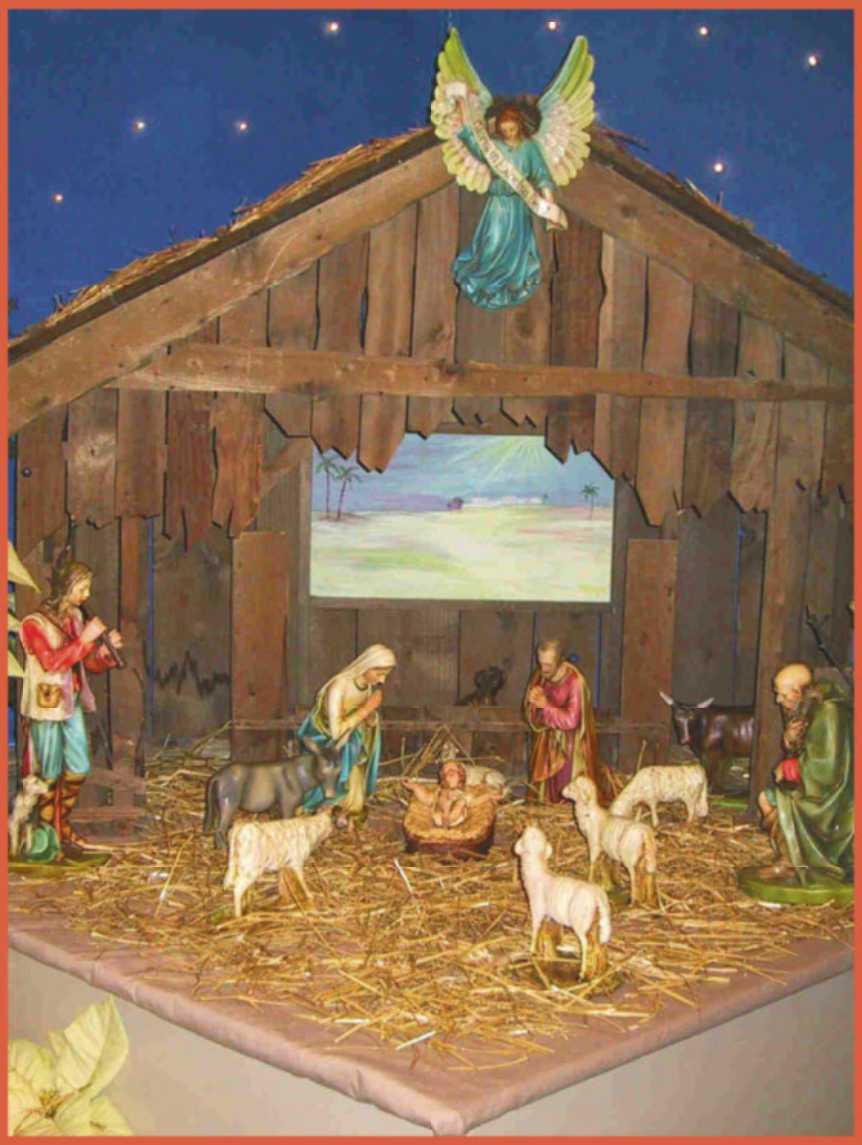
St. Charles Borromeo Church

December 25, 2021 † Christmas Day



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Mass Intentions

Friday, December 24
5pm– St. Charles– Donna Bloomquist
10pm– St. Charles– Mary White
Saturday December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
8:30am– St. Charles– For the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 26
8:30am–St. Charles– Maureen Ankenbrand
11am– St. Philip's– For the People of the Parish

The Nativity of the Lord

It is the festival of our Savior's birth, the day we celebrate that salvation has dawned upon the world. Christ is born, and we rejoice that he has come among us in the flesh, our God made visible in an infant child who would one day give up his life for us. This is the heart of the Christmas mystery: that Christ is born for us today. This feast is so much more than a historic anniversary. Christmas celebrates the coming of God among us, born as a human person. Christ's birth has an effect in our lives today. His birth transcends history and changes us. He brings us light and life.

Think of the symbols of the season. The crèche tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds about the birth of a Savior; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The wreath made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end, and even though we celebrate the human birth of Christ, he remains God, begotten of the Father before all ages. The tree stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The candles we burn at this time of year recall the birth of him who is forever the light of the world, showing us the way to the eternal Father. The angels stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins.

We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! We renew our faith in his power to save as he joins earth and heaven through his coming in the flesh.

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FROM OUR PASTOR

"He shall be called Prince of Peace"

The prophet Isaiah foretold the Messiah would bring peace to his people. Christ was born among us to bring us that gift. Our generosity and altruism at this time are mere imitations of our Lord's goodness. In the midst of turbulent times and uncertainty, we know that Christ has made his home among us and will never abandon us. He is the source of our peace: the gift no one can take from us.

From our Parish family to yours, blessings this Nativity.

-Fr. Joseph Braden Maher

(P.S. now you start celebrating…….for 12 full days) 0 :)

EACH FAMILY is invited to pick up a copy of *Life is Messy* by Matthew Kelly. We are all broken and wounded. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to. This wonderful book is a Christmas gift from one of our parishioners.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our annual Epiphany Dinner! It will be held on January 2, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. in Moriarty Hall. All parishioners are invited! Look for the sign-up sheets in the vestibule.

