

**PASTORS' NOTES:** All those in power sneered and jeered at Jesus on the cross. He is a condemned criminal in the Roman court. Most cannot see or will not take the time to understand what a mockery of justice his trial had been. "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." People do not know that he is the best image of God for us because he is the God-Man. He came to rescue us because we were created in the image and likeness of God in the beginning. Luke records no answer Jesus gave to those who mocked him. It usually does not do any good to defend oneself. Most often it falls on deaf ears. There is an old saying that the one who tries to be his own lawyer has a fool for a client. Then one of the thieves reviled him, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." It is said that a big barrier to belief is the suffering of the world. The argument goes something like the following. If God is all good and all powerful, why does he allow such suffering when he has power to stop it? Since there is such pain in the world, either God is not all good or not all powerful. The counter to this argument is that God allowed and allows such pain because he saw what a great gift free will is in the world, even though great suffering comes from evil choices. Our choices to defend life and truth, and work for justice, even through suffering, makes us human beings "like Jesus." The rebellious choice of Adam & Eve is part of all of us and suffering is part of a fallen world so that the greater good of free choice, to choose what is good, despite suffering is possible. Human beings are often like the suffering criminal who demands that Jesus take the suffering away. The response that brings salvation comes from the other criminal who defends the innocent. Remember next year at the feast of Christ the King Jesus takes the part of the innocents who are hungry, thirsty, naked, imprisoned, the stranger, the sick and Jesus says that what you do for them you do for me. In Luke's gospel the one thief acknowledges that he deserves death because of his sins, but he defends the innocent Jesus ("this man has done nothing criminal") and he asks for mercy. Don't we want to hear from Jesus what he heard, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Fr Tim (See Luke 23:35-43 for quotes, NABRE)

**PERU TRIP:** The trip will take place the beginning of June, 2026. If you'd like more information, please contact Monica @ 701-308-0190

**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:**  
Wednesday, Nov. 26: NO Class – 7:00 PM

**READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

Isaiah 2:1-5 (1A)  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

**Saturday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM – St. Charles**

**Intention:** +Jim & +Madeline Maddock  
**Donor:** P/D Vogel  
**Greet/Usher:** Volunteers  
**Proclaimer:** Mary Jo Goodman  
**EEM:** Janice Frojen, Ronnie Maddock  
**Altar Servers:** Adam Bymers, Garrett Halmrast

**Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM – St. Charles**

**Intention:** +Bernie Quandt  
**Donor:** D/J Goodoien  
**Greet/Usher:** Greg & Krista Dobitz Family  
**Proclaimers:** Jeanne Thorpe, Judy German  
**EEM:** C Klapperich, L Courtney, G Pioske  
**Altar Servers:** Rage & Chloe Awender

**Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's**

**Intention:** For the People  
**Donor:**  
**Proclaimer:** Kevin Throener  
**EEM:** Mark & Jean Bopp  
**Greet/Usher:** Kevin & Ronda Throener Family

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# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## November 22 & 23, 2025

**Pastor: Rev Timothy Schroeder; Cell Phone: 701-520-0838**  
**(Masses @ St. Charles Livestreamed on YouTube; link found on our website above)**

St. Charles **5:30 PM Saturday** Mass Intention: +Larry Heier  
St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: For the People  
St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: Anniversary - Shelly & Carl Anderson

THIS WEEK			
Day, Date	Time	Event and Location	Mass Intentions, Donors and Notes
Mon. 11/24	6 – 7 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues. 11/25	5:30 PM	Mass @ St. Charles	+John Paul Geffre – L/J Andersen
	6-7:30 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed. 11/26	8:30 AM	Mass @ Hospital	Raye Vculek – Her Family
	3:00 PM	Mass @ St. Mary's	
	5 – 9 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs. 11/27	8:30 AM	Mass @ St. Charles	John & Irene Solwey – J/S Frojen
	4:30 PM	Mass @ Manor	
Fri., 11/28	10:00 AM	Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman	+Robert Hanson – R/J Conner
Sat., 11/29	5:00 PM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass @ St. Charles	+Jim & +Madeline Maddock – D/P Vogel
Sun., 11/30	8:00 AM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	8:30 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Charles	+Bernie Quandt – D/J Goodoien
	10:45 AM	Confessions @ St. Mary's	
	11:00 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Mary's	For the People

**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  
**Holy Orders:** Contact Fr. Tim  
**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):** Contact Fr. Tim

# ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THANKSGIVING** worship service will be held TODAY, Sunday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity Lutheran church in Forman @ 2:00 PM. There will also be a collection for the Sargent Co. Food Pantry.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES:** Dec. 7 @ 5:30 at St. Mary's; Dec. 8 @ 5:30 at St. Charles.

**NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE:** All are invited to participate in Night of Prayer for Life on Mon., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Charles church in Oakes beginning at 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted **Sign-up deadline is Sun., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

	<u>Nov. 9</u>	<u>Nov. 16</u>
<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	\$2,664.40	\$755.00
Military Collection	350.00	

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."  
COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

**JAMESTOWN STATE HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM:** St. Charles & St. Mary's parishes will again participate! **Items will be collected from Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> until Wed., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The guidelines are as follows: Bring unwrapped gifts of new items that you yourself would enjoy receiving for Christmas, and place them in the boxes of the entryways at St. Charles and St. Mary's.

**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:

Nov. 22 Joan Orner  
Nov. 23 Brooke Kapfer  
Nov. 26 Emma Muggli  
Nov. 27 Johanna Kvigne  
Nov. 28 Peter Awender, Jr.  
Nov. 29 Tom Geffre, Betty Kelly

## ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Nov. 25: Dave & Tracie Zetocha ('89)  
Nov. 28: John & Ann Zetocha ('86)

## ST. CHARLES FINANCES

<b>Envelope amount last week</b>	<b>\$1,665.00</b>
Other receipts last weekend:	
Plate.....	284.00
Renewal Project.....	3,328.54
Fall Dinner.....	6,455.00
World Mission Collection.....	20.00
Military Collection.....	20.00

## RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Miracle Goal:	\$1,500,000
Pledged & gifted	\$1,377,295

**ADVENT DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS & 2026 CALENDARS** are available for families of St. Charles & St. Mary's in the entryways. Please pick yours up!

**CHRISTMAS 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.

**GIFTS FROM THE HARVEST:** By making a donation from the harvest, farmers are able to take advantage of some tax benefits that are more generous than a straight cash donation. The Fargo diocese has developed a flyer that helps explain the process and benefits. Copies are available in the Narthex

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

WEDNESDAY CLASS TIME is 5:00 – 6:00 PM

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THIS WEEK, Nov. 26: NO Class – Grades PK-6  
NEXT WEEK, Dec. 3: Class – Grades PK-6  
Sun., Dec. 7: **Grades PK, K & 1<sup>st</sup> sing @ Mass**

**OCIA CANDIDATES:** As a parish family, we will embrace our OCIA candidates Judy Hagen, Jennifer Knutson and Natalie Thompson during the Rite of Welcome at Mass on Sunday, December 7. This will be the first public step of their journey of exploring the Catholic faith. All are invited to greet and visit with them and their sponsors at **the First Sunday of the Month Brunch Mass on December 7.**

## 141<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL BLACK & INDIAN COLLECTION:

Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African & Native American, and Alaska Native Communities from coast to coast. Schools, Parish Religious Ed programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! **Please give generously in your provided envelopes.**

**HOMMERDING INCENTIVE FUND** will end at the end of the year. Until then, our parish has the opportunity to receive matching funds from this fund, as well as a local match. Your donation, **dedicated to the Renewal fund**, in addition to the 21% matching funds, will ensure our parish remains financially healthy for the future, as well as meet ongoing building & grounds needs that we will encounter in the years ahead. Thank you for your support!

**WISDOM FROM WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE:** This Catholic Women's Retreat, hosted by WINE (Women in the New Evangelization) will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in **Aberdeen on Saturday, January 10**, with an optional evening social on Friday, January 9. Includes Mass, Inspirational Talks, Opportunity for Confession, Fabulous Lunch, Adoration, Fellowship, Shopping, Chocolate & more! Details and Registration available online at [catholicvineyard.com/event/wisdom-from-women-in-scripture-retreat/](http://catholicvineyard.com/event/wisdom-from-women-in-scripture-retreat/)

## 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: 6:00-7:30 PM; Wednesday: 5:00-9:00 PM**

**NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE:** All are invited to participate in Night of Prayer for Life on **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at St. Charles beginning at 8 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted. **Sign-up deadline is Nov. 23.**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Holy Day of Obligation Mass schedule is as follows: **Sunday, Dec., 7<sup>th</sup>:** 5:30 PM @ St. Mary's  
**Monday, Dec., 8<sup>th</sup>:** 5:30 PM @ St. Charles

**"TORNADO WATCH" 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of Advent, Dec. 6 & 7. Please give to help families in need, here in Oakes, this Advent season.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** All are welcome to join the St. Charles Christmas choir to sing at the Christmas Eve Mass. Practices will be held on Sundays after Mass & Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM, **beginning on Wed. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please join us!

**OAKES FOOD PANTRY:** Dakota Workers 4-H Club is gathering food donations for the Oakes Food Pantry. You can drop off donations **throughout the month of November.** A box will be located in the narthex.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tanner & Brianna Zetocha, parents of Indie Jean Zetocha. Indie was born on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and baptized on November 15<sup>th</sup>. God bless Indie and her family!

**ON MISSION THIS WEEK:** Be like Jesus: pure in heart. Be a person of integrity. Be sincere. Be honest about your faults and failings. Do what is truly right, without compromising for what is easier.