



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

**December 7, 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**St. Charles Parish & School | 313 Circle Drive, Hartland, WI 53029**  
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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 VIGIL MASS: 5:00pm

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

DAILY MASS: Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We offer Adoration from Mondays at 5:00 a.m. through Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

For current openings, please see our website.



## RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays: 9:30am - 10:30am (two Priests)**

**Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm (one Priest)**

**Please arrive within 30 minutes of the start time.**

## 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. Aaron (call the Parish Office).

## BAPTISMS

If you are inquiring about having your child baptized, please call 262-367-0800 ext. 205 or email [baptisms@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:baptisms@stcharleshartland.org).

## OUTREACH SERVICES

Contact the Parish Office at 262-367-0800.

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 7



### Sunday, December 7

7:00 am † Martin F. Sullivan  
9:00 am † Janette Schmeckel  
11:00 am † Living & Deceased Members of St. Charles  
6:00 pm † Patricia Herbst

### Monday, December 8

6:30 am † Living & Deceased Members of St. Charles  
8:30 am † Barbara Cramlet  
6:00 pm † Norbert & Joseph Seipel

### Tuesday, December 9

6:30 am † Kathleen Griesenbeck  
8:30 am † Living & Deceased Members of St. Charles  
Respect Life/Elizabeth Ministry

### Wednesday, December 10

6:30 am † Richard Mrugacz  
8:30 am † Cecile Smith

### Thursday, December 11

6:30 am † Sister Leticia Regala  
8:30 am † Angeline Wasielewski

### Friday, December 12

6:30 am † Richard Grybush  
8:30 am Special Intention

### Saturday, December 13

8:30 am † Daniel & David Lepage  
5:00 pm † Helen Eggert

### Sunday, December 14

7:00 am † Bob Eberhardy  
9:00 am † Jim Theeringer  
11:00 am † Anita Misorski & the Ahner Family  
6:00 pm † Living & Deceased Members of St. Charles



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is observed and celebrated on December 8th at 6:30am, 8:30am and 6:00pm.

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



PARISH SUPPORT  
THRU NOVEMBER 9

FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

### 2025-2026

Envelopes..... \$19,842.00  
Offertory..... \$3,655.21  
Weekend Total ..... \$23,497.21  
E-Giving ..... \$15,801.50  
YTD ..... \$1,003,952.63

### 2024-2025

Envelopes..... \$25,963.00  
Offertory..... \$3,505.37  
Weekend Total ..... \$29,468.37  
E-Giving ..... \$11,782.50  
YTD ..... \$932,946.11



## THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— 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 14th Readings

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/  
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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

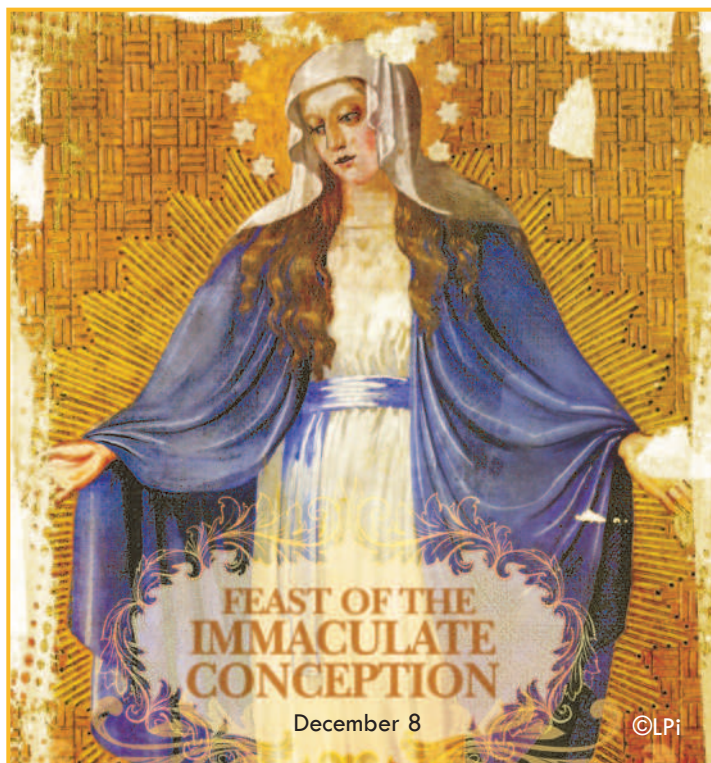
### Reflection questions for Sunday, December 14th

