



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

**December 24 & 25, 2023**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**



4TH SUNDAY OF

*Advent*

*O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel*

*"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and  
bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."*

*(Luke 1:31)*



THAT FIRST  
*C*HRISTMAS

GOD GAVE US HIS BEST.

*"For today in the city of David a Savior has  
been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."*

*(Luke 2:11)*

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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

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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Printed weekly prayer sheets are available on the information wall.

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 24th



### Sunday, December 24 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

7:00 am † Brian Gillstrom

9:00 am † Robert & Katherine Seibel

11:00 am † Robert Jisa

4:00 pm † Drew Wallace

6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of Dan Connolly  
Family

9:00 pm Special Intention & Living and Deceased Members  
of St. Charles

### Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

7:00 am † Rachel Hansen

9:00 am † Beverly & Louis Enderlin

### Tuesday, December 26

8:30 am † Kate Majewski

### Wednesday, December 27

8:30 am † Eli Hansen

### Thursday, December 28

8:30 am † John Fredericks

### Friday, December 29

8:30 am † Bob Williams

### Saturday, December 30 ~ The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

8:30 am † Frank O'Hara

5:00 pm † Nick Hirsch

### Sunday, December 31 ~ The Holy Family; New Year's Day

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

9:00 am Special Intention

11:00 am † Amy (Lamerand) & Jeff Zott

6:00 pm No Mass

### Monday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary

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

11:00 am † Pat Tarnowski



## WEDDING BANNS

2nd Bann ~ Lidarose Young & Matthew Van Hecke

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PARISH SUPPORT  
THRU NOVEMBER 26TH

FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

### 2022 - 2023

Envelopes.....	\$32,908.14
Offertory.....	\$2,309.75
Weekend Total .....	\$35,217.89
E-Giving.....	\$14,030.02
YTD .....	\$934,059.68

### 2021-2022

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



## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."

~ 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, December 31st Readings

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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

### Reflection questions for Sunday, December 31st

- Abraham and Sarah relied on their faith in the Lord as they struggled with family matters. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?
- Hebrews teaches us that at every challenge in his life, Abraham consistently trusted and obeyed God. When have you had to surrender complete trust to God?
- In their purification ritual in the Jerusalem Temple, Mary and Joseph learn news from Simeon and Anna about their newborn baby, Jesus. In your family, how do you deal with startling or unsettling news?

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



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


Something big is  
coming to your  
parish this Christmas.

Don't miss your  
free copy of  
*Beautiful Eucharist*.



Christmas  
Book Program  
2023



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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD GOSPEL MEDITATION

"She gave birth to her firstborn son." The pain of childbirth is something that boggles my mind. I'm sure I couldn't handle it. I can't even watch scenes in movies in which a woman gives birth. I understand it's a beautiful part of nature, but there's still something awful about it and the attendant suffering.

Which is why it's worth pondering an often neglected and currently unpopular part of the Church's theology around the birth of Christ; his was miraculous because it caused no pain to his mother. Even her physical virginity remains intact. Of course, we modern scientific people scoff at such an idea.

Without obsessing over the obstetrical details, we discover a glorious illumination in the symbolic meaning of this birth that we moderns find so embarrassing. God comes into the world in an utterly non-violent way. He himself will suffer his own bloodshed but will never shed that of others. He is so peaceful and non-violent that he will even rise from the dead without breaking the seal of the tomb. All of humanity will give birth to Him in the Church, free from the terrible pain due to original sin. How badly we need the truth of this miraculous birth today!

Let's delight in this great mystery and miracle of Jesus's birth. He is the Prince of Peace and always nonviolent. We need not fear him, ever.

~ Father John Muir

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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATIONS

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. **We will have our regular Mass schedule that morning at 7 am, 9 am and 11 am!** 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.**

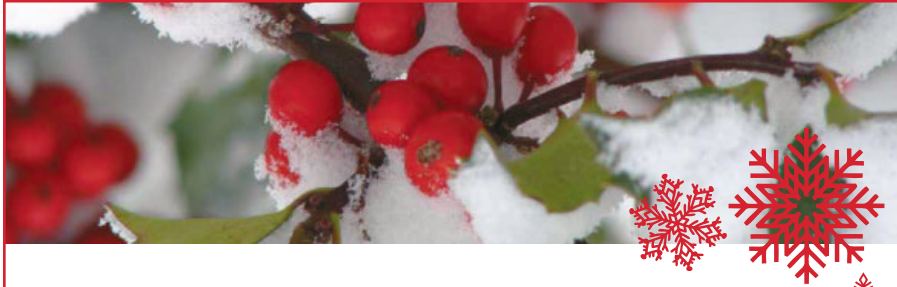
We will be blessed by the offerings of many music ministers, including Cantors, Choirs, and special instrumentalists. Come early to get a good seat and enjoy the many prelude concerts. We hope you will come join us as we celebrate our last Christmas in our current church!

## CHRISTMAS MASS *Planner 2023*

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
AFTER 4PM: Evening Mass	BEFORE 4PM: Mass  AFTER 4PM: Christmas Eve Mass	Christmas Day Mass

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





## 12 Days of Christmas Scripture

(Tuesday, December 26th through Saturday, January 6th)

### 1. Faith - Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

### 2. Hope - Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### 3. Love - 1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

### 4. Forgiveness - 1 John 1:9

If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.

### 5. Mercy - Luke 6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

### 6. Kindness - Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

### 7. Generosity - Corinthians 9:11

You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.

### 8. Compassion - 1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble.

### 9. Joy - Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

### 10. Salvation - John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

### 11. Obedience - James 1:22-25

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does.

### 12. Life - John 10:10

A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

*These Scripture verses are a wonderful way to strengthen your faith during the Christmas season. Scripture has a powerful way to encourage and inspire. Below you will find a way to strengthen your prayer life starting on Dec. 26th. Begin 2024 by getting to know and walk with Jesus !*

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

### Lectio Divina

#### ASK (3 Minutes)

- Begin in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit
- Take a moment to be still, rest and know that Jesus is here ...
- Ask Jesus to help you get to know Him during this prayer time.
- Say, "Lord, teach me to pray."

#### SEEK (7 Minutes)

- After reading the day's scripture, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:
  - What word or phrases in this passage caught your attention?
  - What in this passage comforted you?
  - What in this passage challenged you?
- Re-read the passage.
- Take a few minutes to listen and then respond with: "I hear the Lord saying to me ..."

#### KNOCK (5 Minutes)

- Based on what you hear the Lord saying to you, ask Him what He wants you to do today or this week in light of His will for you.
- Listen to His answer to you and then respond by saying, "I believe the Lord wants me to ..."
- Ask the Lord for what you need to respond to His word. Thank Him for being with you today.
- Close with an Our Father. End in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.





### CHRISTMAS 2023

*"And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's no accident that when Jesus was born, he was placed in a manger. Think of it – the Son of God, born among us in absolute poverty, and placed in a trough meant for animal food. He became our Bread of Life. "This King of Kings came to us as food, feeding a starving humanity 'with his tender love,'" Pope Francis once said. How true, and that continues today with the ultimate gift we receive at every Mass – Jesus in the Eucharist.

This Christmas, we are in the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, a special time in our Church when we are called to renew our devotion to the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, and is there to sustain us in all that we do. Come and receive Him at Mass and never go hungry. Sit with Him in Adoration and find comfort in the love He has for you, today and always.

As we look to resolutions for the new year, I suggest you resolve to make this extra effort to deepen your relationship with Christ. What an amazing opportunity to focus on the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of our faith – for it is through the Eucharist that we are united with Christ and with one another.

May peace and joy be with you and your family this Christmas, and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

## BEING A GOOD STEWARD



ST. CHARLES  
PARISH & SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

# A Night in Hollywood Gala

*"The moon and stars to rule the night, for his mercy endures forever."  
~ Psalm 136:9*

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

THE DELAFIELD HOTEL  
415 GENESEE STREET, DELAFIELD, WI 53018



### TEACHING SUBS NEEDED

St. Charles Parish School is in need of substitute teachers! Candidates must complete Safe Environment training through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and they must also have a bachelor's degree and a valid teaching license and/or a substitute teaching license. The process of acquiring a substitute teaching license is easy. Please contact the School Office at 262-367-2040 if you are interested!



### Year End GIVING

### 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 Deacon Jon Gabik at [jgabik@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:jgabik@stcharleshartland.org) or 262-367-0800 x201.



### ST. CHARLES DINING OUT!

**Endter's Sports Grill in Hartland**  
**Wednesday, December 27th**  
**from 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 Wednesday, December 27.

## 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 back of the envelope.**

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

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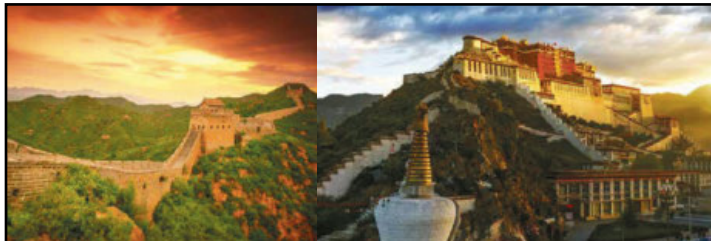




## PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The St. Charles School Office will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 and will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25th and Tuesday, Dec. 26th. The Parish Office will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 1st and Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.



## CHINA AND TIBET ANCIENT LANDS AND MODERN INSIGHTS

Explore Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Yangtze River (cruise) and Lhasa, Tibet on the St. Charles Parish 17-day tour in September 2024. Details and itinerary will be available on January 4, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Borromeo Room. Any questions, contact Carol at Carol Cannon Travel, 262-442-1133.



Save the date for  
our new church's

*Dedication  
Weekend*  
from April 5-7!

More information  
will be coming soon.  
Stay tuned!

## 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. 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!

- Jan. 14th Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Jan. 3rd
- **Added: Jan. 21st Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Jan. 10th**

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Cooking Oil, Pasta Sides, Variety of Ragu Spaghetti Sauce, 5lb. Bags of Flour, Cleaning Supplies

Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty, bringing them the real, lasting and deep joy of Christmas. The members of the St. Charles SVDP hope that your Christmas is beautiful and filled with Christ's light. We would also like to express our gratitude for your benevolence toward our ministry of service to the poor and needy. Have a peace-filled Christmas week and a joyous New Year.

The St. Charles SVDP Food Pantry is located at 229 Lawn Street and is open on Tuesday mornings from 10am to noon and also from 5:30pm to 7pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Please help us get the word out that it is available to anyone in our community experiencing lack of food. If other assistance is needed, 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.*

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Monday, January 8th from 5:00-8:00 pm

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A RESTFUL RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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DEPARTING AT 12 P.M. **SUNDAY JAN 23, 2022**

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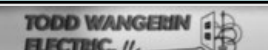
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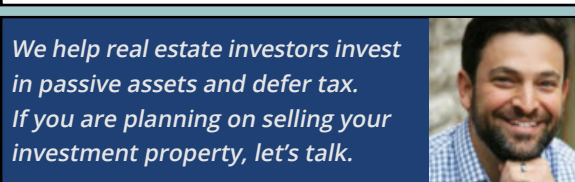
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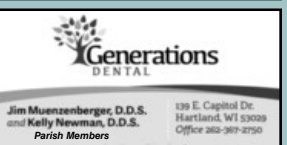
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