

At St. Charles, all are invited to
meet Christ, know Christ,
love Christ and serve Christ.

December 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Thank you to all who participated in this year's Circle of Love. Your generosity helped many families have a wonderful Christmas. Also a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this Circle of Love a huge success.



Third
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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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St. Vincent De Paul: 262-367-0800 (Parish Office)

Mass Intentions for
the Week of December 17th



Sunday, December 17 ~ Third Weekend of Advent

- 7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles
- 9:00 am † Ervin Wunsch and Anton & Marie Hallada
- 11:00 am † Michael and Lucille Murphy
- 6:00 pm † John Wolf

Monday, December 18

- 6:30 am † Mary Catherine Rossi
- 8:30 am † Marie & William Scheuerell

Tuesday, December 19

- 6:30 am † Katie Tetkoski
- 8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the St. Charles Mission Ladies

Wednesday, December 20

- 6:30 am † Bradd Hady
- 8:30 am † Katelin Condon

Thursday, December 21

- 6:30 am † Ann Shannon
- 8:30 am † Walter Hawkins

Friday, December 22

- 6:30 am † Kayla Raatz
- 8:30 am † Jean Hilger

Saturday, December 23 ~ Fourth Weekend of Advent

- 8:30 am † Mary Ann Vos
- 5:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Daniel Fitzgerald & Joseph Connolly Sr. Families

Sunday, December 24 ~ Fourth Weekend of Advent

- 7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles
- 9:00 am † William McHugh
- 11:00 am † David Omernick
- 3:00 pm † Arnold Berg
- 5:00 pm † Jim Theeringer
- 11:00 pm † Jerome Jungbluth



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 17 ~ Third Weekend of Advent

- Christmas Bake Sale, BR, After all Masses
- Doughnut Sunday, PH, After all Morning Masses
- "Little Lambs" Childcare, 3K Classroom, 8:45am -12:15am
- 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
- EDGE Pre-Christmas Party, LTC/PH/CR, 4:30pm
- Life Teen Pre-Christmas Party, LTC/PH/CR, 7:00pm

Monday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

- Tuesday Breakfast Club, BR, 9:30am
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, Lawn Street, 10:00am-Noon
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Children's Choir Rehearsal, CH, 3:30pm
- Cub Scout Pack Meeting, BR, 5:30pm
- Robotic Team Meeting/Practice, STEM Lab, 5:30pm
- Life Teen Club, LTC, 6:30pm
- School Commission Meeting, MR, 6:30pm
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, IMC, 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 20

- Knit/Crochet Group, LTC, 10:00am
- Mission Ladies Potluck Luncheon, BR, 11:30
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Hand Bell Practice, Parish Work Room, 5:30pm
- Religious Ed (Gr 2-6), Classrooms & SR, 6:30pm

Thursday, December 21

- Men's Morning Group, BR, 5:30am
- All School Mass, CH, 8:30am
- Staff Meeting, BR, 10:00am
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Safety Committee Meeting, IMC, 3:45pm
- Lake Country Bread For Life Community Meal, BR, 5:30pm
- Boy Scout Troop Meeting, PH, 6:30pm
- Advent Communal Penance Service, St. Teresa Parish, 6:30pm
- Brewing The Faith, Point Burger Bar (Waukesha), 7:00pm

Friday, December 22 ~ School Early Release Day

- Anointing of the Sick within Mass, CH, 8:30am
- Morning Mom's Group, BR, 10:00am
- Living Nativity Pageant, CH, 10:30am
- After School Care, PH, 11:45am

Saturday, December 23 ~ Fourth Weekend of Advent

- Funeral Visitation (Gladys Berger), Narthex, 10:00am
- Funeral Mass (Gladys Berger), CH, 11:00am

Sunday, December 24 ~ Fourth Weekend of Advent/Christmas Eve

- Christmas Eve Mass, CH, 3:00pm
- Christmas Eve Mass, CH, 5:00pm
- Christmas Eve Mass (Incense), CH, 11:00pm

Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

- Christmas Day Mass, CH, 7:00am
- Christmas Day Mass (Incense), CH, 9:00am
- Christmas Day Mass (Incense), CH, 11:00am
- No 6:00pm Mass



The 1% Challenge Way of Life

“My secret is simple: I Pray.” - St. Teresa of Calcutta

ASK (3 Minutes)

- Begin in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit
- Take a moment to be still, rest and know that Jesus is here...
- Ask Jesus to help you get to know Him during this prayer time.
- Say, “Lord, teach me to pray.”