- The prophet Isaiah taught his community to “be strong, fear not!” because God has planned a remarkable future where both the people and the land will be restored. Is there a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement this week?
- James encourages his community to be patient and firm of heart in waiting for the coming of the Lord. What are you waiting for during this Advent season?
- In prison, John the Baptist seemed uncertain about who Jesus is. Who do you talk to when you have questions about Jesus?



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

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







## THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. 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!

## ADORATION OPENINGS

Mondays: 8am, 1pm, 9pm

Tuesdays: 1am, 2am

Thursdays: 9am, Noon, 1pm, 5pm, 8pm

Fridays: Midnight, 2am, 5pm, 7pm, 10pm

Saturdays: Midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am

Please see our website to sign up.



## CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, you are welcome to fill out our Prayer Request Form to place your intention. St. Charles' Prayer Network will pray for your intention throughout the week, and your prayer will be lifted up during the Universal Prayer at our weekend Masses.

Scan the QR code to access the form or visit our website.



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



## USHERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30pm in the Borromeo Hall

Everyone who helps usher at church including full-time, part-time and sometimes is welcome to attend!

Join us for food, refreshments & camaraderie.



## HOSPITALITY BAKE SALE

December 13 & 14 (after all weekend Masses)

Not sure what to make for your guests during this busy season? No stress is needed! Stock up on delicious treats for everyone during the Hospitality Bake Sale! We look forward to seeing you.

Proceeds will go to the Hospitality Team for future parish needs and events. Payment can be made by cash or check.

We will also be selling parish cookbooks and Fr. Domenic Roscioli's mother's spaghetti sauce & other items!

## BAPTISMS AT ST. CHARLES



For all Baptism related questions, please email [baptisms@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:baptisms@stcharleshartland.org). Please scan the QR code to learn more!

# *Advent Prayer Opportunities*

## AT ST. CHARLES PARISH

### DAILY MASS

6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday  
(December 1 – December 23)

8:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday  
(December 1 - December 23; resumes on December 26)

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 8 at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.  
(incense will be used at the 6:00 p.m. Mass)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Extended Reconciliation Hours on  
December 18—see below)

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Extended Reconciliation Hours  
on December 20—see below)

Thursday, December 18, 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20, 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Begins every Monday at 5:00 a.m. and ends every Saturday at  
10:00 a.m.

There is no Adoration on the weekends.

There will be no Adoration on December 24 through December 25

### MORNING PRAYER

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.

There will be no Morning Prayer on December 24 and December 25

### ROSARY

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

There will be no rosary on December 24 and December 25



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

#### Wednesday, December 24

3:00 p.m. (Family Mass—Overflow seating in the  
Borromeo Hall)

6:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

(Incense will be used during this Mass)

#### Thursday, December 25

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

(Incense will be used during this Mass)

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

#### Wednesday, December 31, 2025

5:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00 a.m.

(Incense will be used during this Mass)

11:00 a.m.

(Incense will be used during this Mass)

high school discipleship ministry  
9TH & 10TH GRADE  
**LIFE TEEN**  
2025-2026  
SUNDAY EVENINGS  
7:00-8:30

**SPRING 2026**

JANUARY 11	MARCH 15
JANUARY 25	MARCH 22
FEBRUARY 1	APRIL 19
FEBRUARY 15	APRIL 26
FEBRUARY 22	

**END OF YEAR RETREAT:  
SATURDAY, MAY 2 9:30 - 5:30**

Check the website for additional discipleship opportunities.  
Email Caroline Coiner at [ccoiner@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:ccoiner@stcharleshartland.org) for more information!

