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# December 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday: 2:00pm — 9:00pm Tuesday: 2:00pm — 10:00pm Wednesday: 7:00 — 8:20am and 9:00am — 3:00pm



Thursday: 7:00 — 8:20am and 9:00am — 5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:00pm - 4:00pm & Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

By appointment with Fr. Ken or Fr. Ariel (Call the Parish Office).

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

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TO ASK FOR PRAYERS or to be added to the email list, please email: prayernetwork@stcharleshartland.org

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

#### **NEED HOME COMMUNION:**

For information call 262-367-0800 (Parish Office)

## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 3rd



#### Sunday, December 3 ~ First Weekend of Advent

7:00 am † Beverly Enderlin

9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

11:00 am † Alys & Bud Hemmy

6:00 pm † John Burns

#### Monday, December 4

6:30 am † Joyce Wolfgram 8:30 am † Rose Geason

#### Tuesday, December 5

6:30 am Special Intention 8:30 am † Kathie Henkel

#### Wednesday, December 6

6:30 am † Richard Seidl 8:30 am † Barbara J. Clark

#### Thursday, December 7

6:30 am † Gene Gillingham 8:30 am † Cathy Caroll 6:00 pm † Eric Molenda

#### Friday, December 8

6:30 am † Norbert & Joseph Seipel

8:30 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

6:00 pm † Barbara Cramlet

#### Saturday, December 9

8:30 am † Loretta Grambow 5:00 pm † William Schuenke

#### Sunday, December 10 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 am † Barbara Birschbach

9:00 am † Edwin Miller

11:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

6:00 pm † Zephyr Benoit



Save the date for our new church's

Dedication Weekend
from April 5-7, 2024!

More information will be coming soon. Stay tuned!

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



### PARISH SUPPORT THRU NOVEMBER 5TH

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

#### 2022 - 2023

Envelopes	\$25,412.51
Offertory	\$2 <b>,</b> 935.1 <i>7</i>
Weekend Total	\$28,347.68
E-Giving	\$14,329.88
YTD	\$795,325,04

#### 2021-2022

Envelopes	\$26,813.70
Offertory	\$2,108.17
Weekend Total	\$28,921.87
E-Giving	\$10,380.85
YTD	\$711,656.87



# THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days.

You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

~ Father John Muir

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## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE Lectio Diving

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 10th Readings

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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

#### Reflection questions for Sunday, December 10th

- The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?
- Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. What gives you peace of mind these days?
- Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, "one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Where do you sense the Holy Spirt present in your life?

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READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.

Cut out and keep in your Bible for reference!



#### DECEMBER ADULT DISCIPLESHIP HUDDLE

Adults of the parish are invited to the December Adult Discipleship Huddle on **Thursday**, **December 14th**! This is an opportunity for all to come and to learn more about their faith. This month we will be discussing "Life & Death - the Incarnation of Christ at Christmas and Grief around the Holidays." Come to either the morning session at 11:30am in the narthex or the evening session at 6:30pm in the LifeTeen Cafe. Contact Maria Notch with any questions: mnotch@stcharleshartland.org. Hope to see you there!

#### **CELEBRATE ADVENT**



#### ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches and four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.



#### THE JESSE TREE

In the month before Christmas, the church anticipates the coming of Jesus through readings that span from the Old Testament creation story through Jesus' birth. Jesse, for whom the tree is named, is the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. At the top of this family tree are Mary and Jesus. Depicted in church windows and artwork for hundreds of years, this visual tree of life may even have been a forerunner of today's Christmas tree.

All you need for this project is a homemade drawing of a tree. You can also make a Jesse tree by

putting a few tree branches in a pot filled with gravel or sand or using a tabletop Christmas tree on which to hang Jesse tree ornaments.

Reflect on the readings and symbols of this ancient tradition. You can download symbols on card stock or print them on paper and glue them to construction paper or felt.

Sharing the Jesse tree story is a great way to help build anticipation for the birth of the Christ child, allowing the roots of faith to take hold and grow.

Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website.

#### BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9 (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

#### With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

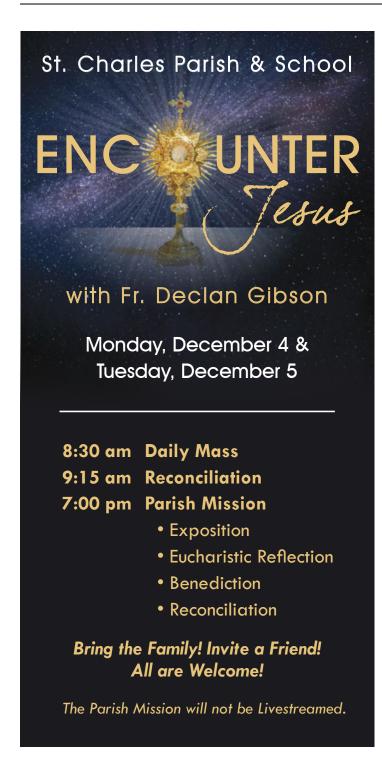
R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

