



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

**January 8, 2023  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*Wise Men  
Still Seek  
Him*

*“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2)*

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# WELCOME TO ST. CHARLES - WE ARE HERE FOR YOU



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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

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

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:

- JOINING OUR PARISH
- PLANNING A WEDDING
- PLANNING A FUNERAL
- PLANNING A BAPTISM
- BECOMING FULLY CATHOLIC
- JOINING A SMALL GROUP
- CHILD FORMATION

For help with any of these areas please contact the Parish Office at 262-367-0800 or [parish@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:parish@stcharleshartland.org).

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## Mass Intentions for the Week of January 8th



### Sunday, January 8 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am † Brian Gillstrom

9:00 am † Lorraine Holloway

11:00 am † Wayne Sanger

6:00 pm † Marcy Liegel

### Monday, January 9

8:30 am † Bill Lawless

### Tuesday, January 10

8:30 am Special Intention

### Wednesday, January 11

8:30 am † Randall Czeszynski

### Thursday, January 12

8:30 am † Eileen Flock Bogenberger

### Friday, January 13

8:30 am † Ann Shannon

### Saturday, January 14

8:30 am † Joan & Al Gizelbach

5:00 pm † Dick & Mary Lindemann

### Sunday, January 15

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

9:00 am † Drew Wallace

11:00 am † Robert Jisa

6:00 pm † Barbara Simon



## WEDDING BANNS

2nd Bann ~ Kimberly Buss & Troy Doering



## REMINDER FROM FR. KEN

Please use one of the two St. Charles parking lots (North East and West of the Parish campus) when coming to Parish and School events (weekend and daily Masses, meetings, etc.) versus parking on the street. Thank you for helping St. Charles be good neighbors!



**If you go to the hospital ...** Federal laws prohibit hospitals and nursing homes from routinely informing us when you are admitted, so **please call the Parish Office to schedule a priest or communion visit (262-367-0800.)**



## THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir  
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## 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, January 15th Readings

**Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/  
Jn 1:29-34**

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

### Reflection questions for Sunday, January 8th

- The prophet Isaiah spoke of how God, through Israel, would show his "glory" to all people and have his "salvation reach to the ends of the earth." What do you imagine the world will look like when this happens?
- Today's reading is the opening greeting of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul tells the believers in Corinth that they (and all believers) are "sanctified" (blessed) and "called to be holy." What do you think it takes to be blessed and holy?
- In today's Gospel reading we hear John the Baptist testify that Jesus is the Son of God. If you had the chance, what would you tell people about Jesus?

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



*Cut out and keep in your Bible for reference!*

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When I was little, you could tell I believed in the destructive power of the monsters who lived beneath my bed because I would never let my ankles anywhere near the bottom of the mattress. (It's common knowledge that bare ankles are premium monster bait — ask any child you know). You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear.

But here's the thing: belief isn't always enough. It's obvious that Herod believed in Christ's power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy."

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him — mostly because my very modern understanding of the concept of "fear" would lump God in with those monsters beneath my bed. But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense — awe, reverence, and wonder? "All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." — Psalm 72:11

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but something. It moved him into action. So, then, it should move us all. © LPI



## WELCOME ST. CHARLES NEW OPERATIONS MANAGER/TEAM LEAD

*message from Deacon Jon Gabik*

I am thrilled to be part of the St. Charles Community. For those that do not know me, my name is Deacon Jon Gabik. I have been married to my wonderful wife Yvonne for the past 23 years.

We have two children, Ian and Zoe, who are in high school. We are parishioners of Holy Family Parish in Whitefish Bay. We joined Holy Family because we loved the parish community and felt at home with the warm feeling of the school community. I get that same feeling at St. Charles. Currently, my job title is the Operations Team Lead.

Several years ago, Father Dennis Dirkx, then pastor of Holy Family and St. Robert Parishes, asked me if I would consider becoming a deacon. After much thought, prayer, and conversation with my family, we decided that I would try to become a deacon until God made it clear to me that I should not continue. I guess Father Dennis saw something in me that I did not see in myself. After a year of discernment and four years of Formation, I answered God's call to become a deacon on September 10, 2022.

On the weekends, I actively minister to the parishioners of both Holy Family and St. Robert Parishes. During the week, I will use my talents to help support the pastoral team at St. Charles from the lens of understanding the parish mission. For over thirty years, I owned a manufacturer's representative company. At the start of Formation, I became the Director of Operations and Administration at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Milwaukee. I am excited now about the opportunity to use my gifts to be part of the St. Charles team.

Entering the diaconate program, I took pride in my individual fortitude. What I learned throughout Formation was that I needed to rely on cooperation, teamwork, and help from others to make the journey. My real discovery in the Formation program was that God was always at work in my life. Sometimes the most important thing we can do is be docile to the Holy Spirit. The diaconate program turned me toward Christ as I help others walk with Christ. At St. Charles, I know I will continue this journey. Thank you to the pastoral team who has been so warm, inviting, and supportive. Everyone's support has been overwhelming and quite humbling.




