

December 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Third week of
Advent



Our parishioners showed kindness and love to strangers through the Circle of Love giving program. A total of 757 presents were donated this year and 103 families will receive those gifts during the Christmas season. It is an honor to buy gifts for those in less fortunate circumstances and it is what our Lord asks of us. We thank you for your generosity and your love for our neighbors.



WELCOME TO ST. CHARLES

PASTOR: Fr. Ken Omernick

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Patrick Behling

pbehling@stcharleshartland.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: 262-367-6704

Elizabeth Thompson, ethompson@stcharleshartland.org

Celiac Contact: Rose Thomas: rctihm@yahoo.com or 630-915-6601

PARISH OFFICE: 262-367-0800, Fax: 262-367-6960

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:00am- 4:00pm

Assistant to the Pastor:

Terrie Carew, Ext. 202, tcarew@stcharleshartland.org

Parish Receptionist:

Debra Hertel, Ext. 226, dhertel@stcharleshartland.org

Parish Administrative Assistants:

Kathy Gillstrom, Ext. 200, kgillstrom@stcharleshartland.org

Dee Anne Hamer, Ext. 200, dhamer@stcharleshartland.org

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

Marge Beck, Ext. 201, mbeck@stcharleshartland.org

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:

Mike Cattani, Ext. 229, mcattani@stcharleshartland.org

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE:

Tim Orzechowski, Ext. 217, torzechowski@stcharleshartland.org

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST & BULLETIN:

Renee Krier, Ext. 224, rkrier@stcharleshartland.org

PARISH SCHOOL: 262-367-2040, school@stcharleshartland.com

PRINCIPAL:

Dan Garvey, Ext. 208, dgarvey@stcharleshartland.org

School Administrative Assistants:

Lisa Moehrke & Karen Dejewski, Ext. 206

ADVANCEMENT OFFICER:

Christina Holmes, 262-361-5000, cholmes@stcharleshartland.org

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S FORMATION: 262-367-3277

Director of Children's Formation (PS-5):

Alicia Van Hecke, Ext. 205, avanhecke@stcharleshartland.org

Administrative Assistant:

Trish Gilchrist, Ext. 230, tgilchrist@stcharleshartland.org

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES:

262-367-3277 Ext. 221 or lifeteen@stcharleshartland.org

Director of Student & Young Adult Ministries: Nick Scanlan

Associate Director (EDGE 6-8): Corrie Christiaansen

Administrative Assistant: Laura Zgrabik

DEPARTMENT OF LITURGICAL MUSIC:

Director of Liturgical Music & Children's Choir Director:

Dr. Aaron Mathews, Ext.225, amathews@stcharleshartland.org

Associate Musician: Kathleen Latzke-Daley, Ext.215

Liturgical Music Assistant: Maria Notch, Ext.215

Liturgical Administrative Assistant: Erika Rutley, Ext.215

DIRECTOR OF ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY: 262-719-0067

Nancy Neuser, nneuser@stcharleshartland.org

DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP:

Nancy Van De Laarschot, Ext. 214, nvandelaarschot@stcharleshartland.org

DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP:

Jess Panlener, Ext. 212, jpanlener@stcharleshartland.org

Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 5:00pm

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 with closing prayer (includes music)

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00pm with 7:30pm Rosary and closing prayer (NEW)

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. **Please contact Jess Panlener at 262-367-0800 Ext. 212.**

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 Jess Panlener at 262-367-0800 Ext. 212.**

OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM: Terri Blazek: 262-367-7608,

jtblazek@wi.rr.com

Prayer Network: Pat Blavat 262-719-1341

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

Need Home Communion: 262-367-0800 (Parish Office)

Mass Intentions for
the Week of December 16th



Sunday, December 16 ~ Third Weekend of Advent

- 7:00 am † Robert Rydzewski
- 9:00 am † Jim Theeringer
- 11:00 am † Bud Hemmy
- 6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles & Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Monday, December 17

- 6:30 am † Jerry Johnson
- 8:30 am Special Intention for Fr. Richard Rhinehart

Tuesday, December 18

- 6:30 am † Helen Jones
- 8:30 am † William & Marie Scheuerell

Wednesday, December 19

- 6:30 am † Ginni Krancz
- 8:30 am † John Mitchell

Thursday, December 20

- 6:30 am † John Holtyn
- 8:30 am † Don & Maggie Sebastian

Friday, December 21

- 6:30 am † Ann Shannon
- 8:30 am † Deceased Members of the Daniel Fitzgerald & Joseph Connolly Sr. Families

Saturday, December 22

- 8:30 am † Katie Tetkoski
- 5:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles & Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Sunday, December 23 ~ Fourth Weekend of Advent

- 7:00 am † Mary Ann Vos
- 9:00 am † Ervin & Esther Wunsch and Anton & Marie Hallada
- 11:00 am † Eugene & Sophia Smocke
- 6:00 pm † Richard Boehm, Sr.



