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

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

### **March 28 & 29, 2020**

Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)  
Romans 8:8-11

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

St. Charles **5:30 PM Saturday Evening** Mass Intention – NO Public Mass  
St. Charles **9:00 AM Sunday Morning** Mass Intention – NO Public Mass  
St. Mary's **11:00 AM Sunday Morning** Mass Intention – NO Public Mass

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

<b>Day, Date</b>	<b>Mass Time, Location</b>	<b>Intention &amp; Donor</b>
Mon. Mar. 30	7:00 AM – St. Charles	NO Public Mass
Tue. Mar. 31	5:30 PM – OCH	NO Public Mass
Wed. April 1	8:30 AM – St. Charles 4:30 PM – St. Mary's	NO Public Mass NO Public Mass
Thurs. April 2	8:30 AM – St. Charles	NO Public Mass
Fri. April 3	9:00 AM – Four Seasons 5:30 PM – St. Charles	NO Public Mass NO Public Mass
Sat. April 4	10:00 AM - Manor	NO Public 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. 20, 2020)  
Goal: \$11,377; Received: \$8,040; 71%

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"  
JOHN 11:40  
Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

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

**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	\$ 8,040	71%
St. Charles	\$38,429	\$23,045	60%

## BIRTHDAYS AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK

- Mar. 28 Ben Iverson
- Mar. 30 David Carda, William Haring
- Mar. 31 Kim Schmit, Chloe Awender  
Isabelle Haring
- Apr. 1 Jeff Meehl, Lauren Rodine
- Apr. 2 Nancy Maddock  
Kevin Rodine  
Elsie Voightman
- Apr. 3 Maddie Huffman  
Velma Schmit, Jennifer Harris  
Adam Gramlow, Luke Dobitz

## ANNIVERSARIES AT ST. CHARLES THIS WEEK

- Mar. 28 Allen Weddel & Grace Stoltz

## ST. CHARLES FINANCES

Weekly need..... \$ 3,000.00  
Amount received last week.... 0.00  
Other receipts last weekend:  
Please remember your parish in this crisis.  
Online Giving coming soon!

**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION** will be taken to support the work of Friends of Chimbote, Peru, Who work with Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Where Fr. Jack Davis, a priest of the Diocese of Fargo, had worked for over 3 decades.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** Pope Francis has asked us to support Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education and preserve sacred shrines. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church of the Holy Land.

**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](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to direct your 2019 Choice Dollars to St. Charles.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SUNDAY CLASS TIME is 10:00 – 11:00 AM

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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](http://www.fargodiocese.org/catechesis)

**LENTEN SUPPERS & PROGRAMS:** 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.

**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.

## EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Monday-Wednesday from 5:00 – 9:00

**PASTOR'S NOTES:** On the Fifth Sunday of Lent every reading makes us think about new life after death. In the prophet Ezekiel we hear God says "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them... I will put my spirit in you that you may live..." (Ez 37:12b, 14a). Saint Paul writes to the Romans, "If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you" (8:11). Then in John's Gospel the Word from the beginning through which all things were made speaks a word and a dead man becomes living: "And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go'" (11:43-44). Life and death are such a mystery. The body is so finely tuned that when one part gets out of tune, it affects the whole. A tiny little virus can have such power over thinking strong men. One person once said that I do not have enough faith to be an atheist. How can these bodies stay in tune and live as long as they do? How can such a finely balanced universe stay in existence for so long? To say a big bang caused all this, without an intelligent mind behind it, is more unbelievable than to say a higher intelligence is behind it. John's Gospel is modeled after Genesis' creation: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not

anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not over-come it" (RSV John 1:1-3). This creator speaks the word in Genesis (which means the beginning in Hebrew) and everything comes into being and the Spirit hovers over the waters. St Paul talks about God's Spirit dwelling within us to bring life to our mortal bodies. Ezekiel prophesies that God will bring his people out of tombs. Who would be so bold to say that unless it was God who put those words there. I can imagine Ezekiel thinking, "Boy, they are going to think I'm crazy now." I was reading an article about a soccer game in Milan, Italy February 19 this year. Milan is the northern part of Italy in the Lombardy region and that part has been hit the hardest by this new virus. They are thinking that this new Coronavirus had been circling in Italy since January. This soccer game had a new record for attendance and there were many people infected. There are 120,000 in Bergamo, Italy and normally it takes 40 minutes, but it took three hours to get to Milan. Atalanta Soccer Club in Bergamo, Italy was the "Home" team but they did not have a stadium big enough to host it. There were 40,000 of the 120,000 from Bergamo that went to the game. They won and people were hugging and kissing. It turns out it was a biological bomb. I have been watching our world get more and more enthralled and consumed with sports. I have always been a sports fan, but I have to pull myself back to remember what is most important all the time. Now people will more readily skip Mass than skip even a practice much less a game. That is a deadly sin. Now all this activity and even Mass is all taken away from us. Maybe we can reflect on what and more importantly WHO is the most important. I am sure many will go back to the old ways of spending so much money on travel, hotels and games, while Jesus in the poor will be ignored. I hope we will be the ones who will keep adjusting our priorities and practices to make sure that

our Creator, Our Redeemer, Our Sanctifier is number one. Maybe through this experience Jesus is calling us out of our tombs to truly be free. Maybe all these activities are binding us. Jesus could use this virus to say, "Untie them and let them go free!" Free to live in the Spirit of God and live forever.

**TEEN LIFE PROGRAM:** Grades 9-12

April 1: NO Class

**JR. HIGH:**

April 1: NO Class

**READINGS AND MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC)

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM – St. Charles**

NO Public Mass expected

Int'n:

Donor:

Greet:

Servers:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM – St. Charles**

NO Public Mass expected

Int'n:

Donor:

Greet:

Servers:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM – St. Mary's**

NO Public Mass expected

Int'n:

Donor:

Ushers & Servers: Volunteers

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Greet & Gifts: