



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

**December 15, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sacrament of Baptism ~  
Congratulations to all our newest St. Charles Parish members and their families!**



**Malachi Francis,**  
son of Daniel and Lisa W.



**Imogen Therese T.,**  
daughter of Joshua and Mary



**Adalynn Every M.,**  
daughter of Tyler and Lyndsey M.



**Blair Ford M.,**  
daughter of Clint and Margaret M.



**Jack Robert H.,**  
son of Joshua and Rachel H.



**Connor Christopher N.,**  
son of Ryan and Lindsey N.



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF  
Advent**

*The crowds asked John the Baptist,  
"What should we do?"  
(Lk 3:10)*

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



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

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

\* Thursday: 9:00am (School Mass)

Monday - Friday: 6:30am (during Advent)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We offer Adoration from Mondays at 5:00 a.m. through Friday evenings at midnight.

For current openings, scan QR code.



## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 9:30am - 10:30am & Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Please arrive within 30 minutes of the start time.

We have one Priest on Saturdays and two Priests on Thursdays.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/ ANOINTING MASSES

Sacrament of the Sick Masses are the 2nd and 4th FRIDAYS of every month or by appointment with Fr. Ken or Fr. Ariel (call the Parish Office).

OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM: Terri Blazek: 262-367-7608, [jtblazek@wi.rr.com](mailto:jtblazek@wi.rr.com)

TO ASK FOR PRAYERS or to be added to the email list, please email: [prayernetwork@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:prayernetwork@stcharleshartland.org)

FOR EMERGENCY PRAYERS, please email:

[emergencyprayers@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:emergencyprayers@stcharleshartland.org)

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 15th



### Sunday, December 15 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Special Intention  
9:00 am † Jim Theeringer  
11:00 am † Bob Eberhardy  
6:00 pm † Eric Molenda

### Monday, December 16

6:30 am † Poor Souls in Purgatory  
8:30 am † Rita Schroeder

### Tuesday, December 17

6:30 am † Rita Schroeder  
8:30 am Deceased Members of the Gunther Family

### Wednesday, December 18

6:30 am † Ed Altmann  
8:30 am Deceased Members of the Ahner & Piotrowski Families

### Thursday, December 19

6:30 am † Riley Craig & Special Intention  
9:00 am † James Benoon

### Friday, December 20 ~ All School Mass at 9 am

6:30 am † Dan Hegeman  
9:00 am Special Intention

### Saturday, December 21

8:30 am † Ann Shannon  
5:00 pm † Michael Montemurro

### Sunday, December 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles  
9:00 am Deceased Parents of Jim & Shirley Hallada  
11:00 am † Bud & Alys Hemmy  
6:00 pm † Judith Couri



## WEDDING BANNS

3rd Bann ~ Brianna Alexander & Ross Thomson

*Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and  
Holy One of Israel.*



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



PARISH SUPPORT  
THRU NOVEMBER 17TH

FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

### 2024 - 2025

Envelopes..... \$20,153.00  
Offertory..... \$3,550.00  
Weekend Total ..... \$23,703.00  
E-Giving ..... \$17,722.00  
YTD ..... \$974,371.11

### 2023 - 2024

Envelopes..... \$19,867.00  
Offertory..... \$3,275.17  
Weekend Total ..... \$23,142.17  
E-Giving ..... \$14,593.50  
YTD ..... \$884,811.77



## THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know.

How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— 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 22nd Readings

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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

