

**PASTORS'S NOTES:** "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough" (Luke 13:24). That is what Jesus said!!! Sometimes we like to see Jesus as this sweet, nice guy, rather than as a prophet that shakes up our world. Last week we heard how Jeremiah, the prophet, was thrown into the well, because he told people what they needed to hear rather than what they wanted to hear. We cannot forget the basic story of Jesus' life. His preaching, public life lasted for only three years. He came out of the desert after John the Baptist had been arrested. John, a great prophet, was beheaded, and then Jesus began his public life. Jesus lasted only three years before he was put to death, though he was innocent, and there is a reason that happened. He preached against the corruption of religious leaders, and the corruption included the wealthy not tending to the destitute. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Jesus gave that answer when someone asked, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Most of the time we hear after someone dies, "well, he is in heaven, now!" It is a presumption that all people are going to heaven and neither is it hard to enter heaven. You just can't be like Hitler. I have heard it said that it is hard to be Catholic. It should be hard to be Catholic, because it is hard to follow Jesus, to take up your cross and follow him and pass through the narrow door. That is why Jesus gave us so much help in the Sacraments. We are baptized into his life, confirmed in the Spirit and we receive in the Mass his body, blood, soul and divinity to have a fighting chance to enter eternal life and he also gave us a Sacrament for forgiveness so we can be renewed in our baptismal washing. The only way we will be strong enough is if Jesus is dwelling within us and, as the church says, Jesus' life has passed over into the Sacraments. Fr. Tim

**MISSION STATEMENT:** "St. Charles Parish exists to invite people into encounters with Jesus Christ and lead them to fullness of life in Him. What we do as a community of disciples; We pray, celebrate, work, learn, and grow."

**TEEN LIFE & JR. HIGH:**  
Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**  
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 (126C)  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM – St. Charles**  
**Intention:** +Rey Mendoza  
**Donor:** G/M Iverson  
**Greet/Usher:** Volunteers  
**Proclaimer:** Mary Jo Goodman  
**EEM:** Vickie Kelly, Dave Zetocha  
**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM – St. Mary's**  
**Intention:** For the People  
**Donor:**  
**Proclaimer:** Bonnie Josewski  
**EEM:** Mark & Jean Bopp  
**Greet/Gifts:** Roger & Benita Ziegler

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 – St. Charles**  
**Intention:** +Jim & +Madeline Maddock  
**Donor:** D/P Vogel  
**Greet/Usher:** Denise Awender  
**Proclaimers:** Martha Iverson, Pete Awender  
**EEM:** J Thorpe, L Courtney, J German  
**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

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# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 23 & 24, 2025

**Pastor: Rev Timothy Schroeder; Cell Phone: 701-520-0838**  
**(Masses will be Livestreamed on YouTube; the link is on our website found above)**

St. Charles **5:30 PM Saturday** Mass Intention: +Raye Vculek  
St. Mary's **8:00 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: For the People  
St. Charles **10:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: All Knights of Columbus Members

THIS WEEK			
Day, Date	Time	Event and Location	Mass Intentions, Donors and Notes
Mon. 8/25	6 – 7 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues. 8/26	5:30 PM 6 – 8 PM	Mass @ St. Charles	+Elenor Magrum – R/M Goodman
		Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed. 8/27	8:30 AM 3:00 PM 5 – 9 PM	Mass @ Hospital	+Dean Zink – R/C Iverson
		Mass @ St. Mary's Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs., 8/28	8:30 AM 4:30 PM	Mass @ St. Charles	+Philann Lux – N/C Klapperich
		Mass @ Manor	
Fri., 8/29	10:00 AM	Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman	+Raye Vculek – Her Family
Sat., 8/30	5:00 PM	Confessions @ St. Charles	+Rey Mendoza – G/M Iverson
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass @ St. Charles	
Sun., 8/31	7:45 AM	Confessions @ St. Mary's	For the People  +Jim & Madeline Maddock – D/P Vogel
	8:00 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Mary's	
	10:15 AM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	10:30 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Charles	

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Tim  
**Confirmation:** As scheduled through Faith Formation Program  
**First Holy Communion:** As scheduled through Faith Formation Program  
**Confession:** As noted on schedule above, or anytime by appointment; contact Fr. Tim  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request; contact Fr. Tim  
**Marriage:** Contact Fr. Tim at least 6 months in advance  
**Holy Orders:** Contact Fr. Tim

# ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**COFFEE & ROLLS SCHEDULE:** Each person, or couple, is to furnish 3 doz. Rolls. \*Denotes the chair-couple. If you cannot serve, please find a replacement. Thank you!

**Aug. 24:** \*Dave & Angie B. / Bonnie J. – Furnish (Money goes to purchase CCD Books)

**Aug. 31:** \*Kevin & Rhonda T. / Traci D.

**MASS TIME CHANGES:** Fall/Winter Mass schedules will begin **Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**. Saturday Mass at St. Charles will remain at 5:30 PM. **(4:00 PM on Sat., Sept 6<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the Fall Festival.) Sunday mornings:** St. Charles – **8:30 AM:** St. Mary's – **11:00 AM**

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** will be held **THIS Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 AM, with pizza following. **This is for all new and returning servers. ADULTS** are also welcome & encouraged to attend AND serve at Mass! **All ADULTS & STUDENTS** aged 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are welcome and encouraged to serve.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** August 24<sup>th</sup>  
“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” **LUKE 13:30**  
Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** If you have not seen your Birthday or Anniversary in the following column, and would like it published, please contact Jane by email @ [ljand@drtel.net](mailto:ljand@drtel.net) or text @ 210-0032.