Abbreviation Key

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| BR = Borromeo Room | MD = Music Dept |
| CH = Church | MR = Music Room (School) |
| 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 |
| CGS = Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | |

Sunday, December 16 ~ Third Weekend of Advent

- Christmas Bake Sale, Hallway, After All Masses
- Life Teen Movie Tickets Distribution, BR, After All Masses
- Doughnut Sunday, PH, After All Masses
- CGS Session I-A (Gr. 3K-5K), Atrium, 8:30am
- Child Formation Classes (Gr. 1), Upper Classrooms, 8:30am
- "Little Lambs" Childcare, 3K Classroom, 9:00am & 11:00am Masses
- 35th Wedding Anniversary for Ray & Laura Feller, CH, during 9:00am Mass
- Child Formation Classes (Gr. 3-5), Upper Classrooms, 10:30am
- CGS Session I-B (Gr. 3K-5K), Atrium, 10:30am
- Baptism, CH, 12:45pm
- EDGE Middle School Ministry, LTC, 4:30pm
- IGNITE, LTC/PH/CR/CHPL, 7:15pm

Monday, December 17

- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Reach More Training, Offsite, 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 18

- Tuesday Breakfast Club, PH, 9:30am
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, Lawn Street, 10:00am-Noon
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Children's Choir Rehearsal, CH, 3:30pm
- Becoming FULLY Catholic, LTC, 5:00pm
- Advent Communal Penance Service, CH, 6:30pm**
- No Adoration
- Cub Scout Pack Meeting, PH, 6:30pm
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, IMC, 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 19

- Knit/Crochet Group, LTC, 10:00am
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Science Olympiad, SR, 4:15pm
- Chess Team, IMC, 5:30pm
- Hand Bell Practice, CH, 5:30pm
- Adult Choir Practice, CH, 7:00pm

Thursday, December 20

- Men's Morning Group, BR, 5:30am
- All School Mass, CH, 8:30am
- Staff Meeting, BR, 10:30am
- After School Care, PH, 3:30pm
- Lake Country Bread For Life Community Meal, BR, 5:30pm
- Boy Scout Troop Meeting, PH, 6:30pm

Friday, December 21 ~ School Early Release Day

- Morning Mom's Group, LTC, 10:00am
- Living Nativity Pageant, CH, 10:30am
- After School Care, PH, 11:45am
- ADORE: Family Hour, CH & BR, 6:30pm

Saturday, December 22

Sunday, December 23 ~ Fourth Weekend of Advent

- "Little Lambs" Childcare, 3K Classroom, 9:00am & 11:00am Masses



Adoration Cancelled on Dec. 18th

There will be NO Adoration Tuesday, Dec. 18th due to St. Charles Communal Penance Service during that time. There will also be no Tuesday Adoration on Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st. Tuesday evening Adoration will resume on January 8th.



Spend 15 minutes every day in prayer with Scripture!

*"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
Lk 1:42*



- Jesus was born from the smallest of the Israelites, only to be exalted beyond all telling. Just as well, the smallest among us will be exalted. How can I become little today?
- Even John in the womb recognized Jesus and his mother. How is my relationship with Mary? Do I ask her to guide me closer to her Son? How can I grow closer to Mary, especially during Advent as we anticipate the birth of her Son together?

Readings for the Week of December 16th

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.



Cutout and keep in your bible for reference!



Antiphons Highlighting the Advent Season

The Antiphons of The Roman Missal are short, memorable scripture texts for singing during the processions of Mass (e.g. Entrance and Communion). They reflect the Sunday readings, the feast being celebrated, a truth of salvation or an aspect of God's love. Repeating them in accessible, memorable melodies can help us recall the truths of God's Word throughout the day and week. The use of Entrance and Communion antiphons is being encouraged, but not strictly prescribed. Hope you enjoy the antiphons during Mass.



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Mass Schedule
 Monday, Dec. 24th ~ Christmas Eve
 3:00pm Children's Mass, 5:00pm and 11:00pm

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

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule
 Monday, Dec. 31st ~ New Year's Eve
 5:00pm

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

Bulletin Advertisers of the Week

Please support our advertisers!



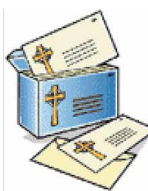
Holzauer, Hewett & Barta s.c.
 Orthodontic Care For Children And Adults

10225 W. Capitol Dr., Wauwatosa 414-463-5700
 520 Hartbrook Dr., Hartland 262-367-7076
 2516 N. Grandview Blvd., Waukesha 262-547-6365

Daniel Holzauer DDS MS | Charles Hewett DDS MS | Joshua Barta DDS MS

www.hhortho.com



 <p>PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 4TH</p>	2018-2019	2017-2018
	Envelopes..... \$26,925.50 Offertory..... \$1,685.76 Weekend Total..... \$28,611.26 YTD..... \$609,078.29	Envelopes..... \$24,972.50 Offertory..... \$1,549.58 Weekend Total..... \$26,522.08 YTD..... \$562,901.68

BEST **Advent** EVER

'TIS (almost) THE SEASON

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with . . .

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey



To sign up, visit
BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18

 Dynamic Catholic



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

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



St. Charles Parish has purchased a subscription for an exciting online web-based formation series called FORMED, produced by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. This is a FREE resource for parishioners to gain information and the facts about the Catholic faith – how we think, pray and live – accessible from any computer, tablet or smartphone. Through beautiful videos, music and acclaimed Catholic speakers and educators, our parish will grow in understanding and by participating in your faith!

To access FORMED, please visit <http://stcharleshartland.formed.org> and register by creating a personal account with a user name/email and password of your choice. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this excellent and powerful resource.

Adore

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

December 21st

(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. There is worship music and a short teaching for both children and parents. Adoration is 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.



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. 5th & 6th 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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



"..He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor!"

On this third Sunday of Advent, today's readings and Gospel compel us to provide for those who live with less. We hear John the Baptist tell us, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the one who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." As you finalize your Christmas shopping and make preparations for your special meal, consider contributing to the welfare of those whose Christmas dinner will be sparse and whose children may have little to celebrate under their Christmas tree. Through your generosity, the members of SVdP are able to alleviate the suffering of your neighbors. Envelopes for your convenience are located at the SVdP collection boxes in the narthex and next to the sign-up shelf. Donations for the pantry may be placed in the SE corner of the narthex any time the church is open. Thank you for your kindness in helping us help others.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: juice, cereal, mayonnaise, pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter, tuna, salad dressings, ketchup, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, deodorant and laundry detergent.

If you need assistance please contact SVdP at 262-367-0800. The pantry is open Tuesdays between 10 AM and noon. It is open evenings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. If you would like to join our organization please contact SVdP at that number.

The food pantry will close when Arrowhead Schools close for inclement weather. It will reopen the following Tuesday weather permitting.

End of Year Giving

In this season of giving, we wish to thank you for your generous financial support of St. Charles Parish and School and The Cornerstone Capital Campaign. The 2018 tax changes have created new opportunities for planning end-of-year charitable giving. St. Charles' School Annual Development Fund, The Cornerstone Project or parish operations fund would all appreciate any year-end donation support. Please contact your financial adviser to determine potential tax deductible savings for donations.

For information about contributing an end-of-year donation to St. Charles Parish and School please contact Marge Beck, Director of Administrative Services, at 262-367-0800 or mbeck@stcharleshartland.org. The Parish Office will be open Wednesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 28 to receive year-end donations. We kindly ask that donations be received by noon Dec. 28th so they can be properly recorded for 2018.

God Bless you for supporting St. Charles and Christ's work in Lake Country.

Young Adult Care Package Ministry

Have you finished high school and starting the next chapter in your life? Are you between the ages of 18 and 25? Whether you are attending college, working, in the military or discerning your next step, St. Charles would like to continue being your faith home. Please send us your current address so we can keep in touch with you. Sign up on the sign-up shelf or online at <http://www.lakecountrylifeteen.com/sign-up.html>.

*Entrust your works to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16:3*



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

**Thursday, Dec. 20th
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 will consist of holiday ham, corn, mashed potatoes & gravy, roll and Christmas treats.

St. Charles Outreach Service Team will oversee the event. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact the Parish Office or humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org.

