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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**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 6 & 7, 2024**

**Mass will be Live-streamed on Facebook at 8:30 AM**  
St. Charles **5:30 PM Saturday** Mass Intention – Fr. Reese Weber  
St. Mary's **7:30 PM Saturday** Mass Intention – For the People  
St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention – Elliot Klapperich  
St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday** Mass Intention – Fr. Gerard L. Myers

Day, Date	Mass Time, Location	Intention & Donor
Mon., Jan. 8	8:30 AM – St. Charles	+LeRoy Schmaltz – J Buske
Tues., Jan. 9	5:30 PM – St. Charles	+George Forward – A Praska
Wed., Jan. 10	8:30 AM – Hospital 3:00 PM – St. Mary's	+Jan Seitz – JT/M Homan +Rev. Gerald L Myers – Fr. Tim
Thurs., Jan. 11	8:30 AM – St. Charles	+Richard Thronson – N/C Klapperich
Fri., Jan. 12	9:00 AM – St. Mary's	+Marie Pearson – Her Family
Sat., Jan. 13	10:00 AM – Manor	

## ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COLLECTIONS:** Dec. 31: \$2,371.00  
Solemnity of Mary 311.00

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND AT ST. MARY'S:** There will be a Mass at 7:30 PM on Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, and ALSO Mass at 11:00 AM on Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** to the following families for donating to the purchase of poinsettias:  
\*John Hayen – In Memory of Barbara Hayen  
(Added from last week)

**ST MARY'S ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 6:00 PM** that evening, followed by a potluck supper, with the Annual Meeting to follow. **There will be NO MASS on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's.**

**KC FREE THROW CONTEST:** Lisbon KC's will host a Free Throw Competition Sunday, Jan., 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lisbon High School. Registration – 12:30 PM, Competition – 1:00 PM.

### **ST CHARLES & ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS!!**

All are invited to attend the celebration of the Renewal Project completion! Bishop Folda is scheduled to come to St. Charles on **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Mass** & have supper with the Michele & Kevin Rodine family, winners of the "Dinner With Bishop Folda" raffle. **He will also celebrate Mass here on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>**, followed by blessing the new Entryway, St. Francis Room and Rectory. The special meals committee will serve a brunch after the blessing. Please, make plans to attend!

**SUNDAY BRUNCH:** Join us after the 8:30 AM Mass this Sunday for Brunch! Brunches are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month at St. Charles.

### **BIRTHDAYS AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:**

Jan. 8 Kathy Roney  
Erica Thorpe  
Jan. 9 Barb Harris, Claire Courtney  
Jan. 11 Deb Anderson

### **ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:**

No Anniversaries This Week.

### **ST. CHARLES FINANCES**

**Envelope amount last week \$ 8,632.00**

Other receipts last weekend:

Plate.....	290.00
Renewal/Building Fund.....	33,250.01
Christmas.....	150.00
Catholic Development.....	506.97

### **RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Campaign Goal:	\$750,000	
Miracle Goal:	\$1,500,000	
Goal Pledged & Gifted	\$1,137,167	152%
Families who have contributed:		84%

**ST. CHARLES ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 PM in the St. Francis Room. We will review the St. Charles Financial position, give an update on the Renewal Project, and discuss pastoral issues. All are invited to attend.

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> with a supper at 6:00 PM, followed by the business meeting.

**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.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**SUNDAY CLASS TIME is 9:30 –10:45**

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THIS WEEK, Jan. 7: Class

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

NEXT WEEK, Jan. 14: NO Class

**PROGRAM THANK YOU:** Thanks to everyone who helped organize and participate in the "On Our Way to Bethlehem" Advent Program at St. Charles. A special thank you to all the teachers & musicians!

**THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for serving the delicious breakfast after the Advent Program. You are much appreciated!

**2024 COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** Your family's envelopes for giving to St. Charles are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up!

### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: January 7<sup>th</sup>** **Epiphany of the Lord**

*"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* -  
MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

**"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."

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS:**

Thank you to those who donated towards the beautiful Poinsettia plants at St. Charles!  
\*Martha MacLeod – In Memory of Linda Roney & Mona Visto **(added from last week)**  
\*Denise Awender – In Memory of Keith Freeburg (Dad)  
\*Tom Baetsch – In Memory of Bertha Wood  
\*Janice & Steve Frojen – In Memory of our Parents  
\*Bob & Judy German – In Memory of Deceased Family Members  
\*JT & Maryellen Homan – In Memory of J. S. (Joe) & Virginia Homan  
\*Neil & Cindy Klapperich – In Memory of Nathan Klapperich  
\*Ronnie & Nancy Maddock – In Memory of Marc Charpentier; In Memory of Kenny & Arlene Meehl; In Memory of Brian Meehl; In Memory of Jim & Madeline Maddock; In Memory of Jim Maddock, Jr.  
\*Paul, ReNae, Shelby & Laikyn Roney – In Memory of Carson Roney & Mona Roney  
Thompson Children – In Memory of Vic & Mildred Thompson

**THANK YOU:** Wow! Thank you SO much for your consistent support of Women's Care Center through your Diaper Drive. Any parent can tell you how much they are needed and receiving them as a donation is so very appreciated! You are such a blessing to all of us! May God bless each of you in 2024! Lisa Eggert, Development Director @ Women's Care Center, Fargo

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for the donation to the Oakes Food Pantry – We will use it to help many in our community – thanks again! OFP

**FREE TO TAKE HOME:** There are ornaments & book markers on the table in the Narthex, please feel free to take some home!

**PASTOR'S NOTES:** The star led the magi to Jesus, the Light of the World. This world is often a dark foreboding place where Jesus' light does not shine like we would want. Like the star, however, we are called to be the light in the darkness to lead people to the True Light of The World, Jesus. St. Paul went from a man who persecuted the Church of Christ to one who was untiring in the promotion of Jesus' Church. St. Paul writes in the second reading, "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made know to me by revelation... that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Eph 3:2-3a, 6). St. Paul was a light giving the church guidance that all were included in the salvation offered by Christ. He was an excellent instrument for this message because he had been a leader in the Jewish faith and very zealous on what was right and wrong as he saw it to be. Now he is letting everyone know that Christ came for all people. Because of his boldness and willingness to shine in the darkness, we who were considered gentiles are now part of the church. Isaiah the prophet said that Jerusalem would see the day when people from many nations will come to offer worship. We are the lights of today that tell people that they belong. Anyone who desires to turn away from sin, the darkness, and embrace the light can be saints in his kingdom. Saints are those who admit they are sinners and are willing to allow Jesus to wipe those sins away. They will, with the help of grace, be committed to the path of light. I am reminded of the candle that we all receive when we are baptized. In the darkness that light shines all the more. Herod, in the gospel, was committed to his own kingdom and he would promote that kingdom with all his might to the point of the destruction of innocents. We, as Christians, do not promote our own kingdom, but we promote the kingdom of God. In this way we are lights. All

our resources are used to promote the kingdom of God. May we be lights in the darkness of this world. Happy Epiphany!  
Fr. Tim

**TEEN LIFE PROGRAM:** Grades 9-12  
**Sun., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Feed My Starving Children;  
1:00-3:00 @ Fargo  
**Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Class;  
Lesson: Circle of Grace

**JR HIGH:**  
**Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Class

**READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B)  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

**Saturday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM – St. Charles**  
**Int'n:** +LeRoy Schmaltz  
**Donor:** J/L Andersen  
**Greet/Ushers:** Dennis & Shelly Forward  
Joan Orner  
**Proclaimer:** Cindy Klapperich  
**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Bernie Boyle, Vickie Kelly  
**Altar Servers:** Lauren & Erin Rodine

**Sunday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM – St. Charles**  
**Int'n:** Marge Forward  
**Donor:** A Praska  
**Greet/Ushers:** Neil & Cindy Klapperich  
Tom & Gabrielle Ploske Family  
**Proclaimer:** Maryellen Homan  
**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Lindsey Courtney, Ron Maddock  
Monica Heimbuch  
**Altar Servers:** Joseph & Luke Dobitz

**Sunday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's**  
**Int'n:** For the People  
**Donor:**  
**Proclaimer:** Ronda & Kevin Throener  
**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Linda Hanson & Todd Stein  
**G/G:** Roger & Benita Ziegler