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meet Christ, know Christ,  
love Christ and serve Christ.

December 13, 2020  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# *Third Sunday of Advent*

*John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."*

*John 1:26-27*



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## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

By appointment with Fr. Ken or Fr. Nick (schedule by calling the Parish Office).

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm & Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm or by appointment (schedule by calling the Parish Office).

## TUESDAY TRADITIONAL MASS

The following Tuesdays at 5:30 pm: Dec. 22, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23, April 27 & May 25.

## JOIN OUR PARISH

Contact the Parish Office during office hours at 262-367-0800 or parish@stcharleshartland.org.

## 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 Jess Panlener at 262-367-0800 Ext. 214.

## 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. 214.

## 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 Maria Notch at 262-367-0800 Ext. 220.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: if you need food, shelter or assistance call  
262-367-0800 (Parish Office)

NEED HOME COMMUNION (temporarily suspended):  
For information call 262-367-0800 (Parish Office)

# PARISH & SCHOOL STAFF REORGANIZATION



This year, St. Charles leadership and staff continued to think creatively, act courageously and apply best practices to live our mission, deepen our faith, bring home the lost, and educate and evangelize our youth. During these unprecedented times, we remain focused - streamlining staff while continuing to serve our amazing faith community. Moving into 2021, as we seek school and parish accreditations to be mission driven and data informed, we strive to be effective and efficient stewards of all parish resources. With approval of our Pastoral Council, we are excited to share the staff realignment into ministry teams (see graphic). This equips teams to leverage strengths to serve all in our community as we live out our mission to meet Christ, Know Christ, Love Christ and Serve Christ. To accommodate both social distancing and teams, some staff have moved offices. We all continue to be #stcharlesstrong!

**Mass Intentions for  
the Week of December 13th**



**Sunday, December 13**

- 7:00 am † Jack Henkel
- 9:00 am † Jim Theeringer
- 11:00 am † Alys & Bud Hemmy
- 6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

**Monday, December 14**

- 6:30 am Special Intention
- 8:30 am Special Intention

**Tuesday, December 15**

- 6:30 am † Bob Eberhardy
- 8:30 am Special Intention

**Wednesday, December 16**

- 6:30 am Special Intention
- 8:30 am † George Coleman

**Thursday, December 17**

- 6:30 am † Tom McKendry
- 8:30 am † Dr. Jerry Dorff

**Friday, December 18**

- 6:30 am Special Intention
- 8:30 am † Gerald Lebakken

**Saturday, December 19**

- 8:30 am † Greg Blattner
- 5:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

**Sunday, December 20**

- 7:00 am † Brian Gillstrom
- 9:00 am † Ervin & Esther Wunsch and Anton & Marie Hallada
- 11:00 am † Pete Schneider
- 6:00 pm † Hank & Evelyn Kovalaske



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**Get to know JESUS by spending  
15 minutes every day in prayer with Scripture!**

— Reflection questions for Sunday, December 20th —



- Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"
- Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?
- Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith?

**Readings for the Week of December 13th**

- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b] / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4] / Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a] / Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 / Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8] / Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7] / Mt 1:1-17
- Friday:** Jer 23:5-8 / Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7] / Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8] / Lk 1:5-25
- 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 1:26-3



**READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.**

Cut out and keep in your Bible for reference!

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we



see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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## THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as a gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other

reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness, and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy, we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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# ADVENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



In the spirit of spreading joy throughout our community, we will be posting **Advent video testimonials and tradition stories** from some of our parishioners and staff throughout the season! Each week there will be three new videos posted. We hope you keep retuning to the page to watch the newest video because it is a wonderful way to stay connected to each other and learn more about how people celebrate Advent. **To view the videos, please visit our website [www.stcharleshartland.com](http://www.stcharleshartland.com) and click on the Advent banner!**

## A CONSTANT COMPANION

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take Him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of Him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give Him all your time and let His presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation Himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## 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 (Nov. 30 - Dec. 23)
- 8:30 am Monday through Saturday (Nov. 30 - Dec. 23; resumes on Dec. 26)
- (NOTE: Due to Covid restrictions, the 8:30 am All School Mass on Dec. 23 will be for St. Charles students and their teachers only; please consider attending the 6:30 am Mass that day)

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (a Holy Day of Obligation)

- Vigil Mass, Monday, Dec. 7 at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 am & 7:00 pm
- (NOTE: Due to Covid restrictions, the 8:30 am All School Mass on Dec. 8 will be for St. Charles students and their teachers only. Please consider attending one of the other holy day Masses)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Thursdays, from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
(No 5:00 pm Reconciliation on Dec. 17, 24, & 31)
- Saturdays, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Communal Penance Services
  - Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 am
  - Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 pm
- And by appointment with either Fr. Omerick or Fr. Baumgardner (262-367-0800)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Monday evenings, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- Fridays, 9:15 am to 3:00 pm (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1); Adoration on Friday, Dec. 4 will begin at 12:30 pm due to the School Reconciliation Service

### MORNING PRAYER

- Monday through Friday, 7:30 am (Except Dec. 24 & 25 and Jan. 1)
- Saturdays, 8:00 am

### ROSARY

- Monday through Friday, 8:00 am (Except Dec. 24 & 25 and Jan. 1)
- Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm
- First Saturday of the month (Dec. 5) after the 8:30 am Mass
- Sundays at 1:00 pm outdoors by Marian Statue

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE (BY RESERVATION ONLY)

#### **Thursday, Dec. 24**

- 3:00 pm (Church & Gym)
- 5:00 pm
- 11:00 pm (Incense used)

#### **Friday, 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)

#### **Thursday, Dec. 31**

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

#### **Friday, Jan. 1, 2021**

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

## 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. 13th.

### 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.

## REJOICE!

The word of the day is rejoice! We hear it multiple times in the readings for this weekend, which is referred to as "Gaudete Sunday." We rejoice because the Lord is near! Spend some time this week reflecting on the Responsorial Psalm (Lk 1:46-54). Here we have the Magnificat ... Mary's hymn of praise. In this passage, you can see Mary's Fiat ... not only is she willingly cooperating with God's plan, but she is rejoicing in her complete surrender. She is not grieving her loss of self; rather she has found her true identity. We are called into a similar discipleship. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude and praise. We should rejoice in our Savior, who looks upon His lowly servants with deep and merciful love. Perhaps it is cliché, but an "attitude of gratitude" will cause us to give of ourselves in new and generous ways!

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## A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all,  
you adorn all creation  
with splendor and beauty,  
and fashion human lives  
in your image and likeness.  
Awaken in every heart  
reverence for the work of your hands,  
and renew among your people  
a readiness to nurture and sustain  
your precious gift of life.  
Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever.  
Amen

— from Catholic Household  
Blessings & Prayers

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# XLT

PRAISE | MESSAGE | ADORATION

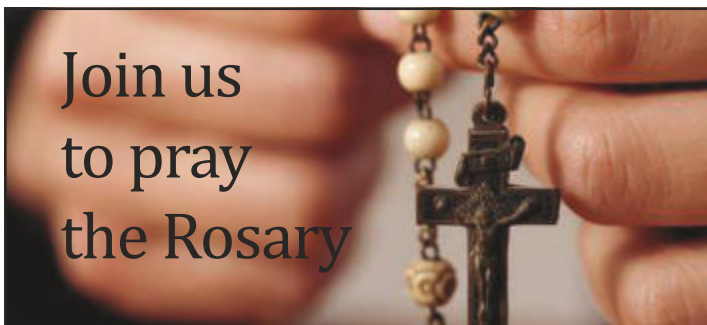



**O COME LET US ADORE HIM**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th @ 7:15pm**

A night of prayer as we prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts to embrace the season of Advent.

XLT stands for "Exalt" which includes praise and worship a message, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Everyone is invited to come and to adore our Lord!



Join us  
to pray  
the Rosary

Join us each Sunday at 1:00 PM  
at St. Charles' Marian Shrine  
to pray the Rosary rain (snow) or shine!  
For more information, contact Tom O'Brien  
at 262-337-0209



*2020 Christmas  
at St. Charles Parish*

### CHRISTMAS MASSES ONLINE!

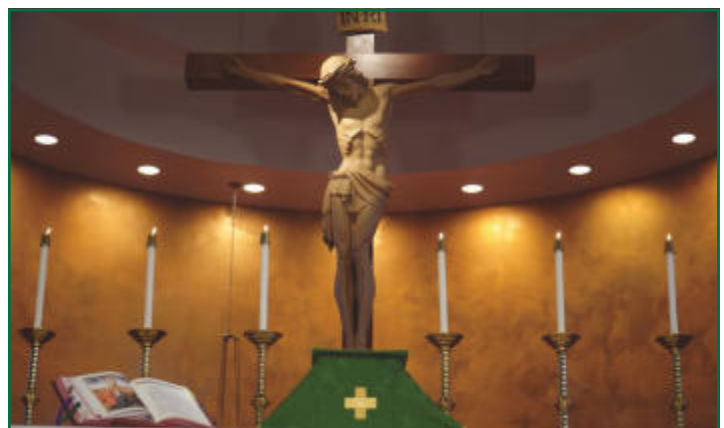
We are blessed to have so many of our parishioners register for our upcoming Christmas Masses! If you were unable to register, please consider joining us through our livestream on our website. Here is the Christmas Mass schedule.

