

The Second Sunday in Advent December 3 & 4, 2022

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for December 5 - 11, 2022

12/05/22	Monday	NO MASS
12/06/22	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Joyce De Florian
12/07/22	Wednesday	NO MASS
12/08/22	Thursday (Immaculate Conception)	8:30 AM † Bernard Domke 7:00 PM People of St. Charles
12/09/22	Friday	8:00 AM † Bernard Domke
12/10/22	Saturday	4:00 PM Health & Wellness of Steve Trussoni
12/11/22	Sunday	9:30 AM † People of St. Charles

Volunteers

Lectors

Thu. Dec. 08: 7:00 PM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sat. Dec. 10: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Dec. 11: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Thu. Dec. 08: 7:00 PM: Volunteers

Sat. Dec. 10: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Dec. 11: 9:30 AM: Kanoa & Nalani Rodgers;
Arianna Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Dec. 11: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

If you would like to participate as Lector, Server, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please call Tom Jeffers at (608) 689-2683

Rosary Leaders

Sat. Dec. 10: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Dec. 11: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Dec. 05: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Mon. Dec. 12: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Ushers (Month of December)

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse

Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

Sacraments and Prayers

Church Hours

The church is open every day from 7 AM - 7 PM.

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

1st Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

Baptism: Contact parish at least 2 months prior:
608-689-2642

Marriage: Contact parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding to schedule a date and preparation meetings with the parish priest.

Anointing of the Sick and Homebound

Inform the parish office at (608) 689-2642 if someone is seriously ill and needs the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Prayer Requests - Call 608-689-2642 - requests will be passed to Father Sedlacek & the prayer chain.

Sacrificial Giving November 26 & 27, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$1,755.00

Plate Offering \$ 110.00

Total: \$1,865.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Advent Reflections from our Bishop and from our Patron

Peace to you! Can you believe it is the Second Sunday of Advent already! Just three more weeks until the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity! Please read carefully my note about the Capital Campaign and the Diocesan Annual Appeal below. Please let me know if you are interested in making a gift before the end of 2022 which you would like to go toward our upcoming parish capital campaign.

"If you wish, my son, you can be wise... If you are willing to listen, you can learn; if you pay attention, you can be instructed. Stand in the company of the elders; stay close to whoever is wise... If you see the intelligent, seek them out; let your feet wear away their doorsteps!" (Sirach 6:32-36). Heeding the words of Sacred Scripture, I thought that I would defer my bulletin article this week on the topic of Advent to our Bishop and to our patron St. Charles Borromeo. I love the part of St. Charles' Advent letter to his people where he tells us that Jesus will come to us, and truly dwell spiritually in our hearts, if we remove the obstacles to His presence. And that we learn how to live Advent well from the Church's hymns and rituals, because the Church is both a wise teacher and a loving mother.

From Bishop Callahan:

Advent is my favorite liturgical season and there are so many facets for us to ponder. It's a season when we are filled with expectation, anticipation and wonder. The Advent candle helps us mark each week, as if it were an ancient timepiece used to track our steps in Faith. The readings at Mass remind us of how God came into this world—to be with His people—and we remember what a great gift this is to us. The Jesse tree is a visualization of salvation history—each day adding another image to help us follow the historical events leading up to the birth of Christ.

It is fitting that we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent. Our Blessed Mother came into this world free from all stain of Original Sin. We are grateful for her "Yes," allowing Jesus to enter into our reality and open up the doors to eternal life.

Advent is a time set aside for quiet and contemplation, but it also must be a time for movement. God came to dwell with His people. Mary set off in haste when she heard her cousin Elizabeth had also conceived a son. We too must go forth and tell the Good News of the coming of Christ at Christmas.

We are an Advent people, on a journey to our ultimate reward—to be happy with God in heaven for all eternity. Let us walk together in Faith.

Blessed Advent to you!

Bishop William Patrick Callahan

From a letter of St. Charles Borromeo:

"Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if,

through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament.”

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!
-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Baby Jesus Christmas Collection for Ukraine

Chalice of Mercy, a mission to Ukraine founded by Valentyna Pavsyukova in Chippewa Falls in 2007, is having a *Bambino Gesù* ("Baby Jesus") Christmas collection for Ukraine from all the parishes in the diocese. Our school and parish are participating. You can find the list of items in the entryway of church. Please only donate the requested items. Please drop off donations at the School by **Monday, Dec. 5**. All these gifts will be shipped by air and will arrive before Christmas and be distributed by the Chalice of Mercy team in Ukraine. Monetary donations are also needed to cover the cost of shipping the collection over to Ukraine. Those can be made online at: <https://chaliceofmercy.org/donations/donate/> or by mailing a check to Chalice of Mercy, N13740 Fairview Rd., Fairchild, WI 54741

Holy Day on Thursday, December 8th

It is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of the United States of America. Mass times at St. Charles parish are 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Here are some other Mass times at nearby parishes:

Wed. Dec. 7th

4:00 PM – St. Ann-St. Joseph, Harper’s Ferry
5:30 PM – Blessed Sacrament, La Crosse
6:30 PM – St. Mary’s, Viroqua
6:30 PM – St. Joseph, New Albin

Thurs. Dec. 8th

6:30 AM – Cathedral of St. Joseph, La Crosse
8 AM – Blessed Sacrament, La Crosse
12:00 PM - Roncalli Newman Center

Thurs. Dec. 8th continued...

