

PASTORS NOTES: This week in the gospel, it is about the call of the first disciples or apostles, Simon, later called Peter, his brother Andrew, and James and John. All of these men were fishermen. It is interesting that his first disciples were not among the power structure of the Jewish synagogue, but people of the country. I have thought often times how much power there can be in a small country church. It seems Jesus started with the small. It also reminds me that we must continue to try to better our relationships with those whom we live and work. We might, and I dare say, should have a big circle of concern which includes the whole world. What, however, is our circle of influence? Mother Theresa of Calcutta had an impact on the whole world, but she did not start by trying to change the world by speaking to the crowds. She started by just treating the poor and dying right around her with dignity. Her influence went out from there, as one at time noticed her way and wanted to join her. This weekend Jesus is starting with calling particular men with whom he would spend the majority of his earthly life. He did things like inviting three of those called this weekend, Peter, James and John, up a high mountain where they experienced the Transfiguration. The only time I was able to go to the Holy Land in 1987, I was able to go up that mountain with a few of the students that were with me. We did not even start at the base, but it took us quite a while. To think that Jesus took that much time with just a few, gives me a pause. I think that Masses with just a few might be more important than one would think. It gives credence to the thought that it is not all in the numbers. I know I love a full church. It gives me energy and I cannot help but think that maybe our Catholic faith is making a comeback. When I read about the beginning of Jesus ministry, like today's gospel, where Jesus just starts by calling these four men, it gives me hope even when the numbers are few. May we truly follow the call of Jesus, and not worry about how alone we are, or few there are, that do the same! If we follow with our whole, mind, heart and soul, like Mother Theresa, it will have an impact on more than we could ever have imagined. 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 28: Class

READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 (70A)
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday, Jan. 31st at 5:30 PM – St. Charles

Intention: +Keith Bymers
Donor: P Moore
Greet/Usher: Joan Orner & Janet Retzlaff
Proclaimer: Mary Jo Goodman
EEM: Ronnie Maddock, Betty Kelly
Altar Servers: Quinn Heimbuch, Meliyah Theadmann

Sunday, Feb., 1st at 8:30 AM – St. Charles

Intention: +Johanna Kvigne
Donor: D Handt
Greet/Usher: Drew & Lindsey Courtney Family
Proclaimers: Lindsey Courtney, Krist Dobitz
EEM: A Sell, J Thorpe, D Zetocha
Altar Servers: Claire & Ana Pioske

Sunday, Feb., 1st at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's

Intention: For the People
Donor:
Proclaimer: Mindie Bopp
EEM: Dave & Angie Bergeman
Greet/Usher: Kevin & Mindie Bopp

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24 & 25, 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: For the People
 St. Charles **8:30 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: +Johanna Kvigne
 St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday** Mass Intention: +Don Fauss

THIS WEEK			
Day, Date	Time	Event and Location	Mass Intentions, Donors and Notes
Mon. 1/26	6 – 7 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	
Tues. 1/27	5:30 PM	Mass @ St. Charles	+Bernie Quandt – P Moore
	6-7:30 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed. 1/28	8:30 AM	Mass @ Hospital	+John Paul Geffre – JT/M Homan
	3:00 PM	Mass @ St. Mary's	+ Fr. Duane Cote – Fr. Tim
	5 – 9 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs. 1/29	8:30 AM	Mass @ St. Charles	+Ryan Lagodinski – JT/M Homan
	4:30 PM	Mass @ Manor	+Terry Dahl
Fri., 1/30	10:00 AM	Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman	+James Mahrer – His Family
Sat., 1/31	5:00 PM	Confessions @ St. Charles	+Keith Bymers – P Moore
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass @ St. Charles	
Sun., 2/1	8:00 AM	Confessions @ St. Charles	+Tammy Claeys – L/J Andersen
	8:30 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Charles	
	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

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	<u>Dec. 21</u>	<u>Dec. 28</u>
COLLECTIONS:	\$880.00	\$1,310.00
Christmas:	\$1,345.00	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 55 people are needed, between St. Mary's & St. Charles parishioners, to stand in as "beads" to form a Living Human Rosary for one of St. Charles upcoming Lenten Programs. The Living Rosary will be **Wednesday, March 4th**. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. All ages 7 & up are welcome! Each person will get to light a candle and announce a personal prayer intention.

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: 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.

POINSETTIAS need a new home – you are invited to take home as many as you would like!

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. 24 Jordon Heimbuch
Jan. 26 Melisa Roehrich
Jan. 28 Brianna Zetocha
Jan. 30 Graham Courtney

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

No Anniversaries this Week

ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Envelope amount last week	\$1,287.00
<u>Other receipts last weekend:</u>	
Plate.....	146.00
Candles.....	10.00
Ameripride Settlement.....	14.40
Peter's Pence.....	260.00

RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

ON MISSION THIS WEEK: Start reading a book that helps you grow in your faith.

MASS & A MOVIE! Episodes from Season 5 of "The Chosen" will be shown in the St. Francis Room after the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday nights, starting Sat., February 7th. Pizza & Pop will be available for all who attend!

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

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

SAVE THE DATE! The Sedar Meal is scheduled for Wed., March 25th. ALL St. Charles & St. Mary's parishioners are encouraged to attend!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

THIS WEEK, Jan 28: Class
NEXT WEEK, Feb. 4: Class

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.

TAKE ADVANTAGE of the opportunity to grow in your knowledge and love of Scripture! This week's issue of the "**AWAKEN**" newsletter will help you do that! Copies are available on the cabinet countertop in the narthex.

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., 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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Today is 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

PRAYING A HOLY HOUR (or even a Holy Half Hour) is honestly one of THE BEST ways to spend 30-60 minutes of "your" time. It is a life-changing spiritual discipline. YES, it often requires sacrifice, BUT the fruits are bountiful, especially in cultivating your personal relationship with Jesus Christ." TRY IT sometime this week, and see for yourself!

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

1st SUNDAY BRUNCH: Join us after Sunday Mass, NEXT WEEK February 1st, for brunch!

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 GoFundMe set up, as well as a Witt account, which you can view on Tamara Krumm's Facebook page.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: January 25th
"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."
MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

BLESSING OF CANDLES: The Church has a long tradition of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. If you would like a candle blessed, it can be brought on or before NEXT weekend Masses **Saturday, Jan. 31st & Sunday, Feb 1st**, where they will be blessed before Mass

BLESSING OF THROATS will take place after Masses NEXT **weekend Jan. 31st & Feb. 1st**. The Feast of St. Blaise is on Tues., Feb. 3rd.