SEEK (7 Minutes)

- After reading the day’s scripture, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:
 - What word or phrases in this passage caught your attention?
 - What in this passage comforted you?
 - What in this passage challenged you?
- Re-read the passage.
- Take a few minutes to simply listen and then respond with: “I hear the Lord saying to me...”

KNOCK (5 Minutes)

- Based on what you hear the Lord saying to you, now ask Him what He wants you to do today or this week in light of his Will for you.
- Listen to His answer to you and then respond by saying, “I believe the Lord wants me to...”
- Ask the Lord for what you need to respond to His word. Thank Him for being with you today.
- Close with an Our Father. End in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Readings for the Week of December 17th

- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- Monday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



Cutout and keep in your bible for reference!



THE CORNERSTONE PROJECT

Answering Christ's Call

As we look back at 2017 we remember the year with gratitude and gratefulness as it was during the last year that many parishioners contributed to **The Cornerstone Project – Answering Christ's Call**. The response to the Capital Campaign was inspiring and we are thankful. The campaign was launched in September 2016 and the active portion ended in April 2017.

We are pleased to report that as of Dec. 1, 2017 nearly \$4.5 million in gifts has been received for The Cornerstone Project.

With your gifts we were able to complete the First Phase of the Campus Expansion Project which included construction of a 4,200-square-foot, two story addition to St. Charles Parish School on the west side of the campus. The additional classroom space is used by students during the day. In the evening members of various ministries hold meetings in the rooms. In addition, students in our Formation for Children program gather in the classrooms on week nights and weekends for religious education classes. The new additional space, which opened in August 2017, was constructed and completed in four months because of overwhelming support from our parishioners.

Again, thank you for your generosity and continued support. Please know that we will continue to update our parishioners on gifts received throughout 2018.

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

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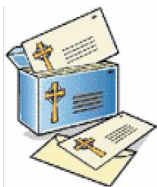
Sunday, Dec. 24th ~ Christmas Eve
3:00, 5:00, and 11:00pm (No 6:00pm Mass)

Monday, Dec. 25th ~ Christmas Day
7:00am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 31st ~ New Year's Eve
5:00pm (No 6:00pm Mass)

Monday, Jan. 1st ~ New Year's Day
9:00 and 11:00am



PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 12TH

2017-2018	
Envelopes.....	\$20,092.00
Offertory.....	\$1,593.60
Weekend Total.....	\$21,685.60
YTD.....	\$584,587.28

2016-2017	
Envelopes.....	\$25,095.19
Offertory.....	\$1,689.92
Weekend Total.....	\$26,785.11
YTD.....	\$568,778.28

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CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE TODAY

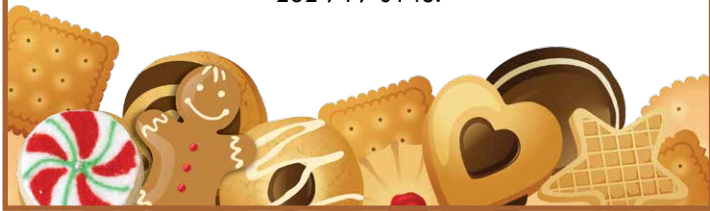
Please visit our Christmas Bake Sale today after all Masses in the Borromeo Room.

The proceeds from the Holiday Bake Sales go towards the purchase of altar wine, hosts, candles, worship aids and the cleaning of linens and other worship needs.

We will also have donation jars benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on our Bake Sale tables.

Bake Sale totals will be published in the Jan. 14th bulletin.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Borchart at 262-719-0143.



Thank you for responding so kindly and generously to Jesus' call to "love thy neighbor" with your gift to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. With your contribution of \$9,951.40 St. Charles helped with Hurricane Relief in Puerto Rico.

Your donation was forwarded to Catholic Charities USA, which specializes in disaster relief within the United States and its territories. Catholic Charities USA provides these much needed funds to local Catholic Charities agencies that are assisting families and individuals affected by Hurricane Harvey and related floods, and the recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Irma in Florida, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and potentially other areas along the East Coast.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



"...He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted... I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.."