**SAVE THE DATES**

Join Lake Country Life Teen on Sunday, December 14 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm for a Christmas Party!

Enjoy a Life Teen Beyond Movie Night on Saturday, December 20 from 6:00pm - 8:45pm. There will be pizza and snacks available!

 **ST CHARLES**  
*Roman Holiday Gala*  
Saturday, April 18th, 2026  
Detafield Hotel

**ROMAN HOLIDAY GALA**  
**Give to the St. Charles Gala**

Support our beloved parish and school! The Live & Silent Auction returns to this year's Gala, and your donated items, packages, or experiences make a real difference. Guests will bid on everything from fine dining and elegant getaways to handcrafted treasures and family adventures—generously provided by parishioners and local businesses.

Every contribution sustains the mission and ministries of St. Charles, helping us serve others with faith, compassion, and love. Learn more about great auction ideas by scanning the QR code or contact Carmen Cruz at [cruzca0598@gmail.com](mailto:cruzca0598@gmail.com) for more details.

**Tickets will be on sale in January 2026!**





## 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 in January 2026. 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, December 12th.**

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

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

Blessing Recalled \_\_\_\_\_

Special Intention \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

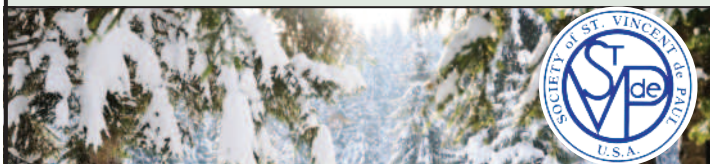
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## STEWARDSHIP: YOUR TIME, TREASURE & TALENTS

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Bottled Juice, Hormel Chili (No Beans), Hand Lotion, Body Wash**

In today's Gospel on the Second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist urges us to "prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family, and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know that needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 262-367-0800 so that together we can help the needy and poor to celebrate Christmas.

The St. Charles SVDP Food Pantry is located on the Church grounds at 313 Circle Drive, 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 or if you would like to become a member of SVDP, please call us at 262-367-0800.



#### **CIRCLE OF LOVE**

**All Circle of Love gifts are due back by noon on Sunday, December 7th in the Borromeo Hall.**

**Sponsors should pick their gifts up between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. on December 7th in the Borromeo Hall.**

If you have any questions or concerns please call Debbie Lancour at 262-367-3869 or email [d2lancour@yahoo.com](mailto:d2lancour@yahoo.com).



#### **BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY MEAL**

St. Charles Parish is the home for the Lake Country Bread of Life Community Meal. What began as a meal for the needy in our area has turned into a host program that includes seniors and others in need of a good meal and friendship. If you or someone you know could use some fellowship and a good healthy meal, please invite them to join us Thursday, December 18th in the Borromeo Hall. We offer blood pressure readings before the meal. The meal will begin at 5:30pm.

No registration is required! The St. Charles Outreach Services Team oversees the event. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact the Parish Office or email [humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org).



#### **COOKBOOK**

Cookbooks will be available during the Hospitality Bake Sale (after Masses on December 13 & December 14). You may also pick up copies in the Parish Office during office hours. To make other arrangements to purchase a cookbook, please contact [humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org). Thank you for your support!



#### **KNITTING & CROCHET MINISTRY**

The St. Charles Knitting and Crochet Ministry offers an opportunity to have some fun while you join others making items for those who have less. Whether you already know how to knit and/or crochet or are a beginner, join this group that meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10 am in the Borromeo Hall. You will enjoy this time working alongside others who love this craft.

