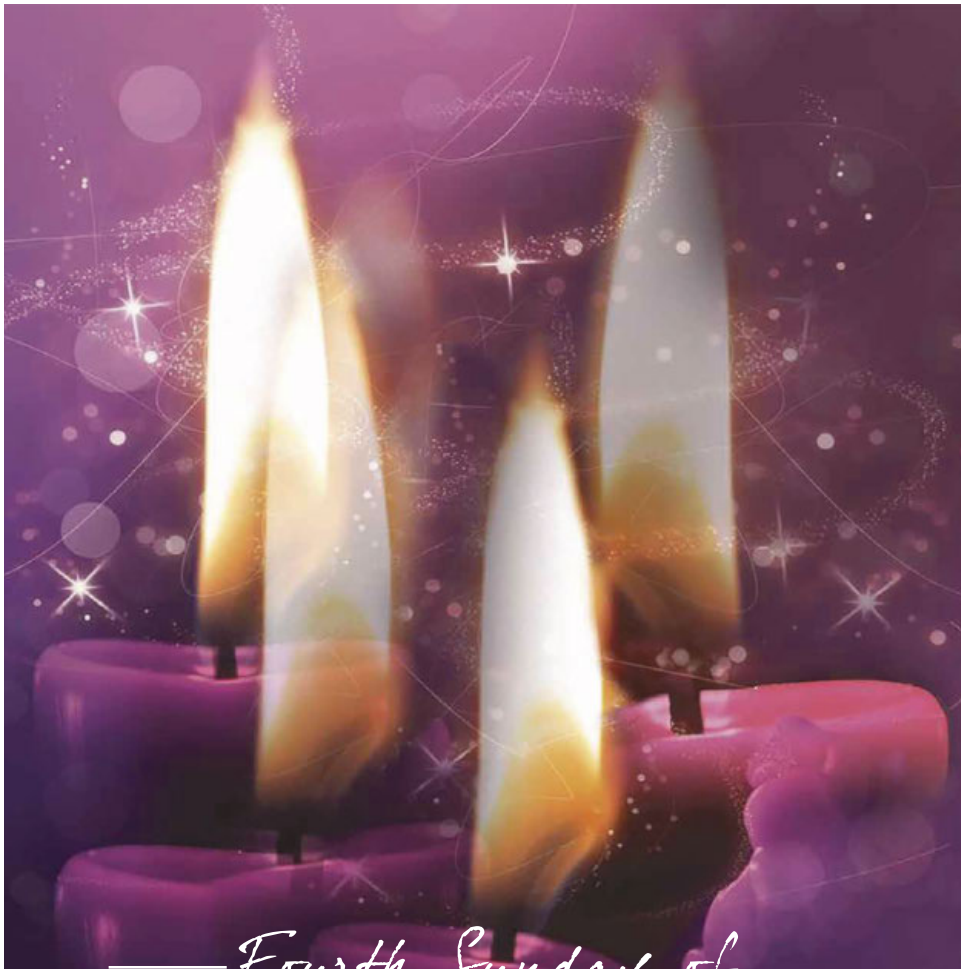




At St. Charles, all are invited to
meet Christ, know Christ,
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December 18, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