The members and patrons of SVdP rejoice heartily in the Lord for all the blessings bestowed upon us through the generous hearts of parishioners and our benefactors. The food pantry's recent supply crisis was answered quickly and abundantly. Most of you will never meet the patrons that we help. But do know, that they too are good-hearted people who currently are dealing with great burdens, burdens that are lightened when others care. Thank you for helping us bring comfort and aid to those broken in heart and spirit.


FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: juice, mayonnaise, strawberry jelly, Saltines, pancake mix and Kleenex.

If you need assistance, please contact SVdP at 262-367-0800. We operate a food pantry located at 229 Lawn Street, Hartland. It is open Tuesday mornings between 10 am and noon. Evening hours are 5:30 pm to 7 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The pantry will be closed whenever Arrowhead Schools close for inclement weather. It will reopen the following Tuesday.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Montessori Religious Education 

Looking for Woodworkers and Artisans for New Children's Program

In Fall 2018 St. Charles Parish will bring the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to children in grades 3K through 5K. We are excited to share this wonderful program with our faith community and we need some assistance to get started.

Our current focus is to prepare the specialized Montessori-style materials and furniture in time to train new catechists in January. Many of these materials must be carefully hand-made and will be presented to the children as a gift from the parish.

If you are able to help, there is a list of needs for woodworkers to monetary donations in the Religious Ed Office which is open 8 am to 4pm, Monday through Friday.

Can you give time to this new program that we know will be embraced by our children and the parish? Please contact Alicia Van Hecke, Director of Formation for Children, at 262-367-0800 Ext. 205 or avanhecke@stcharleshartland.org.



Thank You!

Thank you to all the wonderful parish office volunteers that help answer phones, stuff bulletins, assist with bulk mailings and anything else that is asked of them. Wishing you all a blessed and Merry Christmas and a peaceful and joyful New Year!

The Parish Office Staff

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 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.



Sing at Christmas Masses

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)

Last Rehearsal: Wednesday, Dec. 20th from 7:30-9 pm

If you would like to sing or have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email Dr. Mathews at 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.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more Information.

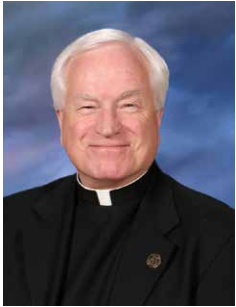


Respect For Life Ad Campaign



The St. Charles Respect for Life Ministry will participate in the Wisconsin Right to Life ad campaign. Every year the Wisconsin Right to Life sponsors a pro-life newspaper ad in the Waukesha Freeman to commemorate the Jan. 22, 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. This ad is two pages of names of individuals who support the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. **On the weekend of Jan. 6th & 7th the St. Charles Respect for Life Ministry will collect names of parishioners who would like to support this effort.** The Wisconsin Right to Life is asking for a \$1.00 per name donation to help offset the cost of the ad.

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Fr. Ken on Relevant Radio

Mark your calendars for Friday, Dec. 29 at 9:30 am and tune into Relevant Radio as Fr. Ken speaks with Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi and co-host Bob Benes about the power of the sacraments and how they became the foundations of our faith during the Living Our Faith Radio Show.

Both Fr. Ken and Archbishop ListECKi are beautiful orators and explain our Catholic faith in very easy to understand terms. Take a break this Christmas season and listen to the show which airs in the Milwaukee area on 100.1 FM, 1640 AM and online at relevantradio.com.



Point Burger Bar, Waukesha

Dec. 21st at 7:00 pm

Spring 2018 at 7:00pm

Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th, March 15th, April 19th, May 17th and June 21st

Brewing the Faith is a monthly, year-round speaker series for young adults, married and single in their 20's and 30's that addresses the needs, questions, and interests of young adults of the Catholic Church.

End of Year Giving

As we prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and thank Him for the gift of Himself for us, we wish to thank you for your generous financial support to both St. Charles Parish and School and The Cornerstone Project. Your tax deductible donations allow us to offer a wide variety of parish and school ministries where we serve the Lord. As 2017 comes to an end, please know there is still time to make a donation for this year.

If you would like to drop off a tax deductible donation to the parish, the office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The office will be closed Monday, Dec. 25th. All 2017 donations must be received by noon on Friday, Dec. 29th to be included in your year-end tax statements.

End-of-year donations may also be dropped into the offertory basket during any weekend Mass. In addition, you can place donations in to the Parish Office mail drop slot which is located on the right side of the foyer as you come into the main church entrance.

