

December 3, 2017  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Sacrament of Baptism



**Greyson Theodore Frost,**  
son of J.R. and Katherine Frost



**Thor Nicholas Reistad,**  
son of Nicholas and Kimberly Reistad



**Rowan Ollivander Mautz,** son of  
Gregg and Melissa Mautz



**Elizabeth Anne Woelfle,** daughter of  
Joseph and Claire Woelfle



**Kylie James Zukewich,** daughter of  
Scott and Heather Zukewich



**Nora Belle Mueller,** daughter of Paul  
and Katrina Mueller

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of  
Advent  
PREPARING THE WAY



# WELCOME TO ST. CHARLES

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## Eucharistic Celebrations

**Saturday Mass of Anticipation:** 5:00pm

**New Sunday Mass times:** 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

**Communion Service:** Monday ~ Friday: 6:30am

**Weekday Mass:**

Monday ~ Saturday: 8:30am

**Sacrament of the Sick**

The Anointing Mass is the second and fourth Friday at 8:30am or by appointment with Fr. Ken or Fr. Behling (scheduled with the Parish Office).

**Morning Prayer:** Monday ~ Friday: 7:30am, Saturday: 8:00am

**Rosary:** Monday ~ Friday: 8:00am, Tuesday Evening: 7:30pm

**Perpetual Help Devotions:** Tuesday after 8:30am Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Mondays: 5:00-7:00pm followed by closing prayer (includes music)

Fridays: 9:00am-3:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm followed by Benediction

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm & Thursday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm**

or by appointment (scheduled with the Parish Office)

**Parish Membership**

All Catholics are welcome to join our Parish and are asked to register on New Parishioner weekend, the first weekend of the month, or stop in at the Parish Office during office hours.

**Planning to be Married?**

Congratulations! Please notify St. Charles at least six months in advance. Weddings may be celebrated on Friday evenings and Saturdays at 11:00am and 2:00pm. Exceptions are made only with the permission of the Pastor. Please contact **Dee Anne Hamer at 262-367-0800 Ext. 222.**

**Are you expecting or adopting a child?**

St. Charles is honored to serve parents seeking Baptism for their child(ren). To find out more information about our preparation process and to schedule infant/child Baptisms, please **contact the Parish Office at 262-367-0800.**

**Becoming FULLY Catholic**

Are you unbaptized or baptized in a different Christian faith and considering becoming Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who did not receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation? St. Charles provides an adult formation process that will help you discover Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. For more information, please **contact Julie Malucha at 262-367-0800.**

**Small Groups**

The Small Group movement at St. Charles offers you a way to authentically seek Jesus in small faith sharing communities. Small Groups gather in members' homes throughout Lake Country during Fall and Lent. For more information, please **contact Julie Malucha at 262-367-0800.**

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Mass Intentions for  
the Week of December 3rd



**Sunday, December 3 ~ First Weekend of Advent**

- 7:00 am † Kayla Raatz
- 9:00 am † Dolores Dalum
- 11:00 am † Bud Hemmy
- 6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

**Monday, December 4**

- 6:30 am † Robert Rydzewski
- 8:30 am † Nikolaus & Thekla Smolik

**Tuesday, December 5**

- 6:30 am † Dale Van Ermen
- 8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the St. Charles Mission Ladies

**Wednesday, December 6**

- 6:30 am † Katelin Condon
- 8:30 am † Krystina Finn

**Thursday, December 7**

- 6:30 am † Ken & Gladys Race
- 8:30 am † Living and Deceased Members of the Donald Heyrman Families
- 6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

**Friday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception**

- 6:30 am † Norbert Seipel
- 8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Brauer & Brandfonbrener Families
- 7:00 pm † Barbara Cramlet

**Saturday, December 9 ~ Second Weekend of Advent**

- 8:30 am † Joseph Richard Geason
- 5:00 pm † Kristy Alvarez

**Sunday, December 10 ~ Second Weekend of Advent**

- 7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles
- 9:00 am † Jean Hilger
- 11:00 am † Carl Foellings
- 6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Del Kramer**  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
**REST IN CHRIST'S PEACE.**