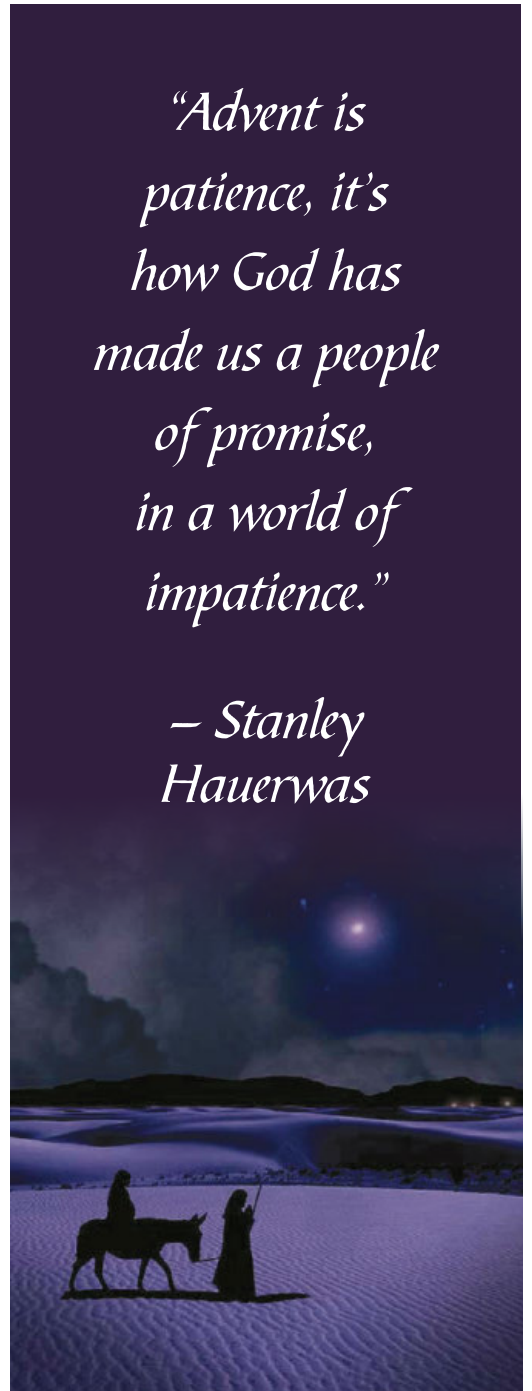


Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT

*The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."
(Mt 1:20)*

*"Advent is
patience, it's
how God has
made us a people
of promise,
in a world of
impatience."*

*– Stanley
Hauerwas*



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SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION: 5:00pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:30am & Saturday: 8:30am
Monday - Friday: 6:30am (during Advent)

TUESDAY TRADITIONAL MASS

Monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00am - 8:20am (during Advent)

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

RECONCILIATION

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

ANOINTING MASSES: 2nd & 4th Fridays every month at 8:30 am

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH:

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- PLANNING A WEDDING
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- BECOMING FULLY CATHOLIC
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Printed weekly prayer sheets are available on the information wall.

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Mass Intentions for the Week of December 18th



Sunday, December 18 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Ahner Family
9:00 am † Ervin & Esther Wunsch and Anton & Marie Hallada
11:00 am † Bud & Alys Hemmy
6:00 pm † Agatha Ulrich

Monday, December 19

6:30 am † Betty Miller
8:30 am † Harold Spitzer

Tuesday, December 20

6:30 am † Cynthia Lewis
8:30 am † Greg Blattner

Wednesday, December 21

6:30 am † Kevin Demitros
8:30 am † Ann Shannon

Thursday, December 22

6:30 am † Ray Ward
8:30 am † Rick Demitros

Friday, December 23

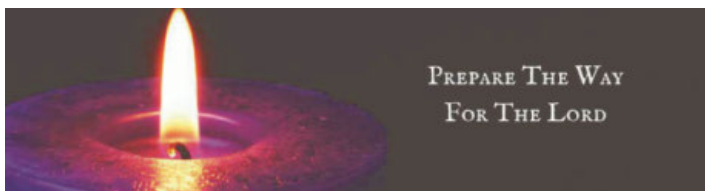
6:30 am † Ed McAleer
8:30 am † Mark Neu

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

3:00 pm † Jim & Dorothy Zingsheim
5:00 pm † Jim & Mary McLoone
9:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles
11:00 pm † Amy Zott

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

7:00 am † Brian Gillstrom
9:00 am † Louis & Beverly Enderlin

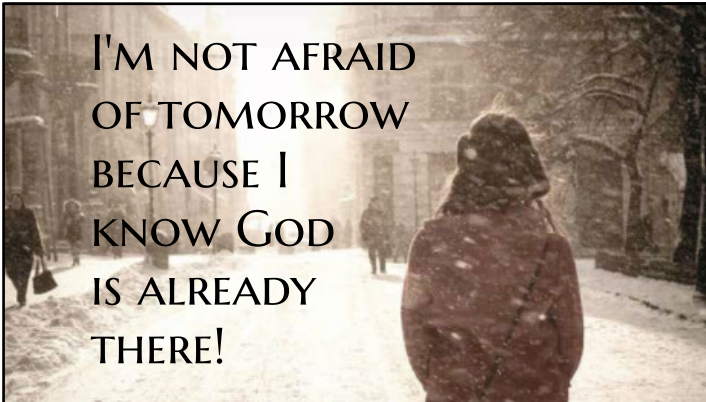


WEDDING BANNES
3rd Bann ~ Meghan Woodson & Curry Perkins

BULLETIN DUE DATES!