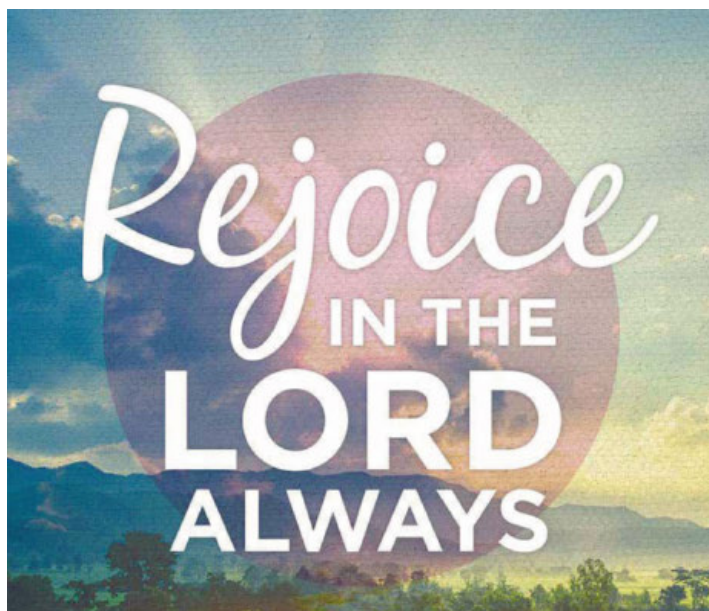
### Reflection questions for Sunday, December 22nd

- Micah prophesied a "ruler" would come through the line of David ("Bethlehem-Ephrathah") and bring peace to the divided kingdom of Judah and Israel. How might you be able to promote peace this week among your family or co-workers?
- The author of Hebrews reminds us that Christ makes us holy so that above all else, we do God's will. As the season of Advent draws to a close, what could be one practical way to do God's will this week?
- Elizabeth calls Mary "blessed" because she believed and trusted in the Lord. Are there people in your life who model such trust and faith in God?

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.



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





### ADVENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

*During the Season of Advent, St. Charles Parish provides many opportunities for parishioners to pray. Please come and join us.*

#### DAILY MASS

- 6:30 am Monday through Friday (December 2 – December 23)
- 8:30 am Monday through Saturday (December 2 - December 23; resumes on December 26)\*
- \*Daily Mass on Thursdays is at 9 am

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Every Thursday, from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm & Every Saturday, from 9:30 am - 10:30 am (no Reconciliation at this time on December 21; see below)
- Advent Communal Penance Service: Saturday, Dec. 21, 10:30 am

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Begins every Monday at 5 am and ends every Friday at midnight. There is no Adoration on the weekends.

#### MORNING PRAYER

- Monday through Friday, 7:30 am
- Saturdays, 8:00 am

#### ROSARY

- Monday through Friday, 8:00 am
- First Saturday of the month (Dec. 7) after 8:30 am Mass

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

*(NOTE: There are 3 Masses on Christmas Eve and 2 Masses on Christmas Day)*

##### **Tuesday, December 24**

- 4:00 pm (Family Mass – overflow seating in the Borromeo Hall)
- 6:00 pm
- 9:00 pm (Incense will be used during this Mass)

##### **Wednesday, December 25**

- 7:00 am
- 9:00 am (Incense used)
- No 11:00 am or 6:00 pm Mass

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

##### **Tuesday, December 31**

- 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

##### **Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these.

Gaudete Sunday is a joyous celebration. Although it takes place during the usually penitential period of Advent, Gaudete Sunday serves as a mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus' return in three ways.

#### **When is Gaudete?**

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The date usually falls between December 11 to 17 each year. This year it falls on Dec. 15.

#### **Where Does the Name Come From?**

The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4-5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

#### **Priest Clothing**

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation – especially prayer and fasting – for Christmas.

#### **Decor**

For this same reason of lightening the mood, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.



*by Scott P. Richert, who has a master's degree in political theory from Catholic University. He is the author of two books and has written and edited Catholic publications for over two decades.*

## PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The St. Charles School Office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 20, 2024 and will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025.

The Parish Office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31. It will be closed all day Wednesday, December 25 & 26 and Wednesday, January 1.