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

Aug. 23 Gary Visto  
Aug. 27 Jim Buske, Jordan Geffre  
Coleen Rehovsky, Jean Schmaltz  
Aug. 28 Jewel Kapfer, Adam Bymers  
Aug. 30 Marvel Fiala, Autumn Handt

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

No Anniversaries this week.

**ST. CHARLES FINANCES**

<b>Envelope amount last week</b>	<b>\$1,672.00</b>
<b><u>Other receipts last weekend:</u></b>	
Plate.....	432.00
Forman Shared Expenses.....	1,539.92
Mass Stipends.....	90.00

**RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Campaign Goal:	\$750,000	
Miracle Goal:	\$1,500,000	
Pledged & gifted	\$1,371,014	182%
Families who have contributed:		85%

**MASS TIME CHANGE:** Mass at St. Charles on **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** will be changed from 5:30 to **4:00 PM**, to accommodate our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Rib Feast and Family Fun Fall Festival.  
**RIB FEAST AND FAMILY FUN FALL FESTIVAL:** Join us **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 – 7:00 PM for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Rib Feast at St. Charles! Serving: Ribs, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans & Watermelon. Free will offering. Also: Yard games for the family. Proceeds go to the St. Charles Renovation Project – all are welcome!

**HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS!!** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with opportunities to help at the Fall Festival. Choose what suits you best!

**FORMED.ORG** is an on-line Adult & Family Faith Formation service for all ages that St. Charles & St. Mary's have purchased. Check out the great movies and faith formation series for yourself, your children & teens. To sign up, go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org), choose the parish by using the Oakes zip code, enter your name & email. A quick link is on our website

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**SUNDAY CLASS TIME is 9:30 –10:45**

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PK-6 Classes begin Wed., Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: 5:00-6:00 PM

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:** Please register your child(ren) for the 2025-26 school year. Forms are located in the narthex. Classes begin **Wed., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **New this year, PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation classes will be meeting Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.**

**WELCOME BACK POTLUCK** will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 6:00 PM for ALL Faith Formation students & parents! **Please sign up on the bulletin board for choices to furnish.**

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CO-TEACHER:** A 4<sup>th</sup> grade co-teacher is needed for Faith Formation class. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to share your faith with our youth, and the opportunity to grow in your own faith!

**JR. HIGH CATECHIST:** We are in need of a Jr. High Religious Ed teacher! Classes are from 7:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday. This is part of sharing the Gospel of Jesus, so one day we hear “Well done, good & faithful servant.” Is Jesus calling you?? Please contact Monica.

**CATECHIST RETREAT:** Come away for a day of retreat at Maryvale, Valley City where Fr. Andrew Jasinski will direct a retreat with a series of talks reflecting on the Jubilee theme, “Hope does not disappoint”. These retreats are primarily for those involved in catechesis; however, all are welcome. Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Cost \$25/person. Deadline to register is Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Register online at the Fargo diocese website.

**ON MISSION THIS WEEK:** “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world ablaze,” said St. Catherine of Siena. How's that working for you?

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH EXPOSITION

Stop in to visit Jesus at any of these times.  
Committed adorers will be present as listed;  
**Monday: 6:00-7:00 PM; Tuesday: 6:00-8:00 PM;  
Wednesday: 5:00-9:00 PM**

**PARISH SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM. Make plans to attend!

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY** will take place in the United States on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The theme for 2025 was inspired by Sirach 14:2 “Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Lost Hope”, During this Jubilee of 2025. As we approach this celebration, please share with your elderly, infirm and homebound parishioners, the grace the Church extends to them during this Jubilee Year, as well as those who care for them.

**CHURCH LIGHTING** (by Richard Eastman)  
Several centuries ago, in a mountain village in Europe, a wealthy nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. He made a good decision. He decided to build them a church. No one was permitted to see the plans, or the inside of the church, until it was finished. At its grand opening, the people gathered and marveled at the beauty of the new church. Everything had been thought of and included. It was a masterpiece. But then someone said, “Wait a minute! Where are the lamps? It is really quite dark in here. How will the church be lighted?” The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls, and then he gave each person a lamp, which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship. “Each time you are here” the nobleman said, “the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, that place will be dark. This is to remind us that each person is needed to help light a part of Gods' house. We are all called to be lights in the world.” The Poet Edward Everett Hale put it like this: I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but still, I can do something: And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

**SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT:** The exhibit will be in the social hall of St. Mary's Cathedral all week **(Aug. 23-31)**. Special presentations by Jim Bertrand, **on Sun., Aug. 24 and Mon., Aug. 25, @ 7:00 PM.** More info: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/shroud-exhibit>