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in a January bulletin, please submit your information by the due dates listed below. Please submit all articles by 8:00 am on the due date. Thank you!

- Jan. 1st Bulletin information is due Monday, Dec. 19th
- Jan. 8th Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Dec. 21st



I'M NOT AFRAID
OF TOMORROW
BECAUSE I
KNOW GOD
IS ALREADY
THERE!

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death. ©LPI

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE
Lectio Divina

15 minutes each day spent in God's presence – reading, reflecting, responding and resting with his Word – adds up to 90 hours in one year. That is time well spent and a testimony to how a little at a time turns into something remarkable!

Sunday, December 25th Readings

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

To find readings for the weekdays and/or Feast Days, please visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

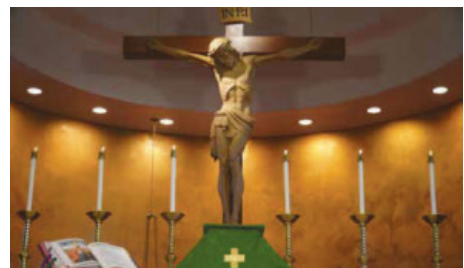
Reflection questions for Sunday, December 18th

- Isaiah prophesied of God's promise to send "a child to us" who will be "a great light" and bring us "abundant joy and great rejoicing." How will you show to others today your joy at the birth of Jesus?
- We hear Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. Luke tells us how the message of the angel of the Lord frightened the shepherds. In response, the angel said, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people ..." How will your family celebrate today the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Messiah?

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.



Cut out and keep in your Bible for reference!



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, held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. The next Mass is on December 27th.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“God is with us.” This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves



at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

ST. JOSEPH THE STEWARD

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

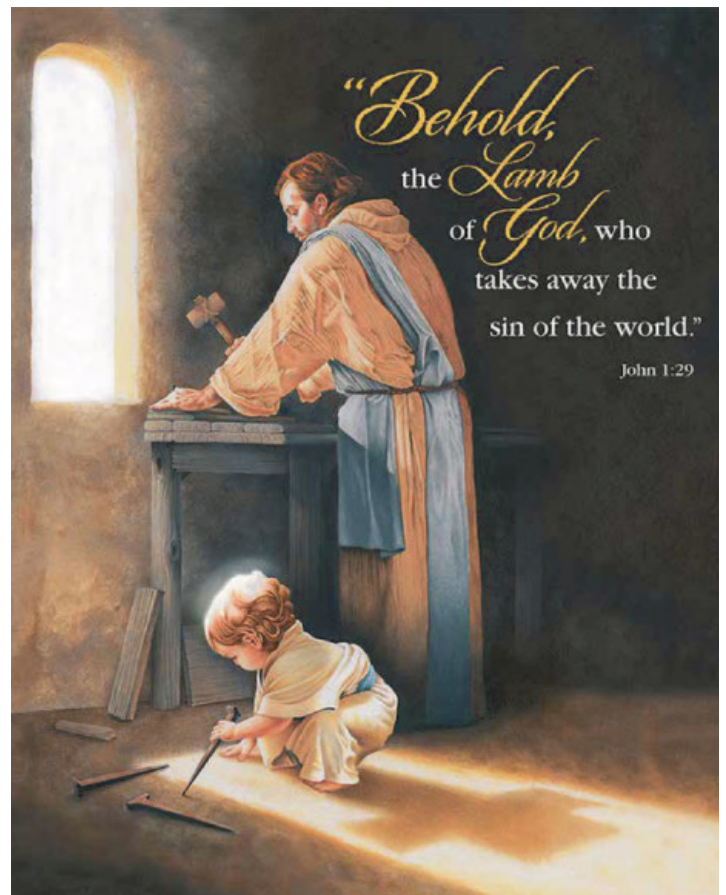
Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, “he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home.”

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.





A PERSONAL INVITATION FROM MARIANNE GIOVINGO

Discipleship Team Lead

Jesus' disciples lived life with Him. They knew Him intimately in ways that only friends do. We are called to be disciples of Jesus--friends who know Him personally. One way St. Charles offers to grow in this friendship with Jesus personally, and from your own relationship share the Good News with others, is through a ministry called Reach More.

I have the privilege to walk with those in this ministry and am ceaselessly inspired by how God uses the daily lives of our parishioners to speak His Love. Reach More meets weekly and offers opportunities to share how God has used us or shown up in our lives; I am in awe at God's personal encounters with each of us. We receive from the ministry and from each other tools to better become aware of God in our midst.

I invite you to come alongside us on the journey of Reach More! Please see the information below if God is calling you to go deeper in your faith.



INTO THE DEEP OF FAITH REACH MORE DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

You are invited to dive into your relationship with Christ this Winter by receiving tools on how to more effectively serve as Jesus' disciples with those whom you impact most in your life.

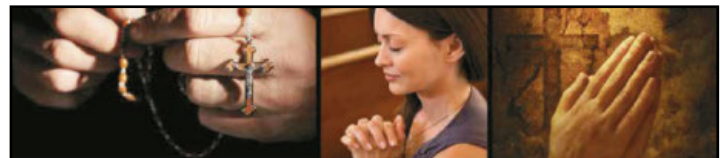
We will meet for 12 consecutive weeks on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm (updated dates: January 10th - March 28th). Each week we will pray, dive deep into scripture, watch videos that will teach us how to speak about/for our Faith, and discern how the Lord is calling us to serve with Him today. John witnesses how this process has been an incredibly powerful journey for his Faith story. We truly hope you'll join us! Please contact Marianne Giovingo with any questions and/or to **sign up by January 3rd** for the Winter session at mgiovingo@stcharleshartland.org.



LEADER HUDDLE (CONTINUAL ADULT FORMATION)

We believe all of us are hungry for formation and support from fellow Church members seeking to grow in Discipleship. **EVERYONE is invited to attend our Leader Huddle on Thursday, December 15th.** The same session is offered at 11:30 am-12:30 pm in the chapel and again that night from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm in the Life Teen Cafe. Our hope is that this time feeds you to receive discipleship training so as to be sent as disciples into your personal apostolates (services) to the Church, your family, your community, the world.

For more information or questions, please contact Marianne Giovingo at mgiovingo@stcharleshartland.org.



THE GIFT OF PRAYER

One of the most powerful ways that we can support one another, especially during this time of year, is through prayer. The best part about prayer is that other people can pray for your needs!

If you would like to be a prayer warrior, **printed weekly prayer sheets are available on the parish information wall.** If you have prayer requests, please send an email to prayernetwork@stcharleshartland.org. If you are in need of immediate prayers, please don't hesitate to email emergencyprayers@stcharleshartland.org or contact the Parish Office at 262-367-0800.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The St. Charles Knitting and Crochet Ministry has been busy making prayer shawls that are blessed by Father with a prayer card and miraculous medal included. As we knit and crochet, our prayers for healing are woven in and with the love of Jesus for your loved one who is being comforted by the shawl.

If one is needed for a seriously ill or struggling family member or friend, please stop by the church office to pick one up.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please consider joining us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (always check the calendar on the website for any updates.)

**NOTICE OF NOMINATION/ELECTION
PASTORAL COUNCIL TRUSTEE-SECRETARY**

Nominations for the Pastoral Council Trustee-Secretary position are now being accepted. Michael Berendes' term as Pastoral Council Trustee-Secretary has ended, and he is nominated for re-election by Fr. Ken Omernick. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for nomination to this position, you are required to be at least 25 years of age, a practicing Catholic, and a current registered parish member. Nomination forms and information are available in the Parish Office. All nomination forms must include 10 parishioner endorsement signatures and must be returned to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, December 21, 2022. Voting for the Pastoral Council Trustee-Secretary position will take place on January 15 & 16, 2023 after the Saturday evening Mass and all Sunday Masses in the Borromeo Room. If no additional nominations are received, Michael Berendes will be reinstated as Parish Council Trustee-Secretary for another two-year term.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

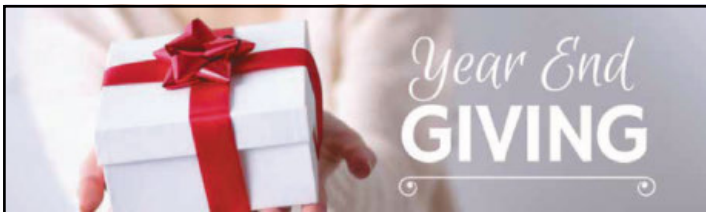


FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Black Beans, 4# Bags of Granulated Sugar, Baked Beans, Toilet Paper

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like Him, more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God's grace. Your gifts to the St. Charles St. Vincent de Paul Society help those who are in need and suffering to find Emmanuel and also come to know that "God is with us." A special thank you to one of our benefactors, Modern Woodmen of America, for their generous gift of food.