### NEW GREETER MINISTRY = NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR PARISH!

When you come to Mass, isn't it great to have someone open the door and welcome you? With our larger worship space and a growing number of parishioners, we want to expand this ministry to include anyone who would like to be a greeter - once a month, every week, or occasionally.

Mass Greeters are part of the Hospitality Team at the parish. They are entrusted with promoting a sense of welcoming and belonging to all those who come to worship, both parishioners and visitors. We are inviting single people, couples, families, or friends to be part of this wonderful ministry.

To make it convenient, you won't have to sign up in advance as many of us don't always attend the same Mass each weekend. Instead, just arrive at church 15-20 minutes before Mass starts, sign in and take a nametag or lanyard and go to the door you will be stationed at. Return the nametag or lanyard when Mass starts and attend Mass as usual.

We are excited to offer this opportunity for all ages to enjoy this welcoming ministry! Please email [mjromportl@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:mjromportl@stcharleshartland.org), with questions and to receive updates.



### BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

In honor of Mary during Advent, we will have a special blessing for expectant mothers as well as women hoping to become pregnant after all Masses on Sunday, December 15.

Please join us by the statue of Mary, in the front of church, if you would like to be blessed!



### SERVER TRAINING

All St. Charles youth in 4th Grade through high school are invited to an active role in our parish liturgies by being a server! The server has a very important role in helping both the priest at Mass and our parish community worship.

Training opportunities are now open! Please visit our website to sign up for new server training as well as lead server training.

**New Server Training** ~ Trainees must be in 4th Grade or above. A parent/guardian must accompany their child.

**Lead Server Training** ~ Those who have previously completed server training who are interested in becoming leads or would like a refresher are invited to attend!

Class size is limited! Students will be registered for each class on a first come, first choice basis. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Thompson at 262-367-0800. We look forward to having you join us!



### SEEKING ADDITIONAL USHERS

Would you love to meet more members of our community while serving our parish? We are in need of additional ushers at weekend Masses, especially at 5 p.m. on Saturdays. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Elizabeth Thompson, Liturgist, at 262-367-0800 or [ethompson@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:ethompson@stcharleshartland.org).

# STEWARDSHIP: YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURES

## VISIT US ON SUNDAYS

The Parish Office will be open on a few Sundays in December! You are welcome to stop by on **December 15 or 22 after the 7am, 9am, and 11am Masses**. This is a great opportunity to schedule Mass intentions, purchase SCRIP gift cards, drop off campaign pledge cards, and ask any questions you may have.



## AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT ST. CHARLES AND START 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. Visit [raiseright.com](http://raiseright.com) to check out what retailers they are partnered with! Some cards are even easily refillable online.

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

**Thursday, Dec. 19th**  
**Doors open at 4:30 pm**  
**Dinner is served at 5:30 pm**


**This month St. Charles' Thursday Morning Men's Group and teens from St. Charles' Life Teen ministry will provide and serve the food for the meal.** A holiday meal with all the fixings will be served.

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](mailto:humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org).

*Note: The meal will be canceled when Arrowhead Schools close for inclement weather.*

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## 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. 12th. However, we will not print the donor's name nor the amount given. **Again this year, you can give by the offertory envelopes mailed to your home if you give by envelope. You can list the below information on the backside 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 Friday, Dec. 27th.**

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

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

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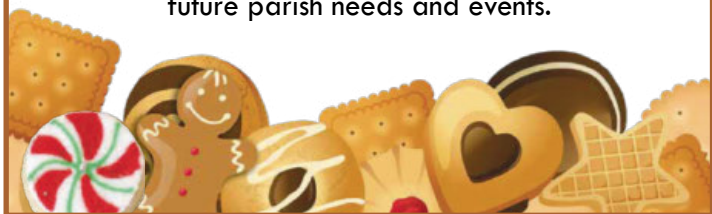
The Hospitality Team is excited to announce...

### A HOLIDAY BAKE SALE!

**December 14 & 15**  
**after all weekend Masses**

Delicious homemade treats -  
some recipes from our new cookbook!

