

Catholic Churches of

St Mary's

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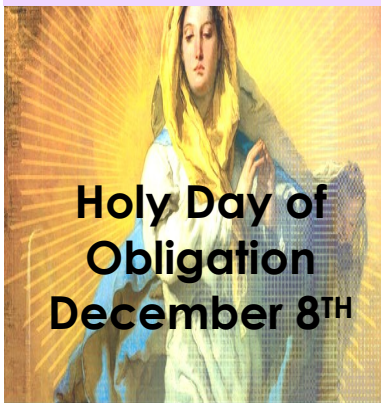
St. Charles

308 Central Ave. N
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7th 2025



FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION



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Mon - Thu 9:00am-1:00pm

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Reconciliation

St Charles

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 AM.

And during Adoration

St. Mary's

1/2 Hour before each Mass.

And during Adoration

St. Josephs

During Adoration.

Adoration

St. Mary's

Wednesday 9-10AM

St. Charles

Thursday 9-10AM

St. Josephs

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
followed by Benediction

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM St. Joseph

Sunday 8:30 AM St. Mary's

Sunday 11:00 AM St. Charles

Weekday Mass Times

Tue. & Wed. 830 AM - St. Mary's

Thur. & Fri. 8:30 AM - St. Charles

Greetings (Boozhoo Aaniin)!

Dec. 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus. Bring your peace to our world. Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions, bind wounds, rewrite scripts. You are the Prince of Peace, bring that light into every space. Amen

Question: What are the names of the three biblical archangels?

— Father John Muir

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Jesus I trust in You!
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Mass Offerings

Dec. 7th - Dec. 13th



Second Sunday
of Advent

Sun: St. M: 7th †
St. C: 7th

Charles Kornell
For the Parishioners
of our cluster parishes

Immaculate conception
Holy Day of Obligation

Mon: 8th St.C 8:30am
Mon: 8th St.M 5:30pm

Devin Markel
For the Parishioners
of our cluster parishes

St. Juan Diego
Our Lady of Loreto
St. Damasus I
Our lady of Guadalupe
St. Lucy

Tue: 9th †
Wed: 10th †
Thur: 11th †
Fri: 12th †
Sat: 13th †

Paula Keuther
Rita Howard
Joe Riggles
Milly Mracek
Helen Tibitts



*Do you desire to offer
Mass for your loved ones?*

*Mass Intention envelopes are available
in the entry of the church. You may
drop them off in the
Weekend collection basket.
“I will raise him on the last days” -
John 6:40*



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Welcome to the second Sunday of Advent!! As I was looking at Formed, trying to discern where God might be guiding me, I found Behold | Advent with Dr. Miriam James, SOLT. I watched the first episode (there's one each week about ten minutes long) and it was, in a word, moving. I've never really considered Advent as a time of healing and I find that intriguing. I will definitely be watching each week during Advent this year. When you get a chance, check it out. I think we could all use a little healing.



Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary *** Holy day of Obligation.
Monday December 8TH — St. Charles 8:30 am — St. Mary's 5:30 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

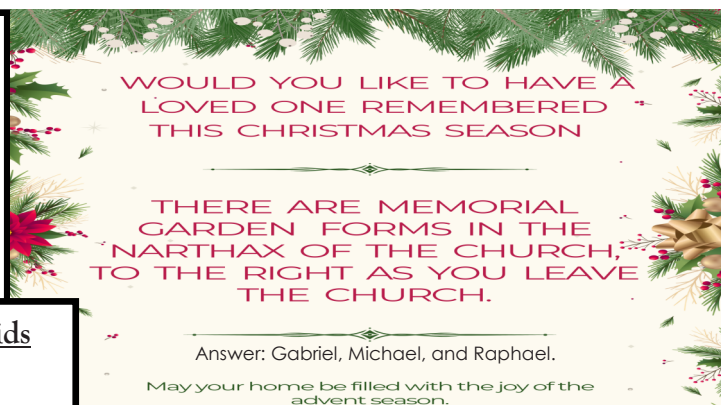
Christmas Eve. Wednesday December 24th @ St. Joseph's Mission 5:00pm

Christmas Day Thursday Dec. 25th @ St. Charles 8:00am

Christmas Day Thursday Dec. 25th @ St. Mary's 10:30am

Getting to know your Bible.

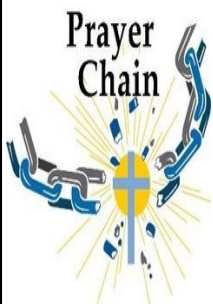
"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the most high, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful" Luke 6:35



**Advent
Penance
Service**



St. Joseph's Parish in Grand Rapids
Dec. 7th 4pm
 St. Phillips Parish in Bemidji
Dec. 12th 9am - 7pm

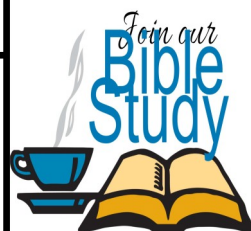


St. Charles

Prayer requests, call or Text:
 Kathleen Braun (218)-760-3644

St. Joseph & St. Mary's

Prayer requests, call:
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 (218)-246-8099



Fr. Trevor will be presenting a Bible study starting January 6th @ 7pm. Sponsored by the St. Mary's Men's group. Keep a watch out for more details in the bulletin or our website.
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All Bulletin

announcements must be submitted no later than 11:00 AM on Mondays, two weeks prior to said event. Thank You & God Bless

November 23th 2025 Contribution Report

Thank you for your generous contributions!



Parish	Envelopes	Plate	On-Line	Total	Ministries Appeal	Ministries Appeal Goal	Collected By 11/17/25
St. Charles	\$573.50	\$104.00	\$440.00	\$1,117.50	\$150.00	\$10,146.00	\$6,242.00
St. Joseph	\$250.00	\$221.00	\$225.00	\$696.00	\$0.00	\$3,538.00	\$2,267.00
St. Mary's	\$230.00	\$533.00	\$235.00	\$998.00	\$0.00	\$11,066.00	\$8,770.00