Our St. Charles SVDP Food Pantry is located only a few blocks from church at 229 Lawn Street. Hours are every Tuesday morning from 10am to noon and the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 5:30pm until 7pm. If you are in need of assistance or know of someone in need, please contact SVDP at 262-367-0800.

The food pantry will be closed when Arrowhead Schools close for inclement weather. It will reopen the following week, weather permitting.



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS EVERYTHING!


We thank you for keeping St. Charles at the forefront in this season of giving and for your generous financial support to help St. Charles be the light of Christ in our community! **Please drop off year-end donations to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, December 28 to allow adequate time to record contributions for 2022.** For information or questions about contributing an end-of-year donation to St. Charles Parish and School, please contact parish@scharleshartland.org or 262-367-0800.



SCRIP FOR YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS!

Use Scrip to purchase your gifts, baking supplies, and holiday supplies. Remember when you buy products with Scrip gift cards, you support our parish and school! You can order gift cards through their website (www.raiseright.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 your consideration and supporting St. Charles!

One of the easiest ways to support St. Charles Parish and School is through the secured online e-giving system.

	<p>PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 6TH</p> <p>FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30</p>	<p>2022 - 2023</p> <p>Envelopes..... \$26,813.70 Offertory..... \$2,108.17 Weekend Total \$28,921.87 E-Giving \$10,380.85 YTD \$711,656.87</p>	<p>2021-2022</p> <p>Envelopes..... \$23,941.50 Offertory..... \$1,757.10 Weekend Total \$25,698.60 E-Giving \$14,918.10 YTD \$644,774.53</p>
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OPEN PAID POSITIONS AT ST. CHARLES



Due to schedules changing and upcoming maternity leaves, St. Charles Parish School is hiring for the below positions:

- Part-time Lunch Recess Supervisor
- Long-term Substitute for Spanish

If you are interested, please contact the School Office at 262-367-2040! We would love to have you join our staff!



ST. CHARLES
SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
JANUARY 22



CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL!

Our annual Open House will be on Sunday, January 22 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm!

Stop by after Mass to visit our classrooms, meet with teachers and Principal Garvey, and speak with current parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to take a tour of our school and consider it for your family for the 2023-2024 school year! Please visit our website for more information and to register for a tour. Walk-ins are also welcome!



Blood Drive

St. Charles Catholic Parish & School
313 Circle Drive
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Wednesday, December 28, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: StCharles

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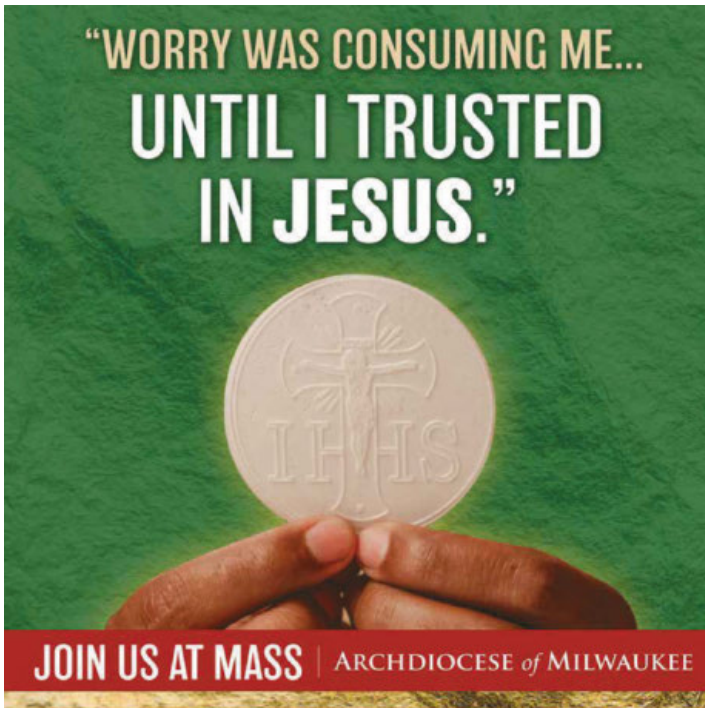
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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT ST. CHARLES



ST. CHARLES CHOIR ON TV DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

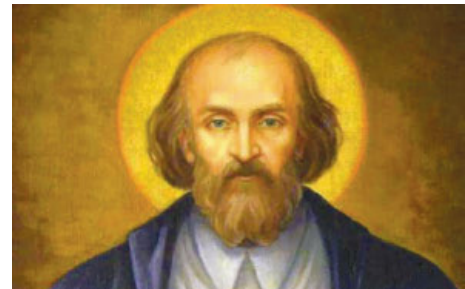
St. Charles' Music Ministry was invited to participate in the Heart of the Nation: My Sunday Mass, which is the most widely distributed televised Mass in the country, reaching tens of millions of homes coast to coast on broadcast, cable, and satellite channels. The Heart of the Nation TV Mass serves the faithful who cannot attend church in person.