Proceeds will go to the Hospitality Team for  
future parish needs and events.



### PURCHASE OR PICKUP YOUR COOKBOOKS

The Outreach Services Team's cookbooks have arrived! Please stop by to pick up cookbooks you preordered and/or to purchase more as gifts. You do not need to have preordered to buy a cookbook! They will be available outside the Parish Office on December 14 & 15 and December 21 & 22. This year's cookbook is \$20. We have a limited amount of 2016 cookbooks that are available for \$10 or \$25 if you

purchase both. Please pay by cash or check made out to St. Charles Parish. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

### BULLETIN DUE DATES!

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in a 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. 29th Bulletin information is due Monday, Dec. 16th
- Jan. 5th Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Dec. 18th
- Jan. 26th Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Jan. 15th

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Knorr Rice Sides and Pasta Sides, Saltine Crackers, Brown Sugar, Hamburger Helper, Fruit Juice, Salad Dressing**

In today's Gospel on the Third Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..." Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please give to the SVDP Food Pantry or to our general fund so that those who do not have food can share in the blessings of Christmas. In November, we assisted 111 families at the food pantry and helped others with rent, electric bills and car repairs.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please contact the St. Charles SVDP at 262-367-0800 so that together we can help the suffering and the poor to celebrate Christmas. The St. Charles SVDP Food Pantry is located at 229 Lawn Street, Hartland and it is open Tuesday mornings between 10am and noon. It is also open on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month between 5:30pm and 7pm. If you know of someone in need of our services, please call us 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.*

### PURCHASE YOUR COMMEMORATIVE DEDICATION PORCELAIN ORNAMENT

*Handmade by parishioner Marlene Millevolte  
of Lake Country Fine Arts*



*\*These ornaments are handmade and colors will vary.*

Last chance to get your St. Charles Dedication Ornament. The ornaments are for sale after all Masses on December 14 and 15 or while supplies last. \$20 each and cash or check preferred. All of the proceeds will be donated back to St. Charles.





## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE SKI CLUB FOR 2025 SEASON

Registration is open! This is a great opportunity to ski and snowboard this winter — first-time beginners are encouraged! Students, parents, and parish members are ALL WELCOME to join! For more information, please check the NEWS story on the website or scan the qr code. For questions, please email [skiclub@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:skiclub@stcharleshartland.org).

**The deadline to register is December 16, 2024!**

**Location:** Little Switzerland, Slinger, WI (35 min. north of St. Charles)

**Dates & Time:** 4 outings

Friday evenings, 4pm-9pm, January 10 & 24 and February 7 & 28, 2025



## YOUR 2025 PLEDGE COMMITMENT IS IMPORTANT!

As we come to that time of the year when we prepare to make our financial commitment to our parish, we invite each of you to think and pray about what St. Charles means to you. A letter from Fr. Ken and a pledge commitment card was mailed this past week to all parish households. Fr. Ken and Fr. Ariel are asking you to prayerfully consider pledging your support for next year at this time. Your contribution to the parish and its ministries helps to keep the parish operational on a day-to-day basis.



**Please bring your completed card with you to Mass and drop it in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office drop box by December 29th.** If you prefer to make your commitment online, you may do so by going to our parish website or scanning this QR code. Of all the "bright lights" we have at St. Charles, we are most thankful for you!