Room Abbreviation Key

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| BR = Borromeo Room                    | MD = Music Dept       |
| CH = Church                           | MR = Music Room       |
| CHPL = Chapel                         | PH = Parish Hall      |
| CR = Conference Room                  | PO = Parish Office    |
| HFRC = Holy Family Rec Center         | SK = Staff Kitchen    |
| IMC = Instructional Media Center      | SR = Science Room     |
| LTC = Life Teen Cafe (Student Lounge) | TL = Teachers' Lounge |

**Sunday, December 3 ~ First Weekend of Advent**

- Blessing of the Advent Wreath, CH, During All Masses
- Mass without Incense, CH, 7:00am**
- Mass with Incense, CH, 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm**
- Movie Tickets Sales & Distribution, Hallway, After Mass
- SHARE Sunday, Narthex, All Day
- New Parishioner Registration, PO, After All Masses
- "Little Lambs" Childcare, 3K Classroom, 9:00am & 11:00am
- Religious Ed (PS, KN, Gr. 1), Classrooms, 9:00am
- Becoming FULLY Catholic, Music Room #216, 10:15am
- Religious Ed (Gr. 3-6), Classrooms, 10:15am
- Parent Pre-Retreat Meeting, LTC, 12:00pm
- Circle of Love Pick-up, BR, 12:30pm-2:00pm
- EDGE, LTC, CR & PH, 4:30pm
- Holiday Train Arrives in Hartland, 5:45pm
- XLT, CH, 7:15pm

**NEW**  
Mass Times start  
this weekend

**Monday, December 4**

- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Milwaukee Children's Choir Rehearsal, MR, 6:00pm

**Tuesday, December 5**

- SVdP Food Pantry Open, Lawn Street, 10:00am-Noon
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Children's Choir Rehearsal, CH, 3:30pm
- Robotic Team Meeting/Practice, STEM Lab, 5:30pm
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, Lawn Street, 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Adult Praise Group Rehearsal, CH, 6:15pm
- Cub Scout Troop Meeting, PH, 6:30pm
- Home & School Association Meeting, SR, 6:30pm
- Life Teen Club, LTC, 6:30pm
- Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, TL, 7:00pm
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, IMC, 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 6**

- Jesus & Me Event, BR, 9:30am
- Knit/Crochet Group, LTC, 10:00am
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Hand Bell Practice, CH, 5:30pm
- Mom's Ornament Exchange, BR, 6:00pm
- Tiger Scouts, PH, 6:30pm
- Religious Ed (Gr 2-6), Classrooms & SR, 6:30pm
- Women's Choir Rehearsal, CH, 6:30pm
- Adult Choir Practice, CH, 7:30pm

**Thursday, December 7**

- Men's Morning Group, BR, 5:30am
- Staff Meeting, BR, 10:00am
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, CH, 6:00pm
- Boy Scout Troop Meeting, PH, 6:30pm
- Building & Grounds Meeting, IMC, 7:00pm

**Friday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception**

- Confirmation Retreat, Evening
- Holy Day Mass, CH, 6:30am
- All School Holy Day Mass, CH, 8:30am
- Morning Mom's Group, BR, 10:00am
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Holy Day Mass, CH, 7:00pm

**Saturday, December 9 ~ Second Weekend of Advent**

- Confirmation Retreat, All Day
- Knights of Columbus Training, BR, 9:30am
- Movie Tickets Distribution, Hallway, After Mass
- New Parishioner Registration, PO, After Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party, BR, 6:00pm

**Sunday, December 10 ~ Second Weekend of Advent**

- Confirmation Retreat, All Day
- Movie Tickets Distribution, Hallway, After Mass
- "Little Lambs" Childcare, 3K Classroom, 9:00am & 11:00am
- Religious Ed (PS, KN, Gr. 1), Classrooms, 9:00am
- Becoming FULLY Catholic, Music Room #216, 10:15am
- Religious Ed (Gr. 3-6), Classrooms, 10:15am



**Spend 15 minutes every day in prayer with Scripture!**

**“Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers.”**  
~ Fr. Mike Schmitz

**As you read God's Word take time to reflect on the following questions:**

- What mountainous, uneven, rough places in your life would you like to have smoothed?
- What attitudes are essential for preparing a way for the Lord?
- What is the relationship between the baptism of repentance, baptism of water and baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- How will you live out your baptismal vows this week?

