



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

December 14, 2025  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

*"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."*

*Matthew 11:10*

*Celebrating the sacrament of*

## Baptism

*Congrats to our newest members!*



Henry Jackson R.  
Son of Andrew & Claire R.



Lenora Lynn J.  
Daughter of Kevin & Morgan J.



Patrick Shea B.  
Son of Maxwell & Kaitlin B.



Sydnie Anne T.  
Daughter of Nathan & Ashley T.

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



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ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
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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 14



### 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

### Monday, December 15

6:30 am † Helen Wallace  
8:30 am Special Intention

### Tuesday, December 16

6:30 am † Jim & Dave Cram  
8:30 am Special Intention

### Wednesday, December 17

6:30 am † Barbara Greeneway  
8:30 am † Katy Hegeman

### Thursday, December 18

6:30 am † Greco Family  
8:30 am † Roger L. Hepperla

### Friday, December 19

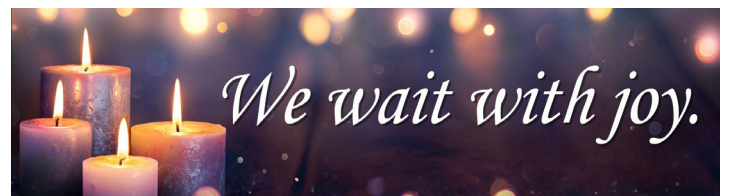
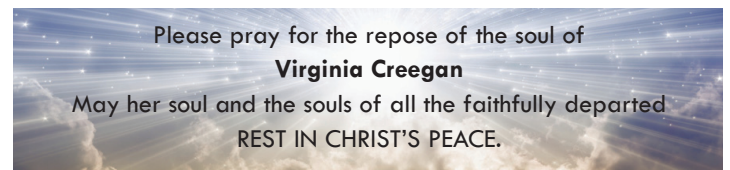
6:30 am † Living & Deceased Members of the Connor Family  
8:30 am † Erwin Wasielewski

### Saturday, December 20

8:30 am Special Intention  
5:00 pm † Living & Deceased Members of St. Charles

### Sunday, December 21

7:00 am † Ann Shannon  
9:00 am † Deceased Parents of Jim & Shirley Hallada  
11:00 am † Bud & Alys Hemmy  
6:00 pm † Patricia Herning



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



PARISH SUPPORT  
THRU NOVEMBER 16

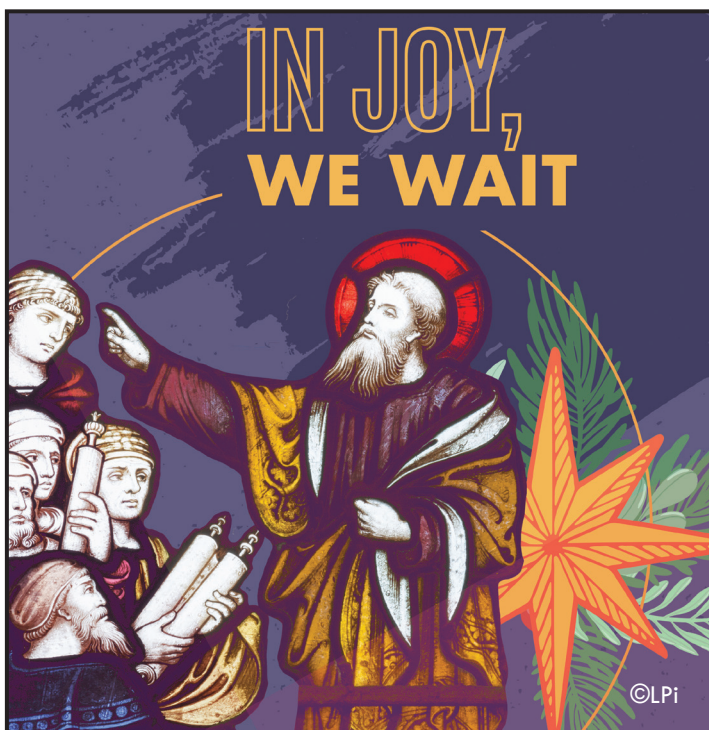
FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

### 2025-2026

Envelopes..... \$49,345.86  
Offertory..... \$4,006.83  
Weekend Total ..... \$53,352.69  
E-Giving ..... \$27,544.00  
YTD ..... \$1,084,849.32

### 2024-2025

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



## THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

Matthew 11:2-11

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to 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 21st Readings

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/  
Mt 1:18-24

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

### Reflection questions for Sunday, December 21st

- Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesies to King Ahaz that a virgin would bear a son and name him Emmanuel ("God is with us"). When have you felt close to God this Advent season?
- Paul instructs the Roman Christians that they are "called to be holy." What do you see as some of the steps toward growing in holiness?
- We hear how Joseph struggled initially with the news of Mary's pregnancy. How do you discern making difficult decisions?



READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.

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





## 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 December 14.

### 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.



## HOSPITALITY BAKE SALE

This weekend after all 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!

## ADORATION OPENINGS

Mondays: 8am, 1pm, 9pm

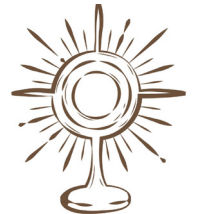
Tuesdays: 1am, 2am

Thursdays: 9am, Noon, 1pm, 6pm, 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.



## 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!



SAVE THE DATE

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

More information coming soon!