— From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers









December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating the Immaculate Conception. This dogma emphasizes the teaching that Mary was conceived without original sin in Her Mother St. Anne's womb. Theologically this makes sense: Jesus as God is without sin, so it is right that the womb through which He was given life [Mary] should also be protected from any stain of sin. Holy Mother Church made this teaching infallible (free of error) in 1854. Four years later, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, France stating, "I am the Immaculate Conception." There was no need to confirm what the Church already proclaimed as truth, but we can take comfort in knowing that Our Blessed Mother is always looking out for our purity and sanctity!

All are welcome to join us for our Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses! Our Vigil Mass will be on Thursday, December 7 at 6 p.m., and we will also offer Masses on the feast day (Friday, December 8) at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 6 p.m. Please note that the only entrance that will be open for the 8:30 a.m. Mass is the main parish entrance, formerly the site of the "front porch." The west Gym doors and school entrance will be locked to ensure the safety of our students and school staff.

# ADVENT Reconciliation Opportunities

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Charles will have many opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent. First, during our Encounter Jesus Event, there will be three priests available on Monday, December 4 and Tuesday, December 5 beginning at 7:00 pm. Following Exposition, Eucharistic Reflection, and Benediction, Father Declan Gibson will hear Confessions, along with two additional priests until everyone has had the opportunity to have their Confession heard. This takes the place of our usual Communal Penance Services this Advent. Second, on the mornings of December 4 and 5, Father Gibson will hear confessions after daily Mass. Third, every Thursday and Saturday, there will be two priests scheduled during our regular Reconciliation times. As a reminder, the regular times are Thursdays at 5:00 pm and Saturdays at 3:00 pm. We invite you to come and prepare your heart to receive Christ more fully at Christmas!



#### REGISTER FOR THE 2024 SKI CLUB SEASON

#### Students, parents, and all parish members are welcome to join!

First-time beginners for skiing and snowboarding are also encouraged to sign up. Lift tickets, rentals, and optional lessons are at great group rates! The club meets at Little Switzerland in Slinger, and our event dates are on January 12, January 26, February 9, and February 23 from 4-9:30 pm. Visit the News article on our website for more information and to register. Deadline to register is Wednesday, December 13th.



#### SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

Are you interested in enrolling your child at St. Charles Parish School for

the 2024-2025 school year? Save the date for our upcoming Open House on Sunday, January 21 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.! This is a great opportunity to meet Principal Garvey, our teaching staff, and currentlyenrolled families to learn more about what makes our school community so special!



#### 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 27 to allow adequate time to record contributions for 2023. For information or questions about contributing an end-of-year donation to St. Charles Parish and School, please contact parish@stcharleshartland. org or 262-367-0800.



# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Montessori Religious Education



#### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) CORNER

#### Do You Know Your (Liturgical) Colors?

Colors can help even the youngest child connect to the life of the Church. The color of the priest's vestments (and other decorations within the Church) tells us something important about the Liturgical season or what is being celebrated or remembered on that particular day.

Purple is the Church's color for the season of preparing for a great celebration or feast. Christmas and Easter are our two great feasts each year, which include a whole season of preparation. Advent is our four-week season of preparation for Christmas, and Lent is our six-week preparation for Easter.

White is the color for the celebration of the feast itself, most notably Christmas and Easter. In fact, if you notice the priest's vestments carefully from week to week, you will discover that the celebrations of Christmas and Easter aren't only for one day but for a number of weeks!

Green is the color for "Ordinary Time" when we focus on growing deeper in our love of Christ. Red is the color for Pentecost and feasts of great love (martyrs).

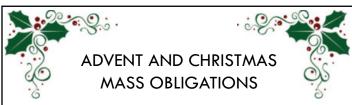
For children ages 3-8: What color did you see the priest wearing at Mass? What does that color mean (preparation, celebration)? What season are we celebrating in the Church (Advent, Christmas, etc.)?

Consider placing a colored cloth on a prayer corner or even at the center of the dinner table with a candle or centerpiece during each season to remind your family what time of year it is in the Church. Children love to help change the color at the proper time!

Lisa Dedinsky, CGS Catechist



As of November 6, 2023, St. Charles has reached 94.86% of our goal for the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Thank you to all who have contributed.



