

PASTOR'S NOTES: Two weeks ago, I preached on the truth that "The Lord Protects Strangers." It was directly from psalm of the day 146:9 and it is true that he wants us to do the same because it is one of the six corporal works of mercy taken from the last judgment scene in Matthew 25:31 and following. It is one of the conditions of our salvation. Then last week Jesus talked about being salt and light for the world. Jesus says that you don't light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket. "It is set on a lamp-stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Mt 5:15-16) Part of our mission as Christians and Catholics is to shine so that people can see in the dark corners of our "house." Of course, the Catholic church teaches about the dignity of the human person. From the moment of conception to natural death, life is from God and in the image and likeness of God. We human beings have problems with power. Whenever we are not checked, we have a tendency to abuse power. There is an old saying, "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." That is why our forefathers put the bill of rights in place. We need police for our society and good policing always involves checks. That is why if there are accusations of the abuse of power, especially involving deadly force, it is investigated. I have read that usually a different agency from the officer who did the shooting does the investigation to keep it objective. My way of following up on protecting the stranger, and being a light, is to call our senators to make sure objective investigations are being done for what happens in these immigration raids. Also, if people are put into detention centers, they must be treated with dignity. Prisoners are in the image of God, and Jesus added them to his group of those in need of special care, "When I was in prison, you came to visit me." (Mt 25:36) That is why the Catholic church pushes to have access to these detention centers and all prisons. There must be a light shown on all of this. Congress must do their part of overseeing. That is why I call our Representative and Senators so that the dignity of the human person is upheld. It is about morality and fulfilling Jesus's call to be light; to protect strangers and prisoners from the abuse of power. 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."

REDEEMED MEN'S RETREAT: Every man needs the opportunity to step away from the noise, busyness, and relentless expectations of daily life and be reminded of his purpose and identity. This 3-day retreat, will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Moorhead; from **March 19-21, 2026**.

TEEN LIFE & JR. HIGH:
Wed., Feb. 18: Ash Wed. Mass @ 7:00 PM

READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 (22A)
 Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

Saturday, Feb. 21st @ 5:30 PM – St. Charles

Intention: +Robert Hanson
Donor: Co-Workers & Friends
Greet/Usher: Mitch & Shelly Roney
 Kevin & Michele Rodine
Proclaimer: Janice Frojen
EEM: Ronnie Maddock, Steve Konkler
Altar Servers: Avery Kapfer, Quinn Heimbuch
Sunday, Feb., 22nd @ 8:30 AM – St. Charles
Intention: +Keith Bymers
Donor: L/J Andersen
Greet/Usher: Drew & Lindsey Courtney Family
Proclaimers: Lindsey Courtney, Jeanne Thorpe
EEM: E Thorpe, G Pioske, D Zetocha
Altar Servers: Rage & Chloe Awander
Sunday, Feb., 22nd @ 11:00 AM – St. Mary's

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

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14 & 15, 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: +Larry Even

THIS WEEK			
Day, Date	Time	Event and Location	Mass Intentions, Donors and Notes
Mon. 2/16	6 – 7 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	
Tues. 2/17	5:30 PM	Mass @ St. Charles	M Keller – M Galbreath
	6-7:30 PM	Adoration @ St. Charles	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 2/18	8:30 AM	NO Mass @ Hospital	
	5:00 PM 7:00 PM 5 – 9 PM	Ash Wed. Mass @ St. Mary's Ash Wed. Mass @ St. Charles NO Adoration @ St. Charles	+Mary Ann Alcorn – A/R Gramlow No Adoration on Wed. during Lent
Thurs. 2/19	8:30 AM 4:30 PM	Mass @ St. Charles Mass @ Manor	+Bernie Quandt – M Skjette
Fri., 2/20	10:00 AM	Mass @ 4 Seasons in Forman	+Jadie Dahlen – M Dahlen
Sat., 2/21	5:00 PM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass @ St. Charles	+Robert Hanson – Co-Workers & Friends
Sun., 2/22	8:00 AM	Confessions @ St. Charles	
	8:30 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Charles	
	10:45 AM	Confessions @ St. Mary's	
	11:00 AM	Sun. Mass @ St. Mary's	+Keith Bymers – L/J Andersen 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

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mary's Contacts:

Office Phone: 701-724-3319

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ASH WED. MASS; Feb. 18th: 5:00 PM @ St. Mary's

ST. MARY'S POTLUCK & ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 1st, following the 11:00 am Mass

	<u>Jan. 25</u>	<u>Feb. 1</u>
COLLECTIONS:	\$1,553.00	\$1,446.00

PETER'S PENCE: \$ 250.00

"THE CHOSEN" MOVIE: Friday, Feb. 13th @ 6:30

WEDNESDAYS @ ST. MARY'S DURING LENT:

3:00 PM – Mass

3:30 PM – Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS @ ST. MARY'S DURING LENT: Beginning Friday, Feb. 20th.

5:30 PM – Stations of the Cross;

6:00 PM – Potluck

6:30 PM – "The Chosen" Movie (Season 5)

LENTEN CORNER FOR BOTH ST. MARY'S & ST. CHARLES:

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be presented at our Wed. night **Lenten program on March 4th** @ 6:30 PM. Sr. High students from both St. Charles & St. Mary's will enact the way of the cross.

SAVE THE DATE! The Sedar Meal is scheduled for **Wed., March 25th** @ St. Charles.

LIVING HUMAN ROSARY: Fifty-five people are needed from **BOTH St. Mary's & St. Charles**, to stand in as "beads" to form a **Living Human Rosary** for the Lenten Program on **March 18th** @ **St. Charles**. All ages 7 & up are encouraged to sign up in the Narthex! Each person will light a candle and announce a personal prayer intention.

BIRTHDAYS AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

Feb. 14 Matt Schaefer

Feb. 16 Tim Erlandson

Feb. 18 Roberta Forward

Feb. 19 Jan Quandt

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK:

ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Envelope amount last week **\$2,365.00**

Other receipts last weekend:

Plate..... 72.00

Youth..... 600.00

Peter's Pence..... 50.00

Peru Trip Deposits..... 300.00

Mass Stipends..... 10.00

RENEWAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

GOAL RECEIVED!! \$1,506,665.04 Thank you!!

ASH WED MASS; Feb. 18th: 7:00 pm @ St. Charles

OPPORTUNITIES @ St. CHARLES DURING LENT:

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS:

Confessions & Rosary ½ Hour before Mass

TUESDAYS:

4:30 PM: Stations of the Cross @ the Manor

5:30 PM: Mass

WEDNESDAYS:

6:00 PM: Supper; **6:30 PM:** Program

Wed., Feb. 25th Program: "My Journey to the Permanent Diaconate" by Brian Herding

FRIDAYS: 5:30 PM: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAYS:

6:45 PM: Pizza & "The Chosen" Movie

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! could you (or you and your spouse, or you and your family) lead the Rosary before Mass on ONE of the Sundays of Lent? Of course you could! Call Cindy at 701-710-0021 **by February 18 to volunteer.**

COME ONE AND ALL! Every member is invited to experience the joy of sharing their God-given time and talents for the good of all in our parish and community. Printed copies of the **2026 Time & Talent Survey** are available at the church. It is also posted on our parish website and Facebook page. Please complete a survey and return it to the church by Feb. 27.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

THIS WEEK, Feb. 18: NO Class (Ash Wed. Mass @ 7:00 PM.

Sunday Feb. 22: Grades 1, 2 & 3 Sing @ Mass

NEXT WEEK, Feb. 25: Class

A MEAL TRAIN is being organized for Joan and Mike Buske as they navigate her cancer treatments. The sign-up sheet and instructions are posted on the bulletin board.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CHOIR: All are invited to sing for Holy Week & Easter Masses! Practices will be held Sun. after Mass & Wed. evenings.

MISSION TRIP TO CHIMBOTE: We will be holding a Dakota Dirt coffee fundraiser for those who will be going to Chimbote in June! **It will run until Feb 22.** A list of those going on the mission trip is posted on the bulletin board.

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.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Our parish is looking for someone to work with St. John's, Wahpeton, "Walking With Moms in Need Ministry" to gather and collect baby items from our area for Catholic Charities ND, southeast North Dakota's "Bundle Up Your Baby Bump" event planned for Sept. 2026. If interested in this ministry, please contact Fr. Tim for more information.

KC SWEETHEART SUPPER is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 17th @ 6:00 PM at the Social Center.** All KC's and their sweethearts are invited to attend! If attending, please RSVP to Tom Geffre @ 710-0292, by **February 15th.**

STRONGER TOGETHER FOUNDATION Established in 2025, serves Dickey & LaMoure County, with the mission to ensure no cancer patient fights alone by providing financial assistance to ease the burdens of treatment, care & daily needs. Pamphlets, explaining how you can help, are available in the narthex.

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; No Adoration on Wednesday During Lent.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: February 15th

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

THE GOD'S GIFT APPEAL: Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2026 God's Gift Appeal. Please bring the personalized commitment card you received in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church.

KAI AND LIBBY from Catholic Central have lots of ideas for how to put our faith into action by implementing the Corporal Works of Mercy. Watch their 6-minute YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfWEUwQiwAQ>

PRE-LENTEN MISSION with Amy Chang, @ St. John's Catholic church in Wahpeton; Feb 15-17 @ 7:00 PM. Before her conversion to Catholicism, Amy's journey began in Buddhism and led her to Jesus. As a form FOCUS missionary, Amy walked alongside students, helping them encounter Jesus through friendship & scripture. Throughout this mission, Amy will share her testimony of finding Jesus as a college student – and what it means to be **Won Over by Jesus.**