For more information about end-of-year contributions, please contact Marge Beck, Director of Administrative Services, at 262-367-0800 Ext. 201 or mbeck@stcharleshartland.org.

God Bless you for supporting Christ's work in Hartland.

Mission Ladies Christmas Potluck

Wednesday, Dec. 20th

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



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. 31st bulletin information is due Dec. 18th
- Jan. 7th bulletin information is due Dec. 27th





Final Week of School for 2017

We continue to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ with special classroom activities and several school-wide events. Our students are watching and waiting patiently.

- Thursday, Dec. 21::All-School Mass at 8:30 am with the 5th Grade Class leading. All are welcome to this last school Mass for 2017.
- Thursday, Dec. 21: School-wide Advent Spirit Service Project at 1:15 pm. Students will prepare weekend bags of food for students in Waukesha schools through an organization called Blessings in a Backpack. The group mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry.
- Friday, Dec. 22: Living Nativity Play presented by 2nd and 3rd Graders beginning at 10:30 am in the church. Come see a live costumed re-enactment of the Christmas story through scripture and song. All are welcome.
- Friday, Dec. 22: Early Release at 11:45 am for students in 5K through 8th Grade to begin Christmas Vacation. Preschool students released at 11:30 am.



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.



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!



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 took part in a Silent Entrance on Monday mornings and Silent Dismissals on Friday afternoons.

As students entered school on Monday mornings during Advent, the dimmed lights reminded students to remain silent as they prepared themselves for the day. Teachers held battery-operated candles and encourage students to complete their normal morning routines.

On Friday afternoons, students left their classrooms in silence. We encourage students to maintain this silence until they were in the car or on the bus.

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

CELEBRATE ADVENT

Third Sunday in Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from Dec.17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

Pray

Advent - Add this "O Antiphon" to your daily or meal-time prayer today: "O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!" (Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition, 76)

Act

Today is Gaudete Sunday when we shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near." **Rejoice as you light the pink candle on your Advent wreath.** You are more than half way to Christmas!



For more information on Advent please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website.



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)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Every Thursday, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm & every Saturday, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Communal Penance Service: Thursday, Dec. 21st, 6:30 pm at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in North Lake
- 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

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*)

**Liturgical Ministry Training Sessions
(Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans)**

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, Jan. 6th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Lectors: Saturday, Jan. 20th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Sacristans: Saturday, Jan. 20th, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Members of our parish are always welcome to come forward to minister to our community. Flexible scheduling is available and training is provided.

If you would like to participate in a liturgical ministry, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office, or contact Pastoral Associate, Beth Thompson at ethompson@stcharleshartland.org to sign up for a training session. We look forward to ministering with you!

Liturgical Ministry Registration

(Please return completed form to the Parish Office)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Ministry: Eucharistic Minister Lector Sacristan

Preferred Mass Time: _____

If you signed up for another Mass time, would you be willing to help out at the 6:00 pm: Yes No

How many Sunday Masses a month? One Two

**Advent Penance Services
Throughout Lake Country Area**

Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:30 pm St. Teresa of Calcutta, N. Lake

Nativity Set Exhibit

Dec. 10th - Jan. 7th

**St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd.
(Greenfield Ave. at 27th St.), Milwaukee**

The School Sisters of St. Francis invite you to their Alfons Gallery for a free exhibit of nativity sets from around the world plus Christmas-themed stitcheries by Sister Helena Steffensmeier. The exhibit continues 12 to 3 pm each Wednesday through Friday and Sunday through Jan. 7. Holiday items and more are available for sale in the gift shop. Call 414-385-5273 for more information or to arrange group or school visits.

Christmas Masses at the Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee has a full schedule planned for Christmas. On Dec. 25, 12 am (Midnight Mass), the liturgy will be celebrated by Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI and will include Christmas carols and choral music performed by members of the Cathedral Choir, brass, timpani, and organ and congregation. Prelude begins at 11:15 pm. This Mass will also air live on WISN, Channel 12, and include closed captioning for the deaf/hard of hearing community.

On Christmas Day, Auxiliary Bishop Jefferey R. Haines will celebrate Mass at 9 am. Music will be provided by cantor and organ.

All are welcome to attend/tune in as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



**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.

**Live
Nativity
scene**

December 17th
2:00 - 4:00 PM

- Live Animals
- Caroling
- Recitations of the "Infancy Narratives" from Holy Scripture
- Hot chocolate & cider
- And even a visit from St. Nick!