## Eucharistic Adoration at St. Charles

**Mondays:** 5:00-7:00pm with closing prayer

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

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

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



### ADULT FORMATION

#### READY TO HUDDLE (CONTINUAL ADULT FORMATION)

Huddles refer to the gathering of adults every month where we offer continual formation of the faith through conversation, videos, and prayer. Our desire is to help you grow deeper in love with your relationship with God and with each other! Journey with us for our next Huddle on Thursday, January 12th. We break open the same material at each session, either 11:30am in the Chapel OR 6:30pm in the Life Teen Cafe. Please consider joining us; email Marianne at [mgiovingo@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:mgiovingo@stcharleshartland.org) for more information.





The Epiphany house blessing of the door is a wonderful Catholic tradition for families. It's very simple to do and is a great way to pray with your family! All you need is a piece of blessed chalk. If you did not receive the blessed chalk during the reverse collection at this weekend's Masses, you may pick up your chalk in the parish office. Once you have your chalk, follow these directions and say this prayer.

## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING TRADITION

The traditional method for blessing homes this day is using chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made.) The chalk is used to mark the first two numerals of the year - initials of the three kings – last two numerals of the year, for example:

20 + C + M + B + 23

Over doorways – The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, and also stand for the Latin motto "Christus mansionem benedicat," or in English "May Christ bless this house."

This rhyme may be used after the door lintel is marked with chalk, or you may use this blessing:

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation.  
You bless us with your gift of chalk.

Today with a shining star you guided strangers  
to your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
In love the Holy Family welcomed them as guest.

Through the intercessions of your saints  
Casper, Melchior and Balthasar  
grant that we who bless our homes with this chalk  
may be filled with kindness toward one another  
and with hospitality to all those we welcome  
in the name of your beloved Son,  
who is Lord forever and ever.  
Amen



## THE BEAN CAKE

The blessing of the house may be followed with a special meal, traditionally a "King's Cake." In this cake is planted or baked a dried lima bean (or an alternate such as a jelly bean) and the person who finds it becomes king for a day with a royal paper crown. You may choose a favorite bundt-cake recipe, and for larger families or groups, you might have three kings.

The bean, or beans, when discovered by the new king may become the main jewel in the waiting paper crown(s). Crowns are then fitted and the new kings crowned with much fanfare.

The king has the honor of ruling the next twenty-four hours, chooses the menu and creates some new house rules effective for twenty-four hours. The king must also prepare a small talk for the family on the lesson they can learn from the story of the three holy kings.

Often the description of their dangerous journey and their encounter with Herod is enough to tout the perils of our own road in life and the need to keep our eyes ever on the star, the light of lights.





EVENTS & NEWS AT  
ST. CHARLES PARISH SCHOOL

**Advent Spirit Events:** Students came together to celebrate Advent during the last week of school prior to Christmas! Students participated in activities in our Gym such as making Christmas cards before playing games and creating crafts in their classrooms. Thank you to all of the parents who helped run our classroom parties, too!



**Living Nativity:** Our 2nd and 3rd Graders were excited to participate in the Living Nativity again this year! Students did a wonderful job of bringing the Nativity to life. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication to this performance!



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!



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THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Mike Voss and the Knights of Columbus Council #3562 for their continued support of St. Charles Parish School. With their generous donation, we were able to purchase a class set of VEX robotic kits and some additional STEM materials. Their gift also helped us provide more online math resources for our 3rd-5th Grade students. We are so grateful!



ST. CHARLES DINING OUT!

**Endter's Sports Grill in Hartland**  
Sunday, January 15th - 4 pm to 10 pm

Mention St. Charles and Endter's will donate \$5 for each large pizza or \$3 for each small pizza to St. Charles School. Offer good for dine in or carry out. For carry out call 262-369-0079. Remember to buy SCRIP for Endter's in the Parish Office and then spend it on Jan. 15th.



## A NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS FOR THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3000 years. The start of a New Year gives us the feeling of a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities. It is a time when people feel that they can begin anew with their lives. Common New Year's resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more and eat healthier, to spend more time with family. Still others include managing money better and being more organized.

Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year's resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may re-commit themselves to pray more, to read the Bible, or to attend Mass more regularly. If you are looking for some ideas for your New Year's resolutions, here are a few to get you started:

**Practice gratitude** – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others.

**Encounter the Lord each day** – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

**Be present to others** – There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in peoples' lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize.

**Resist overwork** – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

**Nurture friendships** – Our friends are those we choose to be with, those with whom we spend our evenings, with whom we vacation, to whom we go to for advice. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. Friends need our time and love.

**Give more** – Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as a gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord's table at Mass. Consider what you are giving to your parish and local diocese and commit to an even greater contribution as circumstances allow.

**Make a difference in your parish community** – Believe it or not, your parish community can use your talents. Offering your talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year's resolution.