IF IT HAS BEEN A WHILE since you have been to church, we welcome you back on this most joyous day of the year. This is a day when we celebrate a new beginning, a light in the darkness, and a second chance. Please know that you have always been precious and treasured by God, and He is always ready to welcome you with open arms. We invite you to come back again and again and rekindle the practice of your Catholic Faith. You have been missed!
Merry Christmas and a blessed start to a New Year.

Christmas Day

THE BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS
which adorn our sanctuary during the Christmas season
have been donated in memory / honor of:

Shirley Anderson
Maureen Ankenbrand
Larry & Linda Bailey
M. Daniel Barford
Robert Barford
Jim & Rosalie Benedict
Glenn & Nina Bennett
Tom & Marge Bennett
Wayne (Butch) Bennett
Hank & Ellen Beurskens
Edward Salim Bhatti
Hermond Javed Bhatti
Michael Andrew Blagg
Robert David Blagg
Bill & Lucy Borsch
Adolph & Barbara Ott Busch
Roger A. Busch
Robert Cerven
LC, Mary & Jim Chase
Maurice & Virginia DeMeyer
Jeff Drake
Jim Drake
Mike Drake
Mark J. Engel
John & Kathryn Ensign
Dr. Timothy Fangman
Albert & Sofia Gondek
Diane Gondek-Knudson
Irwin & Ella Gondek
Leonard Gondek
Sr. M. Regina Mundi Gondek
Thad A. Gondek
Walter Gondek
Greg Gorlewski
John & Sophie Gorlewski
Ed & Dorothy Grant
Mike Grant
Beth Groth
Neal & Margaret Gullett
Pete & Nellie Harrington
Donald Haughawout
Dale Heaney
Paul Heckel
Herb & Mary Katherine Huber
Bob Hussey
Bob & Libby Inyart
Ernie & Pauline Inyart
Howard & Wilma Kerr
Paul Kolling
Irvon & Mary LaBarge
James LaBarge
Stephen Kai Lindsey
Letty Luther
Joseph & Margaret Machado
Joseph & Adelle Marchlewski
Fred & Minnie Messmer
James & Evelyn Metzger
Charles & Bernadette Miller
Thomas Nolan
Geraldina Ortiz-Muñiz
Ben Ragle
Elizabeth Ann Ray
James & Elizabeth Ray
Charles & Ruth Reasor
Vic & Don Scheef
Ray & Clyda Schniers
Edward O. Sherman
Mary M. Smith
Vernon & Julie Spinner
Paul & Jean Tahara
David & Anne Takala
Mathew & Ruby Takala
Vic, David, & Frank Tanner
Edward & Judith Vardanega
Russell E. Vaughn
Pete & Billie Walden
Corrine Weber
Edward & Loretta Whalen
Shane Patrick Whalen
Timothy J. Whalen
Bruce & Clare Wieneke
John & Mary Zie

The Carroll Family
The Dye Family
The Griffin Family
The Harrington Family
The Harvey Family
The Hoepner Family
The Jantzen Family
The Kirk Family
The McCarthy Family
The Steinhauser Family
The Whalen Family
The Family & Friends of Deacon Jeff & Barb Beals

During this season of treasured memories, may we remember all those
who have touched our lives for all eternity.

Calendar of Events

12/24 Christmas Eve Masses:
5pm & 10pm– St. Charles
12/25 Christmas Day Mass– 8:30am– St. Charles
12/27 Office Closed
12/29 Rosary– 9:15am– Church
12/31 Office Closed
1/1 New Year's Day– 8:30am Mass– St. Charles
Food Drive
1/2 Food Drive
Epiphany Dinner– 12:30pm– MH
1/3 Office Closed
1/5 Rosary– 9:15am– Church
Scripture Study– 10:15am– MH
1/6 Adult Formation– 6pm– MH
1/7-1/8 Eucharistic Adoration– 4pm-8:30am– Church
1/8 Fatima Devotions– 8am– Church
1/9 Faith Formation– K-8– 9:45-10:45am
HS Rel. Ed– 7-8:30pm– MH

Mass Schedule

Weekdays– See inside front page

Weekends
Saturday- 5:00 p.m.-St. Charles
Sunday- 8:30 a.m.-St. Charles
11:00 a.m.– St. Philip's on campus

Rosary
Wednesday-9:30 a.m.– St. Charles

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday– 3:30-4:30 p.m.– St. Charles
Before Wednesday Mass– 6:30 a.m.– St. Charles
Tuesday – 3:30-4:30 p.m.– St. Philip's

Eucharistic Adoration
Eve of First Saturday: 4:00pm-8:30am
First Saturday Mass: 8:30am

FAITH FORMATION

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! As the year draws to a close, gather as a family or with friends to reflect on the events of the past 12 months and tell stories of how God guided, protected, convicted, loved, and provided for you. Hearing each other's stories is one of the best ways to grow in faith!

REMEMBER to pick up your 2022 St. Charles Calendar in the vestibule. Our thanks to **Adams Funeral Chapel** for sponsoring the calendars again this year.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: December 27, 31 and January 3 for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.