**Holiday Desserts needed for the
December Bread of Life Community
Free Meal!**

- 2 dozen of your favorite holiday treat
- Register on the sign-up shelf

Thank you, Your Outreach Service Team

Bulletin Due Dates!

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in the Jan. 6th bulletin please submit your information by 8:00 am on Dec. 17th. This earlier deadline is due to the printer's holiday schedule. Thank you!





School News in
Final Weeks of 2018

- **Wednesday, Dec. 19:** Wacky Wednesday with a theme of Ugly Sweater and Crazy Sock Day! Bring in new socks for our sock drive and that is your "ticket" to dress down and wear holiday sweaters and crazy socks. All socks will be donated to the Hope Center in Waukesha for its Spread the Warmth Sock Drive.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 19:** Rosary recited at 8:30 am in the Life Teen Cafe. All parents and parishioners are welcome to say the rosary and pray for our school, church, students, parents, teachers and special intentions.
- **Thursday, Dec. 20:** All-School Mass at 8:30 am with the 4th Grade Class leading. All are welcome to this last school Mass for 2018.
- **Thursday, Dec. 20:** School-wide Advent Spirit Service Project at 1 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. Students will put together nearly 3,000 bags.
- **Friday, Dec. 21:** 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 and this is the perfect way to head into the weekend before Christmas.
- **Friday, Dec. 21:** Early Release at 11:45 am for students in 5K through 8th Grade to begin Christmas Vacation. Preschool students released at 11:30 am. School resumes on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019.

Remember Your SCRIP!

Remember to use SCRIP for your Christmas groceries, shopping and gift giving. 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. 16th the Parish Office will be staffed with extra help between 8:30-9:30 am and 2:30-3:30 pm weekdays. **Also please order your SCRIP by Dec. 16th to receive it by Friday, Dec. 21st in time for Christmas.** If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office or School Office.



FOLLOW
THE
STAR
TO THE MANGER

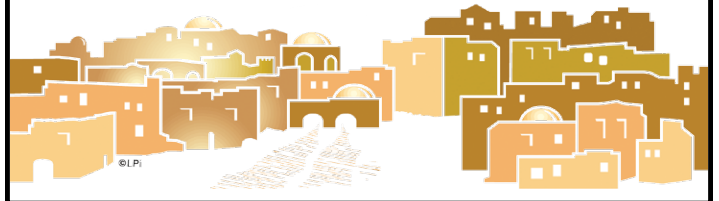
Advent is a time for reflection and wonder ...

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

**Friday, Dec. 21st At 10:30am
in the Church at St. Charles**

St. Charles' 2nd & 3rd grade school students will perform a live, costumed enactment of the Christmas Story in Scripture and in song.

Everyone Is Welcome! Join Us!



MARDI GRAS
Celebrating a Catholic Tradition!
St. Charles Parish & School 2019 Auction and Dinner
Saturday, March 9, 2019
Milwaukee Marriott West • 5:30 pm

Gift Cards Needed for the 2019
St. Charles Auction & Dinner!

We will be raffling off gift cards for auction attendees. We are looking for gift card donations, ranging from a minimum \$25 to a maximum of \$200. If you prefer, you can make a cash donation which will be used to purchase gift cards through our SCRIP Program. It is a great way to help support the parish, school and auction.

Please put gift cards in an envelope marked 2019 St. Charles Auction and turn in to the School Office. Please make checks out to St. Charles Catholic School if giving a cash donation.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Christian Women Christmas Potluck

Thursday, Dec. 27th

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



**SIGN UP AND SUPPORT
ST. CHARLES PARISH AND SCHOOL
EVERY TIME YOU SHOP, AT NO COST TO YOU.**

A flyer with more instructions can be found on the St. Charles Parish website www.stcharleshartland.com. What an easy and effortless way to help St. Charles while doing your Christmas shopping!

Remember Amazon SCRIP cards in \$25 and \$100 are now available year-round. Stop in and pick up your cards and then purchase Amazon items through Amazon Smile and maximize the amount of money St. Charles Parish earns from Amazon!



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.

MICHELLE
Olympic Speed Skater.
Grateful blood recipient.



St. Charles Parish & School Community Blood Drive

Thursday, Dec. 27th
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.

All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free 6" sub from the Picnic Basket in Nashotah and a coupon for a free pint of Culver's custard. Also receive a free long-sleeve Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last.



