

Church of Saint Charles Borromeo

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Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass on Saturdays & Sundays @ St. Charles
Confessions: 30 minutes after Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays @ St. Mary's
Marriage preparation: See Pastor 6 months in advance
Baptisms: Contact Pastor

4th Sunday of Lent
March 21 & 22, 2020

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A)

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

St. Charles **5:30 PM Saturday Evening** Mass Intention – NO MASS

St. Charles **9:00 AM Sunday Morning** Mass Intention – NO MASS

St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday Morning** Mass Intention – NO MASS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Day, Date	Mass Time, Location	Intention & Donor
Mon. Mar. 23	7:00 AM – St. Charles	NO MASS
Tue. Mar. 24	5:30 PM – OCH	NO MASS
Wed. Mar. 18	7:00 AM – St. Charles 4:30 PM – St. Mary's	NO MASS NO MASS
Thurs. Mar. 19	7:00 AM – St. Charles	NO MASS
Fri. Mar. 20	9:00 AM – Four Seasons 5:30 PM – St. Charles	NO MASS NO MASS
Sat. Mar. 21	10:00 AM - Manor	NO MASS

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS AT ST. MARY'S:
Every Wednesday 3:00 – 6:00 pm

PARISH LENTEN GATHERING: All Lenten activities are cancelled until further notice.

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL: Thanks to everyone who has already supported the Gods' Gift appeal! Update (as of Mar. 13, 2020)
Goal: \$11,377; Received: \$7,960; 70%

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will lead a Rosary for Vocations before Mass on Sunday, March 29th at 8:30 AM. Come join in prayer together! (if Mass is held)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: March 22nd
"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7
How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

THE WORD AMONG US contains the daily readings and a reflection. **EXTRA Copies for Lent** are available in the entryways.

2ND ANNUAL SARGENT CO. AG DAY: POSTPONED to a later date!

BIRTHDAYS AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK

- Mar. 21 Jeanne Thorpe, Alicia Bata
Garett Halmrast, Ella Courtney
- Mar. 22 Bruce Nauman
Brooke Ellingson
- Mar. 23 Pat Kelly
- Mar. 25 Maria Forward
- Mar. 28 Ben Iverson

ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK

- Mar. 28 Allen Weddel & Grace Stoltz

ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Weekly need.....	\$ 3,000.00
Amount received last week....	8,155.04
Other receipts last weekend:	
Plate.....	274.00
Adult Ed (Oremus).....	20.00

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL: Thanks to everyone who has already supported the God's Gift appeal! If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. We would like 100% participation in sharing Christ's mission in the Diocese of Fargo!

God's Gift update (as of March 13, 2020)

Parish	Goal	Received	%age
St. Mary's	\$11,377	\$ 7,960	70%
St. Charles	\$38,429	\$20,525	53%

THRIVENT CHOICE: A reminder to Thrivent members that all 2019 Choice Dollars have been made available for members to direct. 2019 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2020. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to direct your 2019 Choice Dollars to St. Charles.

THANK YOU – For your gift of \$840.23 in 2020. Your gift helps ease the burden of loneliness as we restore love and peace to individuals and families through our adoption, guardianship, and counseling programs. As always, we believe there is a great strength in our communities in ND and we thank you for being active, engaged friends of those in need! Catholic Charities ND

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SUNDAY CLASS TIME is 10:00 – 11:00 AM

THIS WEEK, Mar. 22: NO Class – Grades K-6
All Parish religious education classes are cancelled. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, have the opportunity and duty to take an active role in their children's Religious Ed. The curriculum for your religious ed. may be fulfilled by parents & students through the "Alive in Christ At Home Program" available at: www.fargodiocese.org/catechesis

NO ACTIVITY TIME can be important! Pull out the board games and maybe even pull out the Bible and pray for our world. What a blessing it would be for each of us to go into a personal desert experience like Jesus did for real. We can spend time in quiet, read a phrase from the Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to us. He will speak if we open our hearts. The Lord wants to speak tender words to us in the wilderness as Hosea the prophet says. He wants to lure us into the desert and tell us how much he loves us. Few will listen. May you be one of those who do! Fr. Tim

LENTEN SUPPERS & PROGRMS: ALL Lenten Suppers & Programs have been cancelled indefinitely.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT: Stations of the Cross have been cancelled at St. Charles until further notice.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be NOT held at the Manor on Thursdays during Lent at 6:30 PM, until further notice.