This is a very special year, since Christmas falls on a Monday. On the weekend of December 23-24 we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, wear purple, and light the last candle of the Advent wreath. This is our final opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ on Christmas! Then, beginning that same afternoon, Catholics may celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas any time after 4:00 pm. December 24 Mass times at St. Charles include the Family Mass at 4:00 pm, followed by 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. On Christmas Day, Masses are at 7:00 am and 9:00 am.

We will be blessed by the offerings of many music ministers, including Cantors, Choirs, and special instrumentalists. Come early to get a good seat and enjoy the many prelude concerts. We hope you will come join us as we celebrate our last Christmas in our current church!

### CHRISTMAS MASS Planner 2023



SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
23	24	25
AFTER 4 PM: Evening Mass	Mass  AFTER 4 PM: Christmas Eve Mass	Christmas Day Mass

Choose ONE 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (green) AND ONE Christmas Mass (red) to attend.



#### VISIT TO OUR MISSION PARISH

Members of St. Charles Parish recently traveled to the Dominican Republic to visit with our Mission Parish. We toured the villages that comprise the parish of La Sagrada Familia and celebrated Mass in the village of Canada de Piedra where our chapel was built. As Father Ken had told us, not only should we build ourselves a new church, we should also build one for those without one. Fr. Ariel baptized three children in the new chapel while we shared Mass with our fellow parishioners. The chapel had already been used as a shelter during two previous hurricanes, and is also a gathering place for education and other village activities. During Lent our group of travelers will share their experiences and our plans to continue our connection to this parish. Please keep our mission parish in your prayers. Also if you would like to donate please see the almsgiving flyer in this weekend's bulletin.

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Week of December 03, 2023



#### What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



#### St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home

W/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santal).

Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs

#### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: 5lb Bags of Flour, Brown Sugar, White Rice, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Chicken, Ketchup

On this First Sunday of Advent, there is an Advent spirit in the heart of every person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond us; for we long for the coming of the Lord. As we begin Advent we are called to "Be Watchful! Be alert" as we stand in the joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Your generous gifts of food for the pantry or donations to our general fund will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

If you are in need of assistance or know someone who is in need, please contact us at 262-367-0800. We would like to help! The St Charles SVDP Food Pantry is located at 229 Lawn Street, Hartland. It is open every Tuesday morning between 10am and noon. It is also open on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month between 5:30pm and 7pm.



# SUPPORT ST. CHARLES AND DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

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.

To help with your holiday gifting, you can get your Scrip gift cards after all weekend Masses through December 16 & 17 in the Parish Office.

Thank you for supporting St. Charles!



### THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE COMMITMENT!

If you have already submitted your pledge commitment card to support our parish operations, thank you! If you have not, it's not too late. You may drop off your card at the Parish Office, mail them to the parish or go to our parish website to make your pledge commitment online.



#### BULLETIN DUE DATES! -

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in a November, December and/or 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. 17th Bulletin information is due Monday, Dec. 4th
- Dec. 24th Bulletin information is due Monday, Dec. 11th
- Dec. 31st Bulletin information is due Monday, Dec. 18th
- Jan. 7th Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Dec. 20th
- Jan. 14th Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Jan. 3rd



Monday, December 4th from 5:00-8:00 pm

Mention that you are with St. Charles, and the School receives 10% of the evening's sales! Thanks for your support!

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#### FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND DECEMBER 16 & 17

Join fellow parishioners for conversation and a donut/snack at Fellowship Weekend in the Parish Hall, December 16 and 17 after all the Masses. A big thank you to St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) who will be hosting this event and for the sponsors supporting it! The SVdP members will also be there to give information on the how you can help the needy and/or how you can become a member. Feel free to talk to one of the members serving to find out more about St. Charles' St. Vincent de Paul Society.





#### LAKE COUNTRY BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY MEAL AT ST. CHARLES

Thursday, Dec. 14th Doors open at 4:30 pm Dinner is served at 5:30 pm

This month St. Charles Thursday Morning's Men's Group will provide and serve the food for the meal. The meal will be a Christmas celebration with holiday ham and sides.

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

#### CIRCLE OF LOVE

ALL Circle of Love Gifts are due back **TODAY**, Sunday, December 3rd by **NOON** in the Borromeo Room.

SPONSORS: Please pick up your gifts that you requested **TODAY** between 1 2:30 pm and 2:00 pm in the Borromeo Room.

If you have any questions, please call/text Kathy Gillstrom at 262-370-3306.

#### CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS

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 Jan. 10th. However, we will not print the donor's name nor the amount given. **NEW this year, you can give by the offertory envelopes mailed to your home if you give by envelope. You can list your information on the backside of the envelope.** 

If you wish to make this offering, please fill out this form or mailed offetory envelope and return it with your donation to the Parish Office by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Dec. 27th</u>.

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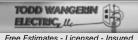
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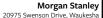
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