**Consider living more simply** – We cannot find fulfillment in possessions. They add nothing to our self-worth. Jesus blessed the "poor in spirit" in his Sermon on the Mount, and Saint Francis of Assisi urged us to live with only what was necessary, for that is how we begin to find God.

**Get healthy** – Studies show that most people in North America are accelerating their own decline into premature old age, owing to poor diet and lack of physical activity. Be a good steward of your body. If necessary, plan a complete overhaul of your diet and exercise habits.

**Don't give up** – People give up their New Year's resolutions because of perfectionism and unrealistic expectations. So take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying. Resist the urge to throw your hands up and quit. You succeed through small, manageable changes over time.

**Turn to the Lord** – Ask the Lord for guidance, strength and perseverance in achieving your resolutions. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul writes: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13). If God is the center of our New Year's resolutions, they have a better chance for success.

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7 & 8, 2023

In today's second reading, we hear the teachings of Saint Paul to the members of the Church at Ephesus. He proclaims that he, and they, are stewards of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore stewards of God's loving, unifying and inclusive grace. He also proclaims that the Holy Spirit is at work within each of them, if only they would be open to the Spirit. Today, our world races by with intolerance, violence, desperate poverty, fear and division. At the beginning of this New Year, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on Saint Paul's words and ask ourselves how we can be good stewards of the gospel today. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us? How can we be better stewards of Christ's justice and peace?



**FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND  
JANUARY 14 & 15**

Join fellow parishioners for conversation and a donut/snack at Fellowship Weekend in the Parish Hall, January 14 and 15 after all the Masses. A big thank you to Knights of Columbus who will be hosting this event and for the sponsors supporting it! The Knights will also be there to give information on the Knights of Columbus organization and how men in our parish can become a member. Feel free to talk to one of the members serving to find out more about the Knights of Columbus.

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One of the simplest ways to financially support St. Charles Parish and School without spending an extra dime is through RaiseRight, formerly ShopWithScrip. Your everyday expenses for groceries, gas, gifts and dinner out can give back 1% to 15% of your purchase cost to St. Charles. By buying Scrip cards at the parish or online, you are providing a financial boost to St. Charles without spending a single penny more. Some cards are even easily refillable online. **If all 2,500 parish households bought just \$100 in Scrip gas cards a month at a 4% average rebate rate, you could provide us with \$10,000 a month or \$120,000 a year.** By making everyday purchases this way, you provide St. Charles ministries the opportunity to serve and evangelize in our community.

You can order gift cards through [www.raiserright.com](http://www.raiserright.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 place your order or purchase Scrip in stock. Thank you!

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Kleenex, Mayo, Juice, Salad Dressing, Deodorant**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul collection boxes located in the Narthex and next to the sign-up shelf. You may never see the effects of your generosity, but every donation provides sustenance to those in need. Thank you for bringing the light and face of Christ to others by supporting our ministry.

The St. Charles SVDP Food Pantry is located at 229 Lawn Street and is open every Tuesday morning from 10am to noon and 5:30pm to 7pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. If you know of anyone that needs our assistance, please have them call 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.*



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FOR THE WEEKEND OF  
NOVEMBER 27TH

FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

**2022 - 2023**

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| Envelopes.....      | \$36,572.05  |
| Offertory.....      | \$2,188.65   |
| Weekend Total ..... | \$38,760.70  |
| E-Giving .....      | \$17,055.25  |
| YTD .....           | \$850,801.65 |

**2021-2022**

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| Envelopes.....      | \$30,113.97  |
| Offertory.....      | \$1,963.66   |
| Weekend Total ..... | \$32,077.63  |
| E-Giving .....      | \$29,160.25  |
| YTD .....           | \$804,700.66 |



**2023 MARCH LENTEN RETREAT TO LA SAGRADA FAMILIA**

**March 6-14, 2023**

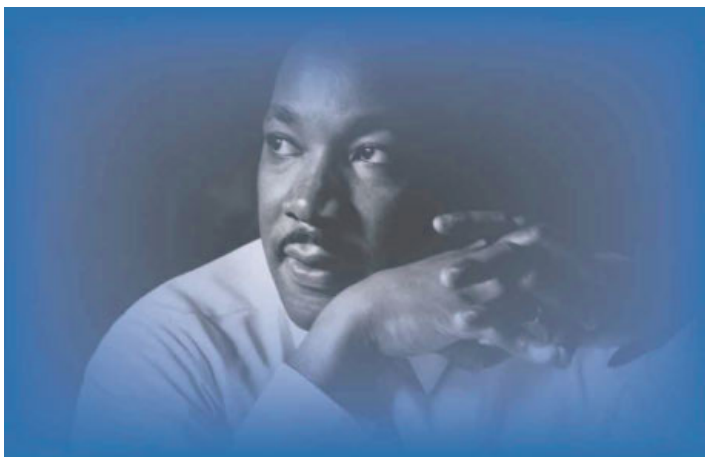
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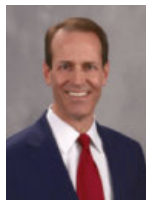
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