**Readings for the Week of December 3rd**

- Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/ Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

 *Cutout and keep in your bible for reference!*



**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE EXPECTING?**

**Begin our new and improved BAPTISM PREP PROCESS!**

St. Charles is honored to serve parents seeking Baptism for their child(ren). Begin the process to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism and schedule your Baptism while you are pregnant or awaiting your child's adoption. If you have yet to baptize your child(ren), don't wait any longer. We are here for you.

To learn about our baptism preparation process and to schedule your child's Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at 262-367-0800.

**Mass Times:**

- Thursday, Dec. 7 - 6:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
- Friday, Dec. 8 - 6:30 am, 8:30 am (School Mass), 7:00 pm (Incense used)


The Immaculate Conception  
**Friday, Dec. 8th**



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 <p>PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 29TH</p>	<p><b>2017-2018</b></p> <p>Envelopes..... \$30,921.86                      Offertory ..... \$2,489.13                      Weekend Total ..... \$33,410.99                      YTD ..... \$536,379.60</p>	<p><b>2016-2017</b></p> <p>Envelopes..... \$25,104.00                      Offertory ..... \$3,607.81                      Weekend Total ..... \$28,711.81                      YTD ..... \$517,722.38</p>
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ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



**SOS! THE FOOD PANTRY IS OUT OF MANY NEEDED ITEMS.**

Recently, the SVdP food pantry served 59 families or 312 people during a two week period. On the morning of Nov. 22nd, 15 families were in line well before the pantry opened its doors. Throughout the morning, many more arrived. Shelves quickly emptied and some of the families were not able to procure needed items. The number of hungry people in Hartland is growing and our food pantry staff is trying to keep up with the increased demand for food and hygiene items. We are asking our benefactors and St. Charles Parish parishioners to reach into their hearts and help ease our shortage by donating food or cash which is used to pay rent, utilities and purchase needed items. Cash and checks may be placed in the SVdP collection boxes in the narthex or next to the sign-up shelf. If your donation is intended for the food pantry, please note that on the memo portion of your check or envelope. Also, we are grateful for company matching grants and memorials to loved ones that have provided even greater revenue for our ministry to help those in need. We also extend our appreciation to the talented people who knit and crocheted warm mittens and hats for our food pantry patrons.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** cereal, juice, peanut butter - chunky and creamy, flavored instant oatmeal, spaghetti sauce, flavored pasta or rice sides, canned potatoes, canned meat based pasta, elbow noodles, brown sugar, ketchup, Saltines, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, liquid dish soap, deodorant and toothpaste.

\* We do not need: canned vegetables, tuna, pumpkin, cranberry sauce and chicken noodle and tomato soups.

If you are in need of assistance, please contact SVdP at 262-367-0800. If you are in need of food, please visit our pantry located at 229 Lawn Street, Hartland. Hours of operation are Tuesdays between 10 am and noon and on the second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month between 5:30 pm and 7 pm.



**FOLLOW THE STAR TO THE MANGER**

*Advent is a time for reflection and wonder ...*

*Take a break from the hustle and bustle and Come To the Manger!*

**Friday, Dec. 22nd At 10:30am  
at St. Charles**

St. Charles Parish School 2nd & 3rd grade students will perform a live, costumed re-enactment of the Christmas story in scripture and song.

*Everyone is Welcome!*



**Adore**  
FAMILY HOLY HOUR

**December 15th**  
(Held on the 3rd Friday of the month)  
6:30-7:30 pm Holy Hour  
Open Gym & Refreshments to Follow

All families are welcome to join us to **ADORE** Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Charles Parish. Each night will feature worship music, a short teaching for both children and parents, followed by open gym and refreshments.

Children of **ALL AGES**, birth on up are **very welcome**. This will be geared at families with young children and elementary school aged children, but anyone is most welcome to join us.



