30 AM

St. Charles **5:30 PM Saturday** Mass Intention – +Terri Mann

St. Mary's **7:30 PM Saturday** Mass Intention – +Don Fauss

St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention – For the People

Day, Date	Mass Time, Location	Intention & Donor
Sun., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	4:30 PM – St. Charles 7:00 PM – St. Mary's	
Mon., Dec. 25 Christmas Day	10:30 AM – St. Charles	+Clifford & Lucille Buske – J Buske
Tues., Dec. 26	5:30 PM – St. Charles	Heier Family – C Heier
Wed., Dec 27	8:30 AM – Hospital 3:00 PM – St. Mary's	+LeRoy Schmaltz – M Kunrath
Thurs., Dec. 28	8:30 AM – St. Charles	+Bob Titus – W/C Rehovsky
Fri., Dec. 29	9:00 AM – St. Mary's	+Madeline Maddock – J Maddock
Sat., Dec. 30	10:00 AM - Manor	

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SATURDAY, DEC. 23RD MASS will be held at St. Mary's at 7:30 PM to fulfil the weekend obligation. There will be no Mass on the morning of Sunday, December 24. Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24th is scheduled for 7:00 PM.

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.

KC FREE THROW CONTEST: Lisbon KC's will host a Free Throw Competition Sunday, Jan., 7th at the Lisbon High School. Registration – 12:30 PM, Competition – 1:00 PM; for ages 9 – 14 (as of Jan 1, 2024; youth born in years Jan.1, 2010 – Dec. 31, 2015.

	Dec. 10	Dec. 17
COLLECTIONS:	\$1,460.00	\$1,169.00
Retirement fund for Religious:	\$320.00	

CHRISTMAS & SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE: **Christmas Eve & Christmas:**
December 24: 4:30 PM – St. Charles
7:00 PM – St. Mary's
December 25: 10:30 AM – St. Charles
Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation:
December 31: 4:30 PM – St. Charles
January 1: 11:00 AM – St. Mary's

SPECIAL MINISTRY SIGN-UP: There is a sheet in the Narthex to sign up for ministries for the Christmas & Solemnity of Mary Masses.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC 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.

BIRTHDAYS AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Dec. 24 Pat Awender
Dec. 25 Ronnie Maddock, Kathy Moore,
Jaron Awender
Dec. 26 Vic Thompson
Dec. 28 Anthony Gross

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Dec. 27 Ron & Mary Jo Goodman ('68)
Dec. 30 Curt & Sarah Halmrast ('11)

ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Envelope amount last week	\$ 1,995.00
<u>Other receipts last weekend:</u>	
Plate.....	358.00
Renewal/Building Fund.....	10,966.90
Hommerding Fund 10% match	8,840.00
Poinsettias.....	25.00
T-Shirt Fundraiser.....	20.00
Retirement Fund for Religious...	20.00
Forman.....	1,481.00
CYO.....	100.00
Lefse Fundraiser.....	400.00
Brick Fundraiser.....	75.00
Mass Stipends.....	70.00

RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

1 st Campaign Goal:	\$750,000	
Miracle Goal:	\$1,500,000	
Goal Pledged & Gifted	\$1,074,485	143%
Families who have contributed:		84%

POINSETTIAS: Remember a loved one 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: The Bishop is asking that a second collection be taken up this weekend **for humanitarian and parish assistance in the Holy Land.** The funds raised will be sent to the Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Checks should be written to St. Charles

FAITH FORMATION NEWS **SUNDAY CLASS TIME is 9:30 –10:45**

THIS WEEK, Dec 24: NO Class
NEXT WEEK, Dec 31: NO Class

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Congratulations to Drew Courtney and Toni Brummund who were elected as our new Parish Council members. They replace outgoing members, Pat Roney & Dennis Forward. Thank you for fulfilling your baptismal call to leadership!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: December 24th

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

SEARCH: Do you need a Christmas present for that young person in your life (or for yourself)? **SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. This is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. We have a peer-lead retreat coming up **January 12-14, 2024** at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm or call Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. Applications are due no later than Tuesday, December 26th.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION **Monday-Wednesday; From 5:00-9:00 PM**

BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST BOOKS are available in the Narthex. Please take a copy home with you! It is easy reading, and filled with personal stories related to the Eucharist.

RENEWAL PROJECT MATCH: For any amount of new money given to the St. Charles Renewal Project, even if it is already pledged, we will receive a 10% match from a local source for the next \$250,000 if it is given during the Advent-Christmas season (**Dec. 3rd – Jan 7th**).

END OF YEAR GIVING: With Dec. 31 falling on a Sunday this year, contributions made to St. Charles will go into 2023 calendar year as listed below:

- o In-person: during normal office hours that week, or at the Saturday night, or Sunday morning Masses the weekend of Dec. 30 & 31.
- o Mail: must be postmarked on or before December 31st
- o Online: donation made at, or before 11:59pm central time on 12/31/23 (credit card must be time-stamped with 2023 date)
- o *Even if checks are dated 12/31/23 if we physically do not receive them in 2023, they will be counted toward 2024*

This week's ADVENT ADVANTAGE! **Dec. 24th:** **"Be Not Afraid"** Like Mary, let us welcome Christ into our lives. Luke 1:30-32

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

2024 CALENDARS are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to take one home.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Religious Give Thanks. "This money is a pure gift", writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the people of God. It's not too late to give! Thank you for your generosity!

"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."

PASTOR'S NOTES: A mom shared a story that I thought was meaningful. She said that her family came to church on Christmas and sat behind another family that had a newborn baby. Her four year old leaned close and whispered, "Is that baby Jesus?" She had a smile on her face the whole Mass because at the tender age of four, this little one knew why their family had come and what the celebration of Christmas was all about. God has come to us in the flesh. And he still comes to us and that is why he took bread and told his disciples that it was his body and said, "Do this in memory of me." Luke starts off his gospel of the historical Jesus by saying that he is passing this on to Theophilus, a name which means in the Greek, "lover of God." Luke was writing it for one. In many ways our faith is still passed on, one-to-one. May we share our faith with another. In the Eucharist we can still hold him. I hope you have a

blessed Christmas season and faith filled new year. For a deeper belief in the reality of Christ among us, we pray! Merry Christmas. Fr. Tim

TEEN LIFE PROGRAM: Grades 9-12
Wed., Dec. 27: NO Class: Merry Christmas!
JR HIGH:
Wed., Dec. 27: NO Class; Merry Christmas

READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND
Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (17B)
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Saturday Dec. 30th at 5:30 PM – St. Charles
Int'n: +LeRoy Schmaltz
Doner: C Heier
Greet/Ushers: Red & Cathy Iverson
Joan Orner
Proclaimer: Vickie Kelly
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:
Dave Zetocha, Betty Kelly

Altar Servers:
Sunday, Dec. 31st at 8:30 AM – St. Charles
Int'n: +Linda Roney
Donor: L Roney
Greet/Ushers: Lloyd & Anita Gebhardt
Drew & Lindsey Courtney Family
Proclaim: Judy German
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:
Anna Sell, Dave Zetocha
Jeanne Thorpe

Altar Servers:
Sunday, Dec. 31st at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's
Int'n: For the People
Donor:
Proclaimer: Bonnie Josewski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:
Mark & Jean Bopp
G/G: Lisa Janes & Brenda Peterson

ADDRESS: For anyone interested in sending a letter to Abbey Forward, her address is: School Sisters of CTK, C/O Abbey Forward; 4100 SW 56th St.; Lincoln, NE 68522-9261
You can also follow School Sisters of Christ the King – CK Sisters on Facebook.