

PASTORS NOTES: We call the foster father of Jesus, Joseph the Protector. He is the patron saint of fathers and we ask him to pray for us that we have good fathers who, with their wives, protect their family. Parents have a demanding vocation not only to protect their children physically, but to protect that flame of faith given to them at baptism. This Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family, we immediately hear the trouble Joseph found his family in because he took Mary into his home. "When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt... Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.'" Joseph arose and fled with the child and his mother. (See Matthew 2:13-15) There are many reasons why we should care for refugees and migrants, but one reason is that the Holy Family were refugees. They were poor refugees. They only offered two doves when they presented the Holy Child to Lord because they fulfilled the Law of Moses which said that is what a poor family should offer. Jesus said in the judgment scene in Matthew chapter 25, that if we accepted the stranger, we accept Jesus, and he would put us on his right with the good sheep, if we did that. He said if we visited the prisoner, we visited him. For all these reasons we should, as Christians, take the part of the stranger, be concerned about the conditions in prisons and detention centers and visit them to bring them the hope. We are all called to be protectors like Joseph. We should do this if we want to stand at Jesus' right when he comes in glory. Joseph, the Protector, listened to the voice of the angel and protected the Christ child and his mother. We ask him to pray for us so that we can be protectors of the vulnerable, from the baby in the womb, to the refugee in the detention center. If we do not lift up our voice for the vulnerable, we will fail to protect the ones with whom Jesus identifies. What you do (or fail to do) for the least of these, you do, or fail to do,

for me, is what Jesus will say to us at our judgment. St. Joseph the Protector, pray for us in this challenging time. 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."

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| <p>TEEN LIFE & JR. HIGH: <u>Wednesday, Dec. 31st:</u> NO Class</p> |
| <p>READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12</p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 3rd at 5:30 PM – St. Charles Intention: +Bernie Quandt Donor: L/J Andersen Greet/Usher: Joan Orner & Janet Retzlaff Proclaimer: Barb Boyle EEM: Steve Konkler, Jeanne Pahl Altar Servers: Sunday, Jan. 4th at 8:30 AM – St. Charles Intention: For the People Donor: Greet/Usher: Gabrielle & Tom Pioske Family Proclaimers: Krista Dobitz, Robert Thorpe EEM: K Warren, E Thorpe, B Pioske Altar Servers: Sunday, Jan. 4th at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's Intention: +James Mahrer Donor: His Family Proclaimer: Ronda/Kevin Throener EEM: Linda Hanson, Todd Stein Greet/Usher: Todd & Diane Stein</p> |
| <p>CONTACTS Fr. Tim: timothy.schroeder@fargodiocese.org Fr. Tim: 701-520-0838 St. Charles Office Phone: 701-742-2418 Office Hours: 10:30 – 5:30 (Tues-Thurs) Business Administrator: ljand@drtel.net DRE: monica_kay00@hotmail.com Prayer Chain: Barb @ 701-210-0822 Prayer Chain: nancym@drtel.net</p> |

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 27 & 28, 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: +Jim & +Madeline Maddock
 St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: For the People
 St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: +Dennis Miller

| THIS WEEK | | | |
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| Day, Date | Time | Event and Location | Mass Intentions, Donors and Notes |
| Mon. 12/29 | 6 – 7 PM | Adoration @ St. Charles | |
| Tues. 12/30 | 5:30 PM | Mass @ St. Charles | +Madeline Maddock – D/P Vogel |
| | 6-7:30 PM | Adoration @ St. Charles | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wed. 12/31 Solemnity of Mary | 8:30 AM | Mass @ Hospital | +Jadie Dahlen – M Dahlen |
| | 5:00 PM 5 – 9 PM | Mass @ St. Mary's NO Adoration @ St. Charles | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thurs. 1/1 Solemnity of Mary | 10:30 AM 4:30 PM | Mass @ St. Charles Mass @ Manor | +Robert Hanson – Friends & Co-workers |
| Fri., 1/2 | 10:00 AM | Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman | +Raye Vculek – Her Family |
| Sat., 1/3 | 5:00 PM | Confessions @ St. Charles | +Bernie Quandt – L/J Andersen |
| | 5:30 PM | Vigil Mass @ St. Charles | |
| Sun., 1/4 | 8:00 AM | Confessions @ St. Charles | For the People +James Mahrer – His Family |
| | 8:30 AM | Sun. Mass @ St. Charles | |
| | 10:45 AM | Confessions @ St. Mary's | |
| | 11:00 AM | Sun. Mass @ St. Mary's | |

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

St. Mary's Contacts:

Office Phone: 701-724-3319

Office Hours: Wed. or Fri.; (Fr. Tim: 520-0838)

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| | <u>Dec. 7</u> | <u>Dec. 14</u> |
| COLLECTIONS: | \$1,847.00 | \$3,364.00 |

Immaculate Conception: \$250.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$370.00

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.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

December 31: 5:00 PM – St. Mary's

January 1: 10:30 AM – St. Charles

SPECIAL MINISTRY SIGN-UP: There is a sheet in the Narthex to sign up for ministries for the Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses.

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 any amount 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. Thanks!

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!

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:

Jan. 1 Mariska Halmrast, Easton Jordahl

Jan. 2 Ann Zetocha

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Dec. 27 Ron and Mary Jo Goodman ('68)

Dec. 30 Curt & Sarah Halmrast ('11)

ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Envelope amount last week **\$3,795.00**

Other receipts last weekend:

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| Plate..... | 151.00 |
| Renewal Project..... | 8,783.21 |
| Flowers..... | 60.00 |
| Retirement for Religious..... | 223.00 |
| Mass Stipends..... | 60.00 |
| Thanksgiving..... | 20.00 |
| DRN Capital Credit Dividend.... | 300.24 |
| Boyle Benefit..... | 100.00 |

RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

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

MADE FOR GREATNESS: Winter Men's Retreat.

While every man is called to, and if fact inherently desires, greatness, the challenge is not only finding out what that looks like for them, it is also that the goal post keeps moving. What manly greatness looks like as a young single man is different than what it is as a married man, a husband, or even an empty nester. Former Protestant pastor Keith Nester will assist men to identify what greatness God is uniquely calling them to at their own stage of life. In addition to practical real-life insights, there also will be times to meet the Lord God in prayer and the sacraments, as well opportunities for rejuvenation through real brotherhood, great food, and even some friendly competition. Check it out at www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

THIS WEEK, Dec. 31: NO Class

NEXT WEEK, Jan. 7: Class

THE WORD AMONG US: copies are available for January. Pick yours up in the Narthex!

2026 COLLECTION ENVELOPES & 2026 CALENDARS are available in the Narthex. Please take yours home!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. **It's not too late to give!** Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

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.

Upcoming Search Dates:

Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2026 (deadline: Feb. 9)

April 10-12, 2026 (deadline: March 23)

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!

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

ST. CHARLES LAY DIRECTORS & PARISH COUNCIL

MEMBERS: Lay Directors: Curt Halmrast, Toni Brummund-Kelly; Parish Council Members: Jeanie Thorpe, Bob German, Drew Courtney, Lona Hermes, Greg Gebhardt

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: December 28th

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." COLOSSIANS 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

FROM FRESH TO FREEZE-DRIED!

This 2-hour workshop will introduce you to the freeze-drying method of food preservation. Freeze-dried foods will be available to sample. The workshop will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 24th at the St. Charles Social Center. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. Call 710-0021 to pre-register by January 20th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are scheduled to meet on Wed., January 14th. Supper at 6:00 PM followed by new member initiation and meeting.

ON MISSION THIS WEEK: Remember this: God wants to shine through YOU!