**Richard Rhinehart  
Diaconate Ordination**

Richard Rhinehart, the 4th year seminarian assigned to St. Charles from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate for the Diocese of Superior, by Bishop James Powers on Sunday, Dec. 17th, at 2:00 pm at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, Eagle River. All are invited to attend his Ordination Mass.

Richard will assist Fr. Ken and Fr. Behling as deacon at St. Charles starting in January. Richard will be ordained a priest on June 24, 2018 in the Diocese of Superior. Please keep Richard in your prayers as he prepares for this important step toward priestly ordination.

Circle of Love

ALL Circle of Love Gifts are DUE TODAY, Dec. 3rd by NOON in the Borromeo Room.

SPONSORS: Please pick up the gifts you requested between 12:30 - 2:00 pm TODAY, Dec. 3rd in the Borromeo Room.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Kathy Gillstrom at 262-367-1075.



Sing for Christmas

Dr. Mathews extends an invitation to all parishioners to sing with one or more of the Christmas choirs! There are a number of ways to participate. Please check your schedules, and let him know when you can join any ensemble to spread Christmas joy. A folder will be prepared for you if you decide to sing.

**Christmas Eve Choir (5 pm Mass)**

**Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Choir (11 pm Mass, 10:30 pm caroling/concert)**

**Christmas Day Choirs (9 am, 11:00 am)**

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays, Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th from 7:30-9 pm**

Dr. Mathews asks that parishioners try to attend two rehearsals for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. If you would like to sing or have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email Dr. Mathews at [amathews@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:amathews@stcharleshartland.org) or call 262-367-0800 Ext. 225.



LIFE'S A GIFT. GIVE MORE OF IT. **DONATE BLOOD.**

**St. Charles Parish & School Community Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017  
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) for more information.



**St. Charles Night at Culver's in Hartland**

Monday, Dec. 11th from 5:00-8:00 pm

Mention that you are with St. Charles and the School receives 10% of that evening's sales! Thanks for your support!

Festival of the Lord Offering

The beautiful decorations in our church during the Christmas season lift our spirits closer to the Lord Jesus as we celebrate His birth. They help us to pray more deeply and feel closer to one another. We invite you to donate toward our decorations by making an offering in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life, for a special intention, or simply as a free-will offering. We will list the names of the people remembered, the blessings recalled or the intentions held in your hearts in the bulletin on Dec. 31st, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. However, we will not print the donor's name nor the amount given.

**If you wish to make this offering, please fill out this form and return it with your donation to the Parish Office by Monday, Dec. 11th.**

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of those Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Blessing Recalled \_\_\_\_\_

Special Intention \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT –THANK YOU



 You're Invited to...   
**St. Nick's Birthday Party For Jesus**

**Who:** All Preschoolers And The Adults Who Love Them

**Date:** Wednesday, Dec. 6th

**Time:** 9:30am – 11:30am

**What:** Jesus And Me: Advent-Into-Christmas  
 St. Nick's Party For Jesus

**Place:** St Charles, Borromeo Room

**Fee:** \$7.00 Per Child (All Adults Are Free)

To be included on our guest list, RSVP using the form on the information wall or on the parish website. Enclose it and payment in an envelope marked "Jesus and Me"

and mail to St. Charles, 313 Circle Dr., Hartland, WI 53029 or drop in the Parish Office drop-slot. Call Nancy Neuser at 262-719-0067 for more information.




**2017  
 Christmas Party  
 for Ushers**

**When:** 6:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 13th  
**Where:** Borromeo Room  
**Who:** Everyone who helps to usher at church including full-time, part-time, sometimes.  
 Come for food, refreshments & camaraderie

**Mission Ladies Christmas Potluck**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 20th**

Social hour starts at noon with lunch at 1:00 pm in the Borromeo Room. Any woman interested in learning more about the St. Charles Mission Ladies are invited. Please bring a dish to pass.




**Elizabeth Ministry's  
 New Rosebud Program**

Discover this unique way to show respect for the precious blessing of each new life. This program helps us identify, accompany and pray for couples as they navigate through their childbearing years. Each rosebud has an appropriate tag attached to correlate with various situations.

