

DEAR ST. CHARLES PARISH FAMILY: On behalf of the Fall Dinner Committee, we extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your wonderful support of this year's Fall Dinner. Whether you joined us for the meal, volunteered your time, or helped behind the scenes, your generosity and enthusiasm made this event truly special.

Because of you, we are able to continue this traditional and meaningful celebration—an event that not only honors our parish heritage but also strengthens the bonds that make St. Charles such a warm and welcoming community.

The Fall Dinner is more than a tradition—it is a celebration of our parish family. Your presence and dedication helped create a joyful gathering where friendships were strengthened and new connections were formed. We are deeply grateful for the spirit of service and fellowship that each of you brought to the day.

Thank you for making this all-parish event such a success and for continuing to build a vibrant, faith-filled community here at St. Charles. With gratitude,
The Fall Dinner Committee

----- I thank the Fall Dinner Committee and all who helped! **Great Job Everyone! Fr. Tim**

PARISH SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARD WRITING & POTLUCK. Share the spirit of Christmas with members of our parish who are grieving the loss of a loved one, as well as those who are in need of a little extra care and connection this Christmas season. Join us **Monday, Dec. 15th @ 5:30 PM** in the St. Francis room.

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 THIS 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.**

THE WORD AMONG US: copies are available for Dec./Advent. Pick yours up in the Narthex!
2026 CALENDARS are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to take one home.

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, Dec. 10: Class – 7:00 PM

READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Zephaniah 3:14-18a (9C)
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

Saturday, Dec. 13th at 5:30 PM – St. Charles

Intention: Kandiss Heier
Donor: C Heier
Greet/Usher: Volunteers
Proclaimer: Janice Frojen
EEM: Vickie Kelly, Mary Jo Goodman
Altar Servers:

Sunday, Dec. 14th at 8:30 AM – St. Charles

Intention: +John Paul Geffre
Donor: L/J Andersen
Greet/Usher: Lloyd & Anita Gebhardt
 Drew & Lindsey Courtney
Proclaimers: Tom Pioske, Ryan Schneider
EEM: J German, K Warren, E Thorpe
Altar Servers:

Sunday, Dec. 14th at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's

Intention: For the People
Donor:
Proclaimer: Bonnie Josewski
EEM: Mark & Jean Bopp
Greet/Usher: Dave & Angie Bergeman Family

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

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**2nd Sunday of Advent
 December 6 & 7, 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: For the People
 St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: +Joyce Klapperich
 St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: +Don Fauss
 St. Mary's **5:30 PM Sunday – Immaculate Conception Mass**

| THIS WEEK | | | |
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| Day, Date | Time | Event and Location | Mass Intentions, Donors and Notes |
| Mon. 12/8 | 5:30 PM | Immaculate Conception Mass @ St. Charles | +Robert Hanson – L/J Andersen |
| | 6 – 7 PM | Adoration @ St. Charles | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Tues. 12/9 | 5:30 PM | Mass @ St. Charles | Renita Westerhausen – C Heier |
| | 6-7:30 PM | Adoration @ St. Charles | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wed. 12/10 | 8:30 AM | Mass @ Hospital | +Courtney Ford – W/C Rehovsky |
| | 3:00 PM | Mass @ St. Mary's | +Fr. William Callery |
| | 5 – 9 PM | Adoration @ St. Charles | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thurs. 12/11 | 8:30 AM | Mass @ St. Charles | +Floyd & +Irene Palensky – J Buske |
| | 4:30 PM | Mass @ Manor | |
| Fri., 12/12 | 10:00 AM 5:30 PM | Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman Mass in Spanish – St. Charles | +Lois Mahowald – L Even Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| Sat., 12/13 | 5:00 PM | Confessions @ St. Charles | |
| | 5:30 PM | Vigil Mass @ St. Charles | Kandiss Heier – C Heier |
| Sun., 12/14 | 8:00 AM | Confessions @ St. Charles | |
| | 8:30 AM | Sun. Mass @ St. Charles | +John Paul Geffre – L/J Andersen |
| | 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

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mary's Contacts:

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| | <u>Nov. 23</u> | <u>Nov. 30</u> |
| COLLECTIONS: | \$1,346.00 | \$786.25 |

Military Services \$ 100.00

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Anyone wishing to donate towards poinsettias for Christmas, please give the money to Jean Bopp or Lisa Flihs (Janes), or marked as so in the collection. If you wish this to be a memorial, please include the names.