# *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)

### 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.

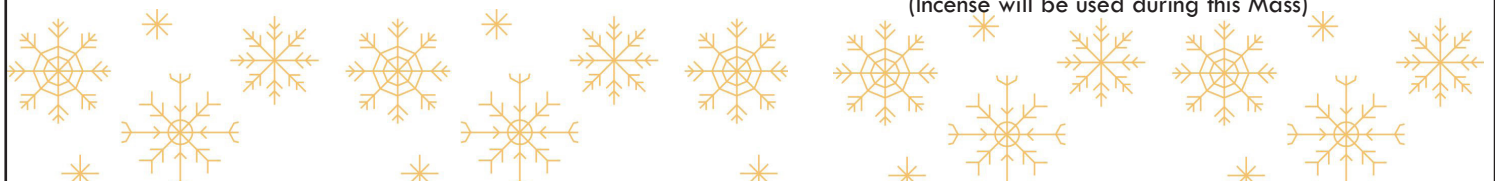
#### Thursday, January 1, 2026

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!

  
*Roman Holiday Gala*  
Saturday, April 18th, 2026  
Delafield 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) or Stephanie Manning at [steph.manning917@gmail.com](mailto:steph.manning917@gmail.com) for more details.



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



**HEART OF THE NATION: MY SUNDAY MASS**

 **Heart of the Nation.**  
CATHOLIC MASS

St. Charles' Music Ministry was invited to participate in the Heart of the Nation: My Sunday Mass, which is the most widely distributed televised Mass in the country, reaching tens of millions of homes coast to coast on broadcast, cable, and satellite channels. The Heart of the Nation TV Mass serves the faithful who cannot attend church in person.

St. Charles filmed the Masses for Christmas Day; Holy Family; and Epiphany, and they will air on December 25th, December 28th, and January 4th respectively on Channel 6 at 5:30am and Channel 24 at 7:00am and 9:00am.

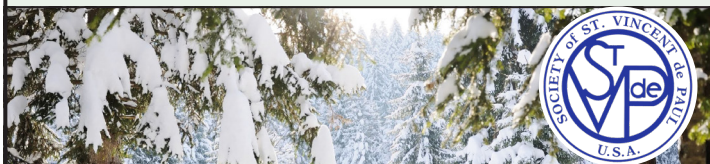
Additionally, they will be available on the Heart of the Nation website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/heartofthenation](http://www.youtube.com/heartofthenation).

**3rd**  
**Sunday**  
**OF ADVENT**



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## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Shampoo, Syrup, Ketchup, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper

In today's Gospel on the Third Sunday of Advent, Jesus tells us the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it, our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a monetary donation to our general fund or a donation of food to our pantry so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

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 someone in need of our services, please call us at 262-367-0800.

**HOW TO GIVE:** For monetary donations, please make checks payable to SVDP and drop off at the Parish Business Center. You may drop off food donations in the SVDP boxes in the Church narthex.

*The food pantry will be closed when Arrowhead Schools close for inclement weather. It will reopen the following week, weather permitting.*



OUTREACH  
SERVICES  
TEAM



### 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 this weekend). 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!

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP RECAP



What a blessing it was to spend time with the community of La Sagrada Familia! Thank you for your prayers and support!

## 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.







**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.

## 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 28th bulletin is due Thursday, December 18th  
January 4th bulletin is due Monday, December 22nd

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**Mon-Fri:**  
9am-7pm  
**Sat:** 9am-5pm  
**Sunday:** Closed

## SPIRIT GROUP ACTIVITY



Our students created Christmas cards for Annunciation Catholic School in Minnesota. This was a beautiful way to show our care and concern to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



## 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.*



### JUBILEE FOR PRISONERS

Pope Francis has designated December 14, 2025 as a Jubilee for Prisoners, inviting the Church to lift up our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated and to renew our commitment to mercy, dignity, and hope.

In honor of this Jubilee, our parish encourages you to learn about and support three powerful ministries that bring Christ's compassion to those in prison: Thrive for Life/ Joseph House, Dismas Ministry and Friends with Pens. Contact Deacon Jim Matthias at [matthiasj@archmil.org](mailto:matthiasj@archmil.org) for more information.



School Sisters  
of Notre Dame

### ONLINE EVENING PRAYER WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. CT. (Please note this is a week earlier than usual due to Christmas!) Learn more and register for the Zoom link at [ssnd.org/events/12-16-25/](http://ssnd.org/events/12-16-25/).

### 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.

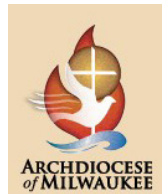
### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 - 26, 2026

This year's theme is "There is one body, and one spirit, just as you are called to the one hope of your calling."

The chosen passage for reflection is Ephesians 4:4, where the Apostle Paul reminds the early Christians in Ephesus of the unifying power of the Holy Spirit: "There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called."

This verse calls believers to remember that, despite differences, all are part of the one Body of Christ and share a common hope through the Spirit.



### LESSONS & CAROLS

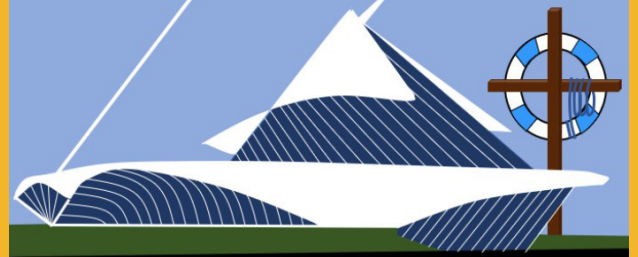


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