



Church of St. Charles

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November 21, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Charles,

Fr. Andrew Stueve and I are both grateful for your continued support and care for St. Charles. We could not exist without the help of generous people like you. Along with the hardworking staff members, Laura, Luke, Don, and Mary, we also are blessed with many volunteers when it comes to running the church and cemetery. One big highlight this year was the grand opening of the cemetery expansion. The new addition included 280 niches for cremations. It takes a lot of volunteers to keep the cemetery in good shape including the Tuesday crew that handles the grounds, gardening, and monument and marker care, our Wednesday mowing ministry, and our snow removal team. If you are at all interested in helping, please reach out to the parish office.

I next want to remind you of our upcoming Holy Day Masses and Confession schedule:

Immaculate Conception

Thurs., Dec. 8th

12pm & 6:30pm Masses

Christmas

Sat., Dec. 24th - 4:30pm

Sun., Dec. 25th - 8:30am & 10:30am

Mary, Mother of God

Sat., Dec. 31st - 4:30pm

Sun., Jan 1st - 8am & 9:30am

Check Stillwater parishes for additional Mass times on these Holy Days.

Advent Confessions: Tuesdays 11:15-11:55am, Thursdays 11:15-11:55am, Saturdays 2:45-4:00pm
No Confessions on Sat., Dec. 24th

Whether it is the daily schedule or a special schedule, like Christmas, please consult the St. Charles website for the latest information. It is being updated frequently and you can always find a copy of the latest bulletin on our website (stcharlesbayport.com).

This year, I am inviting you to support St. Charles with a Christmas gift of \$150. Some of you might not be able to give that much, but every little bit helps. Some of you may be called to give even more. You cannot outdo the Lord in generosity! Be assured of our gratitude.

May God bless you as we enter into the holy days of Advent!

Sincerely,

Fr. Michael Izen

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Parochial Administrator of the Church of St. Charles

November 21, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Charles:

In reflecting upon this past year we have been blessed by God in many ways. We are hoping and praying God has blessed you and your loved ones as well. For those who have experienced the death of a loved one, we extend to you our deepest sympathies. For those who have experienced welcoming a new born (as parents or grandparents), we extend to you our deepest congratulations. All in all, whether it be opportunities such as these to turn to God, or any other, may He continue to give us hearts longing to trust in Him.

Our staff here at St. Charles continue to exhibit a tremendous sense of dedication. The day to day tasks (which are many) continue to be accomplished. We are truly blessed with them. One important and extraordinary task is the launch of the project in creating an updated pictorial directory. The current one was done in 2015, and since so many things change over time, it was deemed important to update it. Many of you participated in the photo sessions in September. We are truly grateful for that. We also eagerly anticipate the completion of the directory.

In the summer of 2021 we observed the construction of the two columbaria in the cemetery. This is within the expansion area of the southeast corner. It was many years in the making and seeing its completion was a blessing. It was an extraordinary blessing also when we welcomed Archbishop Bernard Hebda in May. He came and gave a special blessing to this important project.

As you may know the Faith Formation youth program merged in the fall of 2021 into the program at St. Michael / St. Mary. The combined program has delivered many blessings upon the children of our parish. This spring (2023) we also anticipate in witnessing a number of youth from our parish in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion.

We continue to be blessed for the many people who come to Mass and Confession here at St. Charles. This past February we reintroduced Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. That is one hour each week, and begins upon the conclusion of the Wednesday morning Mass. Our regular sacramental schedule is as follows:

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8am & 9:30am

Weekday Masses:
Mon. & Wed. 8am
Tues. & Thurs. 12pm

Confessions:
Tues. & Thurs.: 11:30-11:55am
Saturday: 3:00-4:00pm

See page 1 and weekly bulletin for the Advent/Christmas schedule

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Fr. Andrew Stueve

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Merry Christmas