

PASTORS NOTES: John the Baptist points to Jesus as the “Lamb of God.” At every Mass, as we break the consecrated host, we sing “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.” In John’s gospel, the evangelist makes it clear that Jesus freely gives his life for us: “The Father loves me for this; that I lay down my life to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down freely. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.” (10:17-18a,b NAB) The Passover Lamb in Exodus protects the people of Israel when its blood is smeared on the door post of their homes. Jesus gave up his life freely to protect us from the onslaught of the evil one. We receive His blood for strength to choose what is good for our heavenly journey, when we are confronted with temptations. The evil one uses all manner of trickery to get us to submit and give in. Once we give in, he tries to hold us down by convincing us that our sin is unforgivable. When that happens, all joy leaves and the spiral downward begins to take place. When Christians do not have joy, they are not “attractive.” Pope Francis made the point that joy is key for spreading the gospel in his Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*. The power, strength, courage to follow Jesus is a gift that we must unwrap. We may know what will bring life, but sometimes we just don’t have what it takes to take the next step in that direction. The Lamb of God who has the power to lay down his life and take it up again, can give us what we need. For our part, we must give in to him so that he can empower us to give up what we want in sinful desires, and embrace the cross and follow him. “Siant Ignatius reminds us that when we lack the desire to follow God, we can pray to ‘desire the desire.’ God is able to work with whatever we offer to him, and the more we continue to offer ourselves to God, the more that God can transform us into the people he has called us to be.” (Living Liturgy: Spirituality, Celebration and Catechesis for Sundays and Solemnities, Liturgical Press 2026, page 47). In the book of Revelation that Lamb sits on the throne and is victorious, he wants us to join him in his victory, even more that we want it. 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 21: Class

READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 (67A)
 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Saturday, Jan. 24th at 5:30 PM – St. Charles

Intention: For the People
Donor:
Greet/Usher: Joan Orner & Janet Retzlaff
Proclaimer: Vickie Kelly
EEM: Janice Frojen, Bernie Boyle
Altar Servers: Adam Bymers

Sunday, Jan. 25th at 8:30 AM – St. Charles

Intention: +Johanna Kvigne
Donor: D Handt
Greet/Usher: Gabrielle & Tom Pioske Family
Proclaimers: Lindsey Courtney, Judy German
EEM: K Warren, E Thorpe, G Pioske
Altar Servers: Beau Thorpe, Avery Courtney, Rage & Chloe Awender

Sunday, Jan. 25th at 11:00 AM – St. Mary’s

Intention: +Don Fauss
Donor: His Family
Proclaimer: Ronda/Kevin Throener
EEM: Linda Hanson, Todd Stein
Greet/Usher: David & Angie Bergeman Family

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17 & 18, 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: +Clifford &+ Lucille Buske
 St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: +Mary Ann Alcorn
 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. 1/19	6 – 7 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	
Tues. 1/20	5:30 PM	Mass @ St. Charles	Renita Westerhausen – C Heier
	6-7:30 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed. 1/21	8:30 AM	Mass @ Hospital	+Raye Vculek – Her Family
	3:00 PM	Mass @ St. Mary’s	Fr. Duane Cote – Fr. Tim
	5 – 9 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs. 1/22	8:30 AM	Mass @ St. Charles	+Robert Hanson – R/J Conner
	4:30 PM	Mass @ Manor	
Fri., 1/23	10:00 AM	Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman	+Larry Even – M/J Bopp
Sat., 1/24	5:00 PM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass @ St. Charles	For the People
Sun., 1/25	8:00 AM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	8:30 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Charles	+Johanna Kvigne – D Handt
	10:45 AM	Confessions @ St. Mary’s	
	11:00 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Mary’s	+Don Fauss – His Family

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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THANK YOU to the following individuals for their donations for the Christmas Poinsettias:
Bev Walstead – In Memory of Roger Walstead
James Schreiner – In Memory of the Schreiner Family

Dennis & Beverly Brezicka – In Memory of Leonard & Jessie Brezicha and Roy & Helen Anderson
Carl & Shelly Anderson – In Memory of Gordon & Marie Pearson
Dennis & Lisa Fliehs – In Memory of Ralph & Eleanore Messmer and Marvin & MaryAnn Fliehs

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.

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.**

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. 18 Eva Courtney
Jan. 19 Jack Vculek, Stella Gabhardt
Jan. 21 Don Warren, Analise Pioske
Jan. 23 Kenedi Finley
Jan. 24 Jordon Heimbuch

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Jan. 20 Bruce and Margo Skjette ('89)
Jan. 22 Kevin & Fran Helwig ('83)

ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Envelope amount last week	\$1,535.00
Other receipts last weekend:	
Plate.....	53.00
Renewal Project.....	7,500.00
Catholic Development.....	539.63
Mass Stipends.....	180.00
Parish Society.....	517.87
Cemetery.....	100.00
RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:	
Miracle Goal:	\$1,500,000

ON MISSION THIS WEEK: Share your faith story with the one God puts on your path this week.

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.** Call (701) 347-1998 for more information. Check out more about WWME or apply for the weekend by visiting <https://wwme.org/>

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

THIS WEEK, Jan 21: Class
NEXT WEEK, Jan. 28: Class

FEED YOUR DESIRE to grow in knowledge and love of Scripture! Take home this week's issue of the "AWAKEN" newsletter! Enjoy it and engage with it! Copies are available on the cabinet countertop in the narthex.

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, 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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers & sisters. Please be generous today! Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH: Envelopes to give to Cross Catholic Outreach are available on the counter in the Narthex. Cross Catholic connects U.S. parishes with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and Catholic laity serving the poorest of the poor in developing countries. May we draw near to those who suffer, remembering that to feed and clothe the poor is to feed and clothe Our Lord himself.

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

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

BENEFIT FOR TYLER KRUMM will be held at the Enderlin VFW on Saturday, Jan 24th @ 4:00 PM, with a Taco Bar & a Silent Auction (must be present) from 5:00-7:00 PM. Tyler was diagnosed with cancer and is currently in treatment. Donations can be dropped off at the VFW. There a FoFundMe set up, as well as a Witt account, which you can view on Tamara Krumm's Facebook page.

ST. CHARLES ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 27th**, at 6:00 PM in the St. Francis Room. We will review the St. Charles Financial position, and discuss pastoral issues. All are invited to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Fifty-five people are needed to stand in as "beads" to form a Living Human Rosary for one of our upcoming Lenten Programs. The Living Human Rosary program will be either on **Wed., Feb 25, OR Wed., Mar. 4.** Sign-up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board. All ages 7 & up are welcome! Each person will get to light a candle and announce a personal prayer intention.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: January 18th
"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5
God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.