ALSO, SEE BELOW ITEMS:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Holy Day of Obligation Mass schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Dec., 7th: 5:30 PM @ St. Mary's

Monday, Dec., 8th: 5:30 PM @ St. Charles

NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE: All are invited to participate in Night of Prayer for Life on **Monday, December 8th** at St. Charles. All are welcome to stop in at any time from 8:00 PM until midnight.

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

St. Aloysius, Lisbon: Thurs., Dec. 11 @ 7:00 PM

St. Charles, Oakes: Thurs., Dec. 18 @ 5:50-6:30 PM

St. Mary's, Forman: Sun., Dec. 21 @ 3:30-4:30 PM

Holy Rosary, LaMoure: Sun., Dec. 21 @ 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS & MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Dec. 24: 4:30 PM – St. Charles

7:00 PM – St. Mary's

Dec. 25: 10:30 AM – St. Charles

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation:

December 31: 5:00 PM – St. Mary's

January 1: 10:30 AM – St. Charles

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 or text @ 210-0032.

BIRTHDAYS AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Dec. 6 Lloyd Gebhardt, Maryellen Homan

Dec. 9 Beau Thorpe

Dec. 10 Jordyn Kelly, Toni Kelly

Marie Courtney, Stella Courtney

Dec. 11 Rose Sell

Dec. 12 Owen Jordahl

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

No Anniversaries this Week.

ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Envelope amount last week **\$1,976.00**

Other receipts last weekend:

Plate..... 173.00

Renewal Project.....

Forman..... 1,508.68

Flowers..... 140.00

Energy..... 50.00

Black & Indian Collection..... 25.00

Food Pantry..... 356.00

RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Miracle Goal: \$1,500,000

Pledged & gifted \$1,377,295

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS supper & meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Dec. 10th** @ 6:00 PM.

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.

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!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Sun., Dec. 7: **Grades PK, K & 1st sing @ Mass**

THIS WEEK, Dec. 10: Advent Program Practice

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THIS WEEK, use your Advent booklet to read about Adriana, the would-be wildlife photographer, a guy named Greg, and a cornea transplant patient.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: a **Lifetime of Service Deserve Care in Return:** "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Ill. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving NEXT Week!

OAKES AREA FOOD PANTRY is now open the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month from 10:00am – noon. No appointments are necessary. During visits, patrons enter through the south door then fill out a quick intake form before selecting food items. Patrons' choice allows them to select food items based on their household size and interests. Food donations can be dropped off at the new location 115 S. 5th St. in Oakes while monetary donations can be dropped off at Starion Bank. Thank you!

INVITE SOMEONE! Who do you miss seeing at Mass & social activities at St. Charles? Go ahead... reach out and invite them to the things that are happening here in **December**. Being invited means a lot! Preprinted invitations and mailing envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Take one to give or mail to someone you'd like to invite!

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. Please join us!

OAKES COMMUNITY CHOIR presents their Christmas cantata, "Carol of Christmas", today, Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 pm - Grace Lutheran Church.

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

"TORNADO WATCH" 2ND COLLECTION will be held THIS weekend, **Dec. 6 & 7**. Please give this Advent Season to help families in need, right here, in Oakes.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Mass in Spanish, followed by a potluck, will be held on **Friday, Dec. 12th** at 5:30 at St. Charles. All are welcome!

GIFT; GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER: NEXT Sunday Dec. 14th, at 9:45, after Mass, we will have an all-parish, family-friendly Advent carousel. You, and your whole family, are encouraged to attend!

ADVENT PROGRAM "Just A Little Christmas" & KC BREAKFAST will be held immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, December 21st**.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: December 7th
"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

ST. ARNOLDS CHRISTMAS PANTRY: Wed., Dec. 10th, from 4:30-6:30 PM in Milnor. Shop for Christmas goodies and enjoy Fried Bread Tacos for \$10, or Fried Cinnamon Sugar Bread for \$5. Check bulletin board for information.