12:00 PM – MMOC, La Crosse
12:10 PM – St. Mary’s, Viroqua
12:10 PM – Cathedral of St. Joseph, La Crosse
4:00 PM – Immaculate Conception, Wexford
5:10 PM – Cathedral of St. Joseph, La Crosse
5:30 PM – MMOC, La Crosse
6:30 PM – St. Mary’s, Coon Valley
6:30 PM – Immaculate Conception, Lansing
7:00 PM – Roncalli Newman Center

PTO Bingo Night Saturday, December 10th from 6-9 pm in the cafeteria.

A poster with more information will be coming next week. If anyone would like to donate a raffle basket, drop it off at the school before December 9th. Thank you.

Capital Campaign and Diocesan Annual Appeal 2022-2023

As you know, this time of year is usually when we conduct our Diocesan Annual Appeal to support the wonderful ministries of our Diocese. This year will be slightly different. The Annual Appeal for the 2022-2023 year has been incorporated into the Inspired by the Spirit Capital Campaign. This comprehensive, all-parish campaign effort began in parishes this past spring and is being conducted throughout this fall and through the first half of 2023. It will not only incorporate and support the ministries through the Diocesan Annual Appeal but will also provide an opportunity for every parish in the Diocese to raise funds for their own parish needs, the Diocesan Center, and the new Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin. Our parish is assigned to the

second block of the campaign timeline, which will not launch until spring 2023. You will be hearing more details in the coming months. Please begin to pray about your commitment to this campaign and begin planning to budget for giving to our parish. If you would like to make an end of the year gift to our parish for 2022 which you would like to go toward our parish's Capital Campaign, please contact Fr. Sedlacek ASAP for how to do that.

St. Charles School News

Accepting Donations for Santa Sale

If anyone is interested in donating any new or slightly used items for the Santa Sale, please drop them off at school by Dec. 7th. The Santa Sale is an opportunity for our students to shop for gifts to give to their families.

RootinCrown Consignment Store

RootinCrown is taking donations between 10 AM and 4 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Appointments are still required for gently used furniture consignment. St. Charles earns a 60% share on clean and gently used furniture valued over \$50. To qualify for this offer, make an appointment with Mary Jo at 608-519-9500. Encourage family, neighbors and friends/social contacts to support our school by shopping at the RootinCrown and liking them on Facebook. www.rootincrown.com

School Shop Scrip Program

Thanks to everyone who have been using the Scrip program. If you haven't already, it is easy to join and start earning money for our school. Either create an account on Raiseright.com/shop or download the RaiseRight app. You can use the app or website to immediately buy and use eGift cards. More information to come when we place the next order for physical gift cards. Please reach out to Megan Olson with any questions at 608-385-7815 or mitrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

Other News from the Diocese and our Community

Volunteers Needed at La Crosse Warming Center

Catholic Charities at the La Crosse Warming Center, located at 413 3rd St S, La Crosse. Hours of operation this season (November 1, 2022 - April 31st, 2023) are from 6:30pm till 8:30am 7 days a week. They can use your help as often or as little as you have time for! There are two ways you can sign up! Through the Assistant Coordinator Karla Hein, who is the lead for scheduling folks at the La Crosse Warming Center. Karla can be reached at khein@cclse.org, or you can call or text at 608-668-9005. She can also send you the link to their Sign-up Genius site where you can look ahead and sign up for available days/times at your convenience.

Cookie Walk & Craft Sale: Dec. 10th

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 10, at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

Holy Trinity Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 10 from 8:00-Noon in Leo Hall, 13th and Park St, La Crosse. Large assortment of Fancy Cookies sold by the pound, Baked Goods, Chances on Holiday Baskets and a Quilt.

Parish Events Calendar

Wed. Dec. 7: Confirmation Preparation Group (Parents and Students) 6:30 - 8 PM

Thurs. Dec. 8: Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Sat. Dec. 10: St. Charles School Fundraiser and Bingo Night 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

Wed. Dec. 14: Middle School Group 6:30 – 8 PM.

Mon. Dec. 19: Confessions at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 9 AM – 6 PM with multiple priests

Thurs. Dec. 22: Confessions at St. Charles (visiting priest) 5:30-7:00 PM