

PASTORS NOTES: I love that when Jesus came out of the water the Spirit descends and the Father's voice is heard. The Trinity is present. It reminds me of the creation story when God the Father speaks his Word and the Spirit hovers over the water. Of course, John the Evangelist says the Word became flesh so that Word is the second person of the Trinity. The Trinity is present and active in creation and now in redeeming the world through Jesus. The Father declares Jesus "his beloved Son." The Father goes on to say that he is "well pleased" with Jesus. God may not always be well pleased with how we behave but as a loving Father, he always loves us and does not abandon us. We are the ones that sometimes abandon God or we may abandon the ones God loves. In John's gospel John calls himself the beloved disciple. We would have more joy if we considered how beloved we are by the Almighty One. I often think about my sins and ask pardon, but it would do me good, as well, to remember that I am "beloved." I dare say that it would help us all. I remember someone struggling with depression and just a feeling of hopelessness. She said her husband would try to "fix" her but that usually only frustrated her. If he just simply expressed his love, the burden lifted and light filtered through to her in her darkness. Maybe that is why so many people feel pulled toward the verse of John 3:16, "Yes God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but have eternal life." (NAB) That great verse is delivered to us by the "Beloved Disciple" who wrote John's gospel. I think we might be more motivated by love instead of fear to live in God's truth if we understood on a deeper level God's love for us. By the time you read this, I will be in Monterrey, MX. I have been going there since 2002 and have developed many friends who tell me how happy they are to see me again. It feels a lot like love and it changes me in subtle ways, just as your love does. 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 14: Class

READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 (64A)
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Saturday, Jan. 17th at 5:30 PM – St. Charles

Intention: +Clifford & +Lucille Buske
Donor: J Buske
Greet/Usher: Joan Orner & Janet Retzlaff
Proclaimer: Nancy Maddock
EEM: Dennis Forward, Martha Iverson
Altar Servers: John & Reuben Gramlow

Sunday, Jan. 18th at 8:30 AM – St. Charles

Intention: +Mary Ann Alcorn
Donor: N/C Klapperich
Greet/Usher: Gabrielle & Tom Pioske Family
Proclaimers: Jeanne Thorpe, Anna Sell
EEM: B Kelly, M Heimbuch, D Zetocha
Altar Servers: Claire & Ana Pioske

Sunday, Jan. 18th at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's

Intention: For the People
Donor:
Proclaimer: Ronda/Kevin Throener
EEM: Linda Hanson, Todd Stein
Greet/Usher: Isaiah & Allison Throener

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The Baptism of the Lord January 10 & 11, 2026

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: +Danny Klapperich
St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: For the People

THIS WEEK			
Day, Date	Time	Event and Location	Mass Intentions, Donors and Notes
Mon. 1/12	6 – 7 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	
Tues. 1/13	5:30 PM	Mass @ St. Charles	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
	6-7:30 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed. 1/14	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. 1/15	8:30 AM	Mass @ St. Charles	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
	4:30 PM	Mass @ Manor	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
Fri., 1/16	10:00 AM	Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman	NO Mass – Fr. Tim Gone
Sat., 1/17	5:00 PM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass @ St. Charles	+Clifford & +Lucille Buske – J Buske
Sun., 1/18	8:00 AM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	8:30 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Charles	+Mary Ann Alcorn – 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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COLLECTIONS:

Dec. 21: \$880.00
Dec 25: \$1,345.00
Dec. 28: \$1,310.00

FR. TIM GONE: Father will be gone to Mexico through January 16th.

PARISH SOCIETY is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 13th at 5:30 PM.

YOUR TIME & TALENTS ARE NEEDED, WANTED and WELCOME! Copies of St. Charles 2026 Time and Talents Survey will be available after Masses this weekend. Each youth and adult member is asked to complete a survey. Check any/all items on the survey that you are curious about, or would like to CONTINUE or BEGIN doing as a way to contribute to the vitality of St. Charles Parish. Take the survey home and bring it back next week, or stay after Mass today and complete the survey in the comfort of our St. Francis Room.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH: We will host a priest from Cross Catholic Outreach THIS 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.

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. 10 Trevor Cuhel
Jan. 11 Deb Anderson, John Scheuring
Jan. 12 Rod Sell
Jan. 14 Cristina Bymers
Jan. 15 Grayson Roney

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Jan. 16 Rod and Rose Sell ('65)

ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Envelope amount last week & year-end	
Donations:	\$8,953.00
Other receipts last weekend & end of year:	
Plate.....	147.00
Renewal Project.....	62,330.67
Catholic Development.....	539.63
Retirement for Religious.....	20.00
Mass Stipends.....	200.00
Parish Society.....	600.00
Peru Trip Downpayments.....	900.00
Cemetery.....	1,000.00
1 st Sunday Brunch.....	308.00
Thanksgiving.....	25.00

RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Miracle Goal: \$1,500,000

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family of Johanna Kvigne who passed away on December 25th, and who's funeral Mass was held at St. Charles on Dec. 30, 2025. May she enjoy eternal peace with the Lord in Heaven.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: The Baptism of the Lord
"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"
MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

THIS WEEK, Jan 14: Class
NEXT WEEK, Jan. 21: Class

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

2026 COLLECTION ENVELOPES, YEAR-END STATEMENTS & 2026 CALENDARS are available in the Narthex. Please take yours home!

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.

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. For questions call 701-356-7900 or jennie.korsmo@fargodiocese.org.

EUCHARISTIC 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

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: Share the joy-filled spirit that God gave you.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Valley City March 20-22. Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage. For more than 50 years, **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. **Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives.** Check out more about WWME or apply for the weekend by visiting <https://wwme.org/> or call (701) 347-1998 for more information.

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.**