The Rosebud vase with the roses and directions are set up on a table in the narthex. All are welcome to take part in this meaningful ministry.

For more information, contact Maria Notch, Baptism Prep Coordinator, 262-367-0800 ext. 215 or [mnotch@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:mnotch@stcharleshartland.org).

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALES**

**Our Christmas Bake Sale will take place Dec. 16th & 17th after all Masses.** We will feature Christmas treats, such as cookies, bars and candies but all baked good are appreciated. If you are going to bake for our sale or would like to help at the sale please sign up on the Baker's List located on the sign-up shelf if you haven't signed up yet.

Thank you to everyone who baked, sold and purchased baked goods at our Thanksgiving Bake Sale. We raised \$1,200.25 and collected \$85.50 for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in the donation jars.


For more information please contact Karen Borchardt at 262-719-0143.



**Bulletin Due Dates!**

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in the December and January bulletins, please submit your information by the due dates listed below. This earlier deadline is due to the printer's holiday schedule. Please submit all articles by 8:00 am on the due date. Thank you!

- Dec. 17th Bulletin information is due Dec. 4th
- Dec. 24th Bulletin information is due Dec. 6th
- Dec. 31st Bulletin information is due Dec. 18th
- Jan. 7th Bulletin information is due Dec. 27th





## A Purposeful Advent

With three short weeks of Advent remaining before Christmas, students and staff are preparing their hearts for the coming of Our Lord.

**Friday, Dec. 8:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception – All School Mass beginning at 8:30 am. Family and friends are most welcome!

**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Advent Concert – Come celebrate Advent with spiritual songs and scripture during our annual musical event. Students from every class from 4K through 8th Grade will sing and the Beginning and Advanced Bands will also play. Doors open at 6 pm and the concert begins at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

**Thursday, Dec. 21:** Advent Spirit Party – Children will help fill more than 2,000 bags through the Blessings in a Backpack organization which provides weekend meals for students in Waukesha schools. St. Charles students will learn more about hunger and food insecurity and ways they can help.

*This is how the 1st Grade Class celebrated Thanksgiving Dinner at school earlier this week: A yummy mixture of popcorn, gold fish, cranberries, marshmallows and chocolate chips. They prayed, ate and played games – much like they probably did with their own families on Thanksgiving.*



## Silent Entrance and Exits for School Children During Advent

With joyful anticipation we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ through the season of Advent. To mark this season of waiting, St. Charles Parish School will bookend the next three weeks with a Silent Entrance on Monday mornings and Silent Dismissals on Friday afternoons.

As students enter school on Monday mornings during Advent on Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, the dimmed lights will remind students to remain silent as they prepare themselves for the day. Teachers will hold battery-operated candles and encourage students to complete their normal morning routines.

On Friday afternoons on Dec. 8, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22, students will leave their classrooms in silence. We encourage students to maintain this silence until they are in the car or on the bus.

We ask for your prayers during Advent as these times of silence will help our students to pause, wait and prepare our hearts for the birth of the Lord.

## Remember Your SCRIP!



Remember to use SCRIP for your Christmas groceries and shopping. When you buy products with SCRIP gift cards, you support our parish and school! You can purchase SCRIP online or after all Masses in the Parish Office. Now through Dec. 15th the Parish Office will be staffed with extra help between 8:30-9:30 am and 2:30-3:30 pm weekdays. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office or School Office.

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# CELEBRATE ADVENT



## About Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches and four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

## The Jesse Tree



In the month before Christmas, the church anticipates the coming of Jesus through readings that span from the Old Testament creation story through Jesus' birth. Jesse, for whom the tree is named, is the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. At the top of this family tree are Mary and Jesus. Depicted in church windows and artwork for hundreds of years, this visual tree of life may even have been a forerunner of today's Christmas tree.

All you need for this project is a homemade drawing of a tree.

You can also make a Jesse tree by putting a few tree branches in a pot filled with gravel or sand or using a tabletop Christmas tree on which to hang Jesse tree ornaments.

Reflect on the readings and symbols of this ancient tradition. You can download symbols on card stock or print them on paper and glue them to construction paper or felt.

Sharing the Jesse tree story is a great way to help build anticipation for the birth of the Christ child, allowing the roots of faith to take hold and grow.

**For more information on The Jesse Tree and more Advent activities please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and click on the Advent Christmas Season tab.**

## Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

**All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.**

**Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

**With hands joined, the leader says:**

Lord our God,  
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
he is the Savior of every nation.  
Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/. Amen.**

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid ev'ry sad division cease  
and be thyself our Prince of peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

— From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*





## Advent Prayer Opportunities

During the Season of Advent, St. Charles Parish provides many opportunities for parishioners to pray. Please come and join us.

### DAILY MASS

- 6:30 am, Monday through Friday (Dec. 4 – Dec. 22)
- 8:30 am, Monday through Saturday (Dec. 4 – Dec. 23; resumes on Dec. 26)
- Friday, Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Obligation)
- Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
- Friday - 6:30 am, 8:30 am (School Mass), 7:00 pm (Incense used)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Every Thursday, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm & every Saturday, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Communal Penance Service: Saturday, Dec. 16th, 10:00 am at St. Charles Parish
- Communal Penance Service: Thursday, Dec. 21st, 6:30 pm at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in North Lake
- Advent XLT: Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 7:15 pm at St. Charles in the Church (high school age and up)
- And by appointment with either Father Ken or Father Behling (262-367-0800)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Every Monday evening, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm (except Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st)
- Every Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

### MORNING PRAYER

- Monday through Friday, 7:30 am (except Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st)
- Saturdays, 8:00 am

### ROSARY

- Monday through Friday, 8:00 am (except Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st)
- Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday, Dec. 24th**

- 3:00 pm Children's Mass
- 5:00 pm
- 11:00 pm (*Incense will be used during this Mass*)
- No 6:00 pm Mass

#### **Monday, Dec. 25th**

- 7:00 am
- 9:00 am (*Incense will be used during this Mass*)
- 11:00 am (*Incense will be used during this Mass*)

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (a holy day of obligation)

#### **Sunday, Dec. 31st,**

- 5:00 pm
- No 6:00 pm Mass

#### **Monday, Jan. 1, 2017**

- 9:00 am (*Incense will be used during this Mass*)
- 11:00am (*Incense will be used during this Mass*)



## Advent Penance Services Throughout Lake Country Area

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| Wednesday, Dec. 6,  | 7:00 pm  | St. Theresa, Eagle                |
| Monday, Dec. 11,    | 4:45 pm  | St. Mary of the Hill, Hubertus    |
| Monday, Dec. 11,    | 7:00 pm  | St. Dominic, Brookfield           |
| Wednesday, Dec. 13, | 7:00 pm  | St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee |
| Saturday, Dec. 16,  | 9:00 am  | St. Mary Visitation, Elm Grove    |
| Saturday, Dec. 16,  | 10:00 am | St. Charles, Hartland             |
| Saturday, Dec. 16,  | 1:00 pm  | St. Jerome, Oconomowoc            |
| Thursday, Dec. 21,  | 6:30 pm  | St. Teresa of Calcutta, N. Lake   |



## Lake Country Bread of Life Community Meals at St. Charles

**Thursday, Dec. 21st**  
**Doors open at 4:30 pm**  
**Dinner is served at 5:30 pm**

*This month St. Charles Parish will provide and serve the food for the meal.*

The meal is roast beef with gravy, corn, salad, rolls and Christmas treats.

Middle School students will host tables and music will be provided by the school choir and band and piano students.

Our Outreach Services Team oversees the event. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact the Parish Office or [humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org).



Do you knit or crochet or would like to learn? Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Borromeo Room to create prayer shawls, hats, scarves, mittens, baby items, etc. for charitable causes. We can also help you learn and will provide knitting needles, crochet hooks and yarn to get you started. Also men would be most welcome! If you are unable to join us, you can be a "remote" knitter or crocheter. Call Rita Horne 262-560-2251 or Ann Hansen 920-763-4773 with any questions.