

**PASTORS NOTES:** The three magi (kings) from the East are often seen as a foreshadowing of the universal nature of Jesus' message. These three were not Jewish yet they came to worship the infant as Lord. At first there were some struggles with this notion of opening to the world. It seemed that even Jesus, as fully human, did not recognize, at first, the universal nature of his mission as it says in Matthew 10:5-6, "Jesus sent these men on mission as the Twelve, after giving them the following instructions: 'Do not visit pagan territory and do not enter a Samaritan town. Go instead after the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'" (NAB) In the last verses of Matthew, however, the resurrected Lord commissions them "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (NAB Mt 28:19a) All the readings this weekend bring forth the universal nature of Jesus' mission. Isaiah says, "Nations shall walk in your (Jerusalem's) light." The psalm refrain exults, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Paul says, "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." (Eph 3:6) It is often uncomfortable to talk about our faith, but it is part of our commission to share the truth about Jesus, our savior. Hopefully we all are open to find ways to spread the truth that Jesus is for everybody, and invite them to Mass. One of the challenges is that people cannot receive communion in Mass if not Catholic. They must understand that communion is for the fully initiated. It is an expression of our "oneness" in belief and our willingness to submit to the bishop's authority. It is a commitment to the bond of our relationship. For example, a fully initiated Catholic has the obligation to attend Mass every weekend. Since full participation at Mass is for the Catholic, we have other ways for them to know what it means to be a Catholic Christian, e.g., our class on Tuesday night called the OCIA. May we have courage to invite others, so that all might know that the

salvation Jesus brings is for everyone. Have a blessed new year! 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:**  
Wednesday, Jan 7: Class

**READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)  
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Matthew 2:1-12

**Saturday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM – St. Charles**

**Intention:** +Larry Heier  
**Donor:** L/J Andersen  
**Greet/Usher:** Joan Orner & Janet Retzlaff  
**Proclaimer:** Deb Anderson  
**EEM:** Vickie Kelly, Mary Jo Goodman  
**Altar Servers:**

**Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM – St. Charles**

**Intention:** +Danny Klapperich  
**Donor:** N/C Klapperich  
**Greet/Usher:** Gabrielle & Tom Pioske Family  
**Proclaimers:** Ryan Schneider, Tom Pioske  
**EEM:** J Thorpe, L Courtney, J German  
**Altar Servers:**

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

**Intention:** For the People  
**Donor:**  
**Proclaimer:** Ronda/Kevin Throener  
**EEM:** Linda Hanson, Todd Stein  
**Greet/Usher:** Roger & Benita Ziegler

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 Forman, ND 58032-4209  
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**The Epiphany of the Lord  
 January 3 & 4, 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: +Bernie Quandt  
 St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: For the People  
 St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: +James Mahrer

THIS WEEK			
Day, Date	Time	Event and Location	Mass Intentions, Donors and Notes
Mon. 1/5	6 – 7 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	
Tues. 1/6	5:30 PM	Mass @ St. Charles	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
	6-7:30 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed. 1/7	8:30 AM	Mass @ Hospital	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
	3:00 PM	Mass @ St. Mary's	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
	5 – 9 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs. 1/8	8:30 AM	Mass @ St. Charles	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
	4:30 PM	Mass @ Manor	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
Fri., 1/9	10:00 AM	Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
Sat., 1/10	5:00 PM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass @ St. Charles	+Larry Heier – L/J Andersen
Sun., 1/11	8:00 AM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	8:30 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Charles	+Danny Klapperich – N/C Klapperich
	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

### St. Mary's Contacts:

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### 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

**FR. TIM GONE:** Father will be gone to Mexico  
January 5<sup>th</sup> through January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH:** We will host a priest from Cross Catholic Outreach next weekend, January 10 & 11. Cross Catholic Outreach connects U.S. parishes with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and Catholic laity serving the poorest of the poor in developing countries. As we gather around the Lord's table, discover how we can come together as the Body of Christ to bless impoverished children and families. May we draw near to those who suffer, remembering that to feed and clothe the poor is to feed and clothe Our Lord himself.

**HOMMERDING INCENTIVE FUND will end soon.** 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 @ [lband@drtel.net](mailto:lband@drtel.net) or text @ 210-0032.

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

Jan. 8 Erica Thorpe, Kathy Roney  
Jan. 9 Barb Harris, Claire Courtney  
Jan. 10 Trevor Cuhel

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

No Anniversaries this week.

### **ST. CHARLES FINANCES**

<b>Envelope amount last week</b>	<b>\$6,771.00</b>
<u>Other receipts last weekend:</u>	
Plate.....	954.00
Renewal Project.....	7,050.00
Flowers.....	150.00
Retirement for Religious.....	250.00
Mass Stipends.....	100.00

### **RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:**

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

### **MADE FOR GREATNESS: Winter Men's Retreat. January 23-25 at Maryvale Retreat Center.**

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](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter).

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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THIS WEEK, Jan 7: Class  
NEXT WEEK, Jan. 14: 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!**

**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)

**LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS RETREAT: Friday, Feb 27-Sunday, March 1 @ St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson.** A healing retreat for adult children of divorce or separation. Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love & trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. Register at: [fargodiocese.org/lgw](http://fargodiocese.org/lgw). For questions call 701-356-7900 or [jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org](mailto:jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org).

## 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:** Epiphany of the Lord  
*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*  
MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> at the St. Charles Social Center. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. Call 710-0021 to pre-register by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**ON MISSION THIS WEEK:** We were created. We were captured. We were rescued. Use the weapon of GOODNESS to reach out and rescue whomever God puts on your path this week.