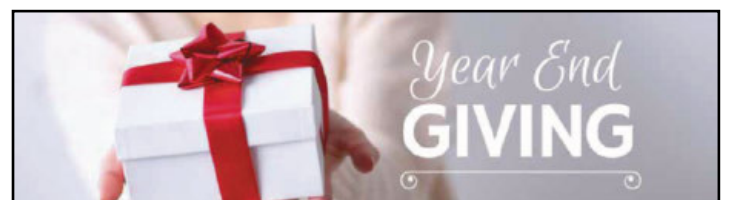
St. Charles Parish and School 2025 Gala

# JAZZ & Generosity

The trumpeters and singers were heard as a single voice praising and giving thanks to the LORD. ~ 2 Chronicles 5:13

## 2025 GALA SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our Parish & School Gala on February 22, 2025 at the Delafield Hotel! This year's theme is A Night of Jazz and Generosity. Swing into action and join the rhythm of giving! Explore exciting sponsorships, volunteer roles, and donor opportunities on our website. In the spirit of jazz and gratitude, share your most treasured assets — your time and talent — to support the parish that enriches our community. Visit the parish website to get involved!



## 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 Friday, December 27 to allow adequate time to record contributions for 2024.** For information or questions about contributing an end-of-year donation to St. Charles Parish and School, please contact Brenda Zingsheim at [bzingsheim@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:bzingsheim@stcharleshartland.org) or 262-367-0800 x215.

## CIRCLE OF LOVE THANKS YOU!



We hope you had an opportunity to see the Borromeo Hall the weekend of November 30th & December 1st!! What a wonderful sign of your generosity and love! We had 700 tags on the tree this year. Circle of Love wishes to **THANK each and every person who took a tag off our Miracle Tree** and made Christmas brighter for someone less fortunate... **THANK YOU to the wonderful people who offered financial support.**

**THANK YOU to all the volunteers** who helped out by getting the tags ready for the "Miracle Tree" setting up tables, transporting gifts from the Narthex to the Borromeo Hall, sorting and boxing all the gifts and helping the sponsors load the gifts into their cars. It is an awesome sight to see all the gifts wrapped so beautifully under the tree! Even more heartwarming is the thankfulness of the recipients who are overwhelmed by your love and caring.

*Please look for the thank you cards from the Circle of Love recipients the weekend of Feb. 8th & 9th in the Narthex where the "Miracle Tree" was displayed. God bless you in 2025!*

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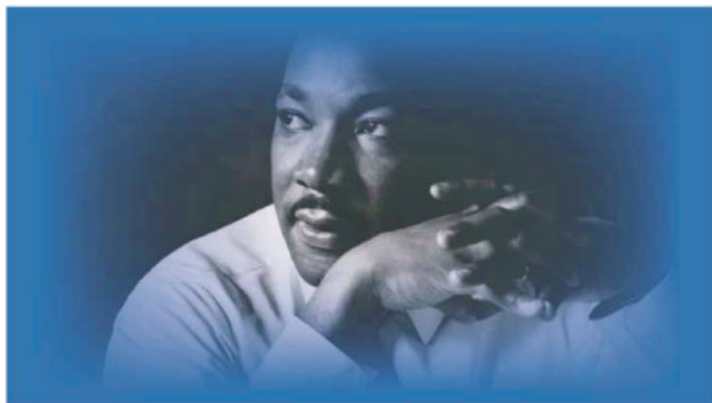
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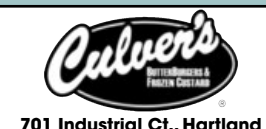
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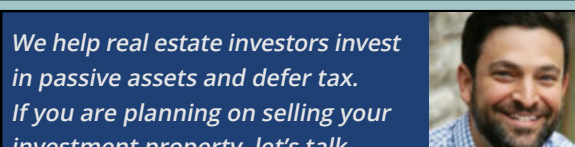
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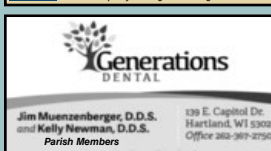
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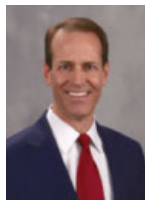
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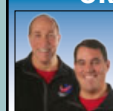
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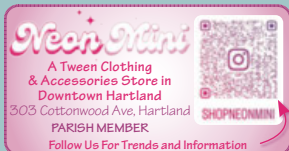
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