St. Charles filmed the Masses for Christmas Day; Mary, Mother of God; and Epiphany, and they will air on December 25th, January 1st, and January 8th, respectively, on Channel 6 at 5:30 a.m. and Channel 24 at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Additionally, they will be available on the Heart of the Nation website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/heartofthenation.

ST. CHARLES CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve: 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm (with incense)
Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day: 7:00 am, 9:00 am (with incense)

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASSES
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
Saturday, December 31: 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 1, 2023:
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am (with incense)



SAINT JOHN OF KANTY | DECEMBER 23

Saint John, sometimes called John Cantius, was born in the Polish town of Kanty in 1390. Not much is recorded about his early life; however, he was a bright young man who did well in his studies at the university in Krakow. He earned his doctorate in philosophy and went on to be ordained and earn a doctorate in theology, as well.

He began teaching at the university immediately following the conferring of his doctorate in philosophy. Unfortunately, his popularity worked against him, and he was dismissed from his post on false charges. Saint John was reassigned to a post as a parish priest in the town of Olkusz, Bohemia. His parishioners did not receive him with open arms, and he was unsettled in his new position. But John did not give up; his honest care for the people of his parish eventually endeared him to them.

After a time, he was invited back to the university and he returned to teaching, filling leadership roles in the philosophy and theological areas until the end of his long life. Saint John deeply cared for the poor, giving everything but only what he needed to survive away. He lived an aesthetic life but was such an engaging man that he often dined with nobility.

Saint John of Kanty died on December 24, 1473. He was canonized in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII. In 1998, a new religious community chose the saint for their patron, and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius was formed in Chicago, Illinois.

PARISH AND SCHOOL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The St. Charles School Office will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 and will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023.

The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Friday, Dec. 23rd and all day Monday, Dec. 26th. The Parish Office will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 2nd.

young adult
evening prayer

Candlelight Christmas Novena

Tuesday 12.20.22
8p ET / 7p CT / 6p MT / 5p PT



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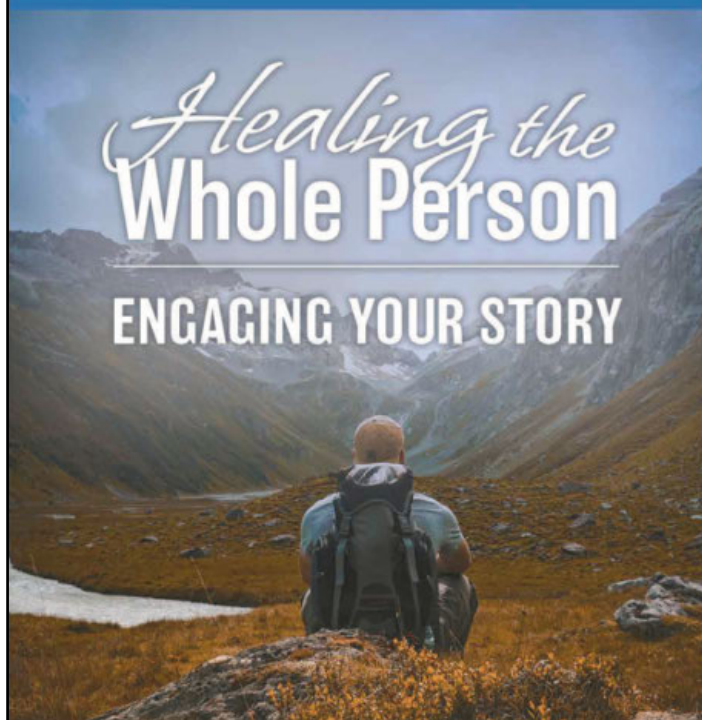
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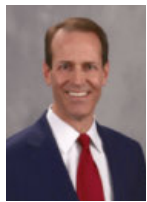
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