Support Our Grocers & Help St. Charles

Please save your register receipts from **PIGGLY WIGGLY** in Hartland/Oconomowoc and **SENTRY** in Delafield (only receipts with groceries purchased are valid.) St. Charles receives 1% of the receipt totals from all Sentry and Piggly Wiggly receipts.

Please use the drop slot located next to the Parish Office to deposit the receipts. **Please do not turn in Pick 'n Save or McDonald's receipts** as those programs have been discontinued. **Also we are not accepting Sendik's receipts at this time.**

PLEASE NOTE: When turning in your receipts, remember that **we need the whole receipt**. Do not cut the top or bottom off of any receipt or we cannot use it.

Also, please turn in your receipts weekly because they **expire after six months**. **Please do not staple, tape, roll or rubberband them together and keep them as FLAT as possible.** Thank you for supporting St. Charles.

CELEBRATE ADVENT

Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these.

Gaudete Sunday is a joyous celebration. Although it takes place during the usually penitential period of Advent, Gaudete Sunday serves as a mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus's return in three ways.

When is Gaudete?

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The date usually falls between December 11 to 17 each year. This year it falls on Dec. 16th.

Where Does the Name Come From?

The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Priest Clothing

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation – especially prayer and fasting – for Christmas.

Decor

For this same reason of lightening the mood, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.



by Scott P. Richert who has a master's degree in political theory from Catholic University. He is the author of two books and has written and edited Catholic publications for over two decades.



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. 3 – Dec. 21)
- 8:30 am, Monday through Saturday (Dec. 3 – Dec. 22; resumes on Dec. 26)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Every Thursday, from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm & Every Saturday, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- **Communal Penance Service: Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 pm**
- By appointment with either Father Ken or Father Behling (262-367-0800)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Every Monday, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm (except Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st)
- Every Tuesday, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (except Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st)
- Every Friday, 9:15 am to 3:00 pm
- ADORE Family Holy Hour, Friday, Dec. 21, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

MORNING PRAYER

- Monday through Friday, 7:30 am
- Saturdays, 8:00 am

ROSARY

- Monday through Friday, 8:00 am
- Tuesday, 7:30 pm (within Eucharistic Adoration)
- First Saturday of the month (Dec. 1) after 8:30 am Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 24

- 3:00 pm Children's Mass
- 5:00 pm
- 11:00 pm (Incense used)

Tuesday, Dec. 25

- 7:00 am
- 9:00 am (Incense used)
- 11:00 am (Incense used)

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, Dec. 31

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019

- 9:00 am (Incense used)
- 11:00 am (Incense used)

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE TODAY

Please visit our Christmas Bake Sale today after all Masses in the Parish Hall.

The proceeds from the three 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. 6th bulletin.

For more information please contact Karen Borchardt at 262-719-0143 or Carol Ostowicz 262-367-8548.



Thank you to everyone who baked, sold and purchased baked goods at our Thanksgiving Bake Sale.



PRAYER NETWORK

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Request Sheet and place it in the box located beneath the sign-up shelf. Look for the sign that says PRAYER NETWORK.

You can also reach Pat Blavat by emailing pblavs@hotmail.com to leave your request. The printed Prayer Network Sheet will list all the prayers for that week along with prayers requested to be on the list for a longer time. The printed sheets are printed every Monday and are on the information wall.

If you have an emergency and need prayers right away, please call Dawn Nowak at 262-538-1798 and she will start the Emergency Prayer Chain via telephone calls.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Start your new year out right and sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Jan 25-27 in Brookfield, WI; Feb 15-17 in Geneva, IL or March 15-17 in Madison, WI. For more information visit alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.



4 Stages of Marriage

The four stages of marriage are: (1) romance, (2) disillusionment, (3) misery and (4) awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the fourth stage of awakening. Don't give up without learning about the fourth stage! If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend retreat in the Milwaukee area, Feb. 15 through Feb. 17, 2019 at the Siena Center in Racine please call 414-502-7685, email: lakeshore@retrouvaille.org or visit our website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>.



Spirit Wear for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee 175th Anniversary is Now on Sale!

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

Two orders will be placed for spirit wear, Monday, Jan. 14 and the second on Wednesday, May 15.

Order Forms can be found at <http://www.archmil.org/ArchMil/Events/175-Anniversary/175SpiritwearInteractiveParish.pdf>. Please submit your completed order form and check made out to Archdiocese of Milwaukee and please send to attention of Marcy Stone at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, 3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912.

Help us celebrate 175 years of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by purchasing and wearing spirit wear.