#### Christmas Eve:

- 3pm
- 5pm
- 9pm
- 11pm

#### Christmas Day:

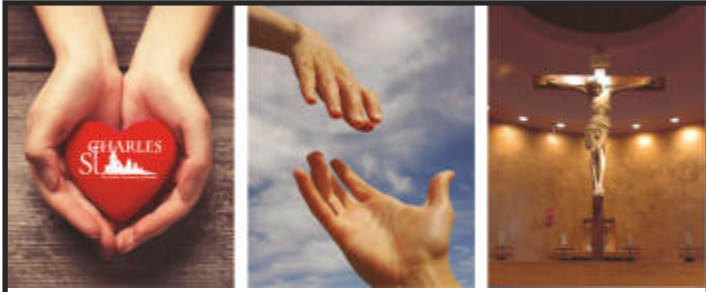
- 7am
- 9am
- 11am



### CELEBRATE THE TRADITIONAL MASS

Do you desire to be drawn more deeply into the mystery of the Mass? Do you want to encounter some of the ancient treasures of the Church? Then join us for our monthly Traditional Mass here at St. Charles. The Mass will take place on the following Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.: December 22, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, and May 25.

# THE GIFT OF GIVING



## HELP SUPPORT ST. CHARLES PARISH

You recently received a letter from Fr. Ken with a pledge card for your 2021 giving. We would like to thank everyone who has already returned their pledge cards — we sincerely appreciate your support and generosity! As you may know, we are a full 5% lower in revenue than where we were this time last year. We are in need of your help, no matter the size of your gift, and hope to hear back from 100% of our households. **If you haven't had a chance to return your pledge card yet, please do so by Thursday, December 17.** Please pray for us, as well, as we continue our mission to deepen our faith, bring home the lost, and educate and evangelize our youth.



## THERE IS STILL TIME!

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 during the 2019-2020 year.

There is still time to get your year-end donations into the Parish. Donations must be received in the Parish Office no later than Monday, Dec. 28 at noon. This allows for adequate time to record contributions for 2020. For information about contributing an end-of-year donation to St. Charles Parish and School, please contact Marge Beck, Operations Manager, at 262-367-0800 or mbeck@stcharleshartland.org.

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

## 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. 27th, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. 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 (or online) and return it with your donation to the Parish Office by Monday, Dec. 14th.**

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE PRINT –THANK YOU



PARISH SUPPORT  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF  
NOVEMBER 1ST  
FISCAL YEAR BEGAN JULY 1ST

2020-2021	
Envelopes.....	\$27,855.00
Offertory.....	\$848.10
Weekend Total.....	\$28,703.10
E-Giving.....	\$10,922.35
YTD.....	\$573,929.97

2019-2020	
Envelopes.....	\$24,301.00
Offertory.....	\$3,373.21
Weekend Total.....	\$27,674.21
E-Giving.....	\$8,548.10
YTD.....	\$596,763.52

# #GIVINGTUESDAY

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

We would like to thank everyone who donated on Giving Tuesday in support of our Outreach Team and St. Vincent de Paul! We are excited to announce that we raised \$13,945 on Tuesday, December 1. Your gifts will benefit so many families in need in Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties and will go a long way toward brightening the Christmas season for those who have faced hardships this year. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

## SCRIP FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS!



Use Scrip for your Christmas shopping, as gifts or stocking stuffers. The parish office is now offering \$5 and \$10 gift cards from some vendors - great for stocking stuffers. Remember, when you buy products with Scrip gift cards, you support our parish and school! You can order gift cards through their website ([www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)) and have them sent to St. Charles' Parish Office to pick up. You are also able to fill out the paper order form at the Parish Office to receive your order. Thank you for supporting St. Charles!

## BULLETIN DUE DATES!

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in a December and January bulletin, 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. 27th Bulletin information is due Dec. 14th
- Jan. 3rd Bulletin information is due Dec. 21st



## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: cleaning supplies and shampoo

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask the Lord for the grace to herald the coming of His son through our acts of charity. Your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring light and the love of Christ to those who are hurting. Thank you for helping us help others.

The food pantry is located at 229 Lawn Street, Hartland. It is open Tuesdays between 10 AM and noon. It is also open on the second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month between 5:30 PM and 7 PM. Protective masks are required in the pantry. If you need other assistance or are interested in becoming a member of our ministry of service to the poor and needy, please contact SVdP at 262-367-0800.

\*The food pantry will be closed when Arrowhead Schools close for inclement weather.



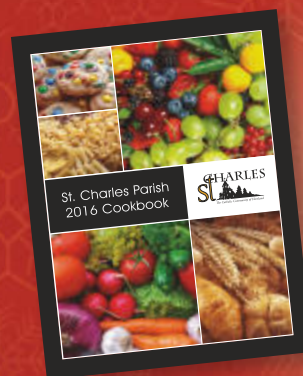
## ST. CHARLES DINING OUT!

**Endter's Sports Grill in Hartland  
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