### CONTACT OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM



If you would like to volunteer for any Outreach Services Team initiatives, please scan the QR code or email [humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:humanconcerns@stcharleshartland.org) for more information.





## BULLETIN DUE DATES!

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in the upcoming bulletins, please email your information by 8:00 am on the due dates listed below to [lkenyon@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:lkenyon@stcharleshartland.org).

December 21st bulletin is due Wednesday, December 10th  
December 28th bulletin is due Thursday, December 18th

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## SWEET DREAMS DINING OUT

We are excited to announce that our Home & School Association is partnering with Sweet Dreams in Hartland for monthly dining out opportunities! Please stop by on **Tuesday, December 9th** and let staff know you are there for St. Charles' Dining Out. We will receive 15% of sales that day.

## CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING



Our 1st Graders celebrated Thanksgiving by hosting their own Thanksgiving meal to compliment what they are learning in class! We hope everyone was able to enjoy the day with their loved ones.



**SIGN-UP NOW**  
**SIGN-UP DEADLINE 12/12/25**

## ST. CHARLES SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

Little Switzerland | 4-9:30pm  
1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/27

This is a great opportunity to try skiing or snowboarding! First time beginners are encouraged as well. Students, parents, and all parish members are welcome! Scan the QR code to view additional details!



## SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Our 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 or via email at [school@stcharleshartland.org](mailto:school@stcharleshartland.org) if you are interested.



## SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Charles Parish School in Hartland, Wisconsin nourishes and grows a vibrant Catholic community committed to innovation, responsiveness and compassion as it prepares and challenges students in their intellectual, spiritual and moral lives.*

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Marriage Encounter Experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. It's about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.





Scan the QR code for more information!

[wwwme.org](http://wwwme.org)

### NATIVITY SCENE EXHIBIT AND CHAPEL TOURS

Saturday Dec. 6, 1-3 p.m.  
Sunday Dec. 7, 10-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

St. Joseph Center, 1501 S. Layton Blvd. (27th St. at W. Orchard St.), Milwaukee

The School Sisters of St. Francis invite you to join us as we celebrate this Christmas season with an exhibit of nativity scenes from around the world. Enjoy St. Joseph Chapel tours in English and Spanish, including the chapel's nativity scene. For kids: Video puppet show about St. Francis of Assisi's first nativity scene. Details: [www.sssf.org](http://www.sssf.org).

### ST. ANDREW DINNER

Monday, December 22 | 5:15pm

Young men are invited to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for an evening in celebration of the diocesan priesthood. To learn more and to register by December 15 please visit [thinkpriest.org/events](http://thinkpriest.org/events) or call 414-747-6437 for more information.



5th Annual

\$10/kit  
Each kit:  
5 candles  
and  
5 bags

Please join us in the 5th annual Light up the Night. Light your walkways/driveways with luminaries at dusk on Dec. 24! ALL PROCEEDS of your lumina kit purchases will be donated to Lake Country Caring.

Flameless luminary kits (white, moisture-proof bags with flameless tea lights) available this year! Would make great gifts as well. Scan QR code to order and select your pickup date:




Light luminaries at dusk on December 24th

Visit [lightupthenighthartland.com](http://lightupthenighthartland.com) for more details

### CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR THE HOMEBOUND & THOSE IN NEED

There are many individuals in our area who are either homebound or alone or just having a hard time making ends meet.

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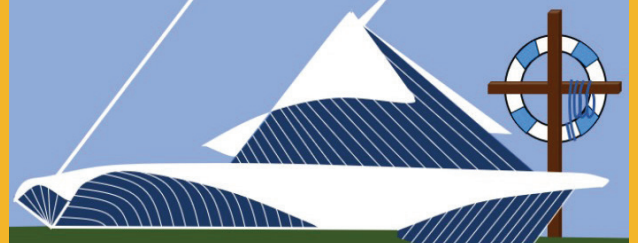
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