OREMUS – Let Us Pray: This has been postponed until a later date.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE: Practices will not take place until further notice.

SEARCH The Search weekend scheduled for April 17-19 has been cancelled.

EUCHARIST ADORATION

Monday-Wednesday from 5:00 – 9:00

JOB OPENING: Diocese of Fargo is accepting applications for the role of Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. This role will assess the needs of our youth and young adults within the Diocese of Fargo, develop strategies to help them grow in faith, and provide opportunities for them to encounter and follow Christ. Must be able to provide training & direction to youth and young adult programs both at the diocesan and parish level. The successful candidate will be a faithful and practicing Catholic and have a minimum of three years pastoral experience; graduate theological degree preferred. Travel will be necessary to fulfill the duties of this role. Email cover letter, resume and three references to: barbara.avadahl@fargodiocese.org. Application deadline is Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

CORONAVIRUS NOTIFICATIONS: From Bishop Folda: The Current CPVID-19 health crisis has led to extraordinary measures being taken throughout the world. As Catholics, we have a serious responsibility, not only in charity, but in justice, to prevent the spread of this disease to those who are most vulnerable. **As a result, I have made the difficult decision to cancel public celebrations of the Mass, sacraments, and parish events during this challenging time.** The faithful are reminded that they are to observe other means of keeping the Lord's Day holy. Please call Fr. Tim if you have any questions or concerns 701-520-0838.

PASTOR'S NOTES: Oh what a difference three weeks make! I had thought that it was perhaps a bit over-reacting when the dioceses in Northern Italy would cancel all the Ash Wednesday Masses until further notice and suddenly three weeks later our diocese and many dioceses in the USA have done the same. In our age we have never experienced anything like this. We ask God to give us insight during this time. I am hoping that this time away from the personal presence of Christ in the Eucharist would make us hunger all the more for the Bread of Life and the him who is the Truth. This week we hear in the second reading from Ephesians, "Awake, O sleeper and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (5:14). Sometimes we need to be awakened to what is most important... In the first reading from First Samuel, Samuel is thinking that the Lord's Anointed stood before him, but the Lord said, "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." Then in the Gospel Jesus gives sight to the man born blind. The Pharisees are simply not accepting the Truth. They have hardened their hearts toward Jesus. They keep calling Jesus a sinner because he did "work" on the sabbath making clay and opening the blind man's eyes. Jesus says, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind" (John 9:39). The man born blind came to know Jesus with faith which is another kind of "seeing" and so he worshiped Jesus (John 9:38). The Pharisees could not open their hearts to Jesus so they were in a worse kind of blindness than physical blindness. Jesus says because of this, their sins remain. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." We need to wake up to our faith and what is most important, to see how Jesus sees, to allow Jesus to open our eyes. For example, I read a article about how difficult it is to fight a virus such as COVID-19 when we are blind to the way we are interdependent upon each other world

wide. If we had better communication, and worked together, we would have made more progress, but each country is on its own. May we live as children of the light and recognize how God cares for us all, and wants us to care for each other.

TEEN LIFE PROGRAM: Grades 9-12

Mar. 25: NO Class

JR. HIGH:

Mar. 25: NO Class

READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Saturday, Mar. 28th at 5:30 PM – St. Charles

NO MASS

Int'n:

Donor:

Greet:

Servers:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, Mar. 29th at 9:00 AM – St. Charles

NO MASS

Int'n:

Donor:

Greet:

Servers:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, Mar. 29th at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's

NO MASS

Int'n:

Donor:

Ushers & Servers: Volunteers

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Greet & Gifts: