

## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14 & 15, 2023

### **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish**

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 16 – 22, 2023**

<b>01/16/23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
01/17/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Bernard Domke
<b>01/18/23</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
01/19/23	Thursday	8:00 AM Health & Wellness of Steve Trussoni
01/20/23	Friday	8:00 AM † James Pedretti, Jr.
01/21/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Terry Pitzner
01/22.23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

#### **Ministry Volunteers**

##### **Lectors**

Sat. Jan. 21: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Jan. 22: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

##### **Servers**

Sat. Jan. 21: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 22: 9:30 AM: Kanoa & Nalani Rodgers,  
Salvatori Trussoni

##### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Jan. 22: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

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

##### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Tues. Jan. 17: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith  
Magnuson

Mon. Jan. 23: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy  
Stokke

##### **Ushers (January 2023)**

Saturday: Steve Woodhouse & Larry Kelsey

Sunday: Keith Magnuson & Arnie Trussoni

#### **Sacraments and Prayers**

##### **Church Hours**

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

##### **Confession:**

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

##### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

1<sup>st</sup> 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** January 7 & 8, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1,180.00
Plate Offering	\$ 101.00
Votive Candles	\$ 45.05
In Memory	\$ 50.00
Religious Education	\$ 20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,396.00</b>

## From the Pastor's Desk Pope Benedict XVI and Hope

Peace to you! Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> concluded our 9 days of official mourning for Pope Benedict XVI. Some of you may know that I intended to fly to Rome for the funeral Mass last Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>. However, there was a snowstorm on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> in Minneapolis which ended up shutting down the airport just minutes before I was to take off. Any rescheduling of flights would have resulted in getting to Rome too late to participate in the funeral. So, I turned around and came back to Genoa. It was a real bummer, but one thing I have learned growing up on the farm, you can't control the weather. There were moments during the 10 ½ hours I spent at the airport when I thought hope was lost, and others when hope was revived. Among the many teachings and writings of Pope Benedict XVI, the subject of hope is perhaps one of his greatest and most powerful. He wrote a whole encyclical (a teaching letter for the entire Church) on the subject of Christian hope, *Spe Salvi* (which is Latin for "Saved in Hope"). It is a good read! Here are some excerpts which I hope you find helpful and "food for prayer."

"We want only one thing, the blessed life, the life which is simply life, simply happiness. In the final analysis, there is nothing else that we ask for in prayer. Our journey has no other goal, it is about this one thing alone.... Eternity is not an unending succession of days in the calendar, but something more like the supreme moment of satisfaction in which totality embraces us and we embrace totality this we can only attempt. It would be like plunging into the ocean of infinite love a moment in which time, the Before & After, no longer exist. We can only attempt to grasp the idea that such a moment is life in the full sense, a plunging ever anew into the vastness of being, in which we are simply overwhelmed with joy. This is how Jesus expresses it in Saint John's Gospel: "I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (16:22). We must think along these lines if we want to understand the object of Christian hope, to understand what it is that our faith, our being with Christ, leads us to expect" (11-12).

"We need the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day. But these are not enough without the great hope, which must surpass everything else. This great hope can only be God, who encompasses the whole of reality and who can bestow upon us what we, by ourselves, cannot attain. The fact that it comes to us as a gift is actually part of hope... His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope, in a world which by its very nature is imperfect. His love is at the same time our guarantee of the existence of what we only vaguely sense and which nevertheless, in our deepest self, we await: a life that is "truly" life" (*Spe Salvi*, 31).

"We can try to limit suffering, to fight against it, but we cannot eliminate it. It is when we attempt to avoid suffering by withdrawing from anything that might involve hurt, when we try to spare ourselves the effort and pain of pursuing truth, love, and goodness, that we drift into a life of emptiness, in which there may be almost no pain, but the dark sensation of meaninglessness and abandonment is all the greater. It is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love" (*Spe Salvi*, 37).

"There used to be a form of devotion—perhaps less practiced today but quite widespread not long ago—that included the idea of "offering up" the minor daily hardships that continually strike at us like irritating "jabs", thereby giving them a meaning. Of course, there were some exaggerations and perhaps unhealthy applications of this devotion, but we need to ask ourselves whether there may not after all have been something essential and helpful contained within it. What does it mean to offer something up? Those who did so were convinced that they could insert these little annoyances into Christ's great "com-passion" so that they somehow became part of the treasury of compassion so greatly needed by the human race. In this way, even the small inconveniences of daily life could acquire meaning and contribute to the economy of good and of human love. Maybe we should consider whether it might be judicious to revive this practice ourselves" (*Spe Salvi*, 40).

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

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Offertory Envelopes for 2023**

The company which prints our offertory envelopes has experienced delays in production. We may not get our 2023 envelopes until February. And so, for the next few weeks, we ask that, when you give your monetary offering, that you use a plain envelope. Please write your name, your offertory envelope number (if you know it), and the date (for example, Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023) on the envelope. Thank you!

### **New Parish and School Website**

We launched a new website for our Parish and School. Please check it out at [www.stcharlesgenoa.org](http://www.stcharlesgenoa.org). Your feedback and ideas are welcome! If you have ideas for website content (photos or text), please send them to Fr. Sedlacek, Sally Emerson, or Mary Kate Donovan.

### **Capital Campaign Info: Part 2**

As St. Charles Parish and the 156 other parishes in the Diocese of La Crosse begin the "Inspired by the Spirit" Capital Campaign, I will attempt to offer regular communication about its organization, purpose, and progress. This will be a 5-year campaign to support both the Diocese and our local parish. Our parish's 5-year goal is \$215,000. This goal will be split 65% for the needs of St. Charles parish and 35% for the needs of the Diocese. That means, if we reach our goal, our parish will have \$139,750 toward much needed capital improvements. The Diocese's portion (\$75,250) will help fund three needs: The 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal (total of \$6 million), repairs to the Diocesan Center, especially Christ the King Chapel (total \$5 million), and providing "seed money" for the new Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin (total \$3 million). If you would like to offer your input about what projects are priorities for our parish's future, please contact Fr. Sedlacek. Please begin to pray about your commitment to this campaign and start planning your generous giving toward the needs of the Church.

### **Coming Soon: Opportunities to Give**

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is starting next weekend. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The baby bottles will be available to take home Saturday January 21, 2023 and Sunday January 22, 2023.

The Campaign for Human Development, a collection organized by the U.S. Bishops, will take place the weekend of Jan. 29-30. You can find the envelopes in the vestibule to take home and return in the next two weekends.

### **US Bishops: Nine Days for Life Novena - Jan. 19-27**

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message. Visit [respectlife.org/9-days-signup](http://respectlife.org/9-days-signup).

## **St. Charles School News**

### **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](http://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 [www.RaiseRight.com/shop](http://www.RaiseRight.com/shop) or download the RaiseRight app. You can use the app or website to immediately buy and use eGift cards. At certain times throughout the year we place an order for physical gift cards. We will let you know when those orders will happen. Please reach out to Megan Olson with any questions at 608-385-7815 or [mitrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:mitrussoni@gmail.com).

## Other News from the Diocese and our Community

### Culture of Life Summit - Jan. 21, 2023

At Regis Catholic High School, Eau Claire, WI. We are excited to partner with the Diocese of Superior to hold a Culture of Life Summit. This will be a day of live music, speakers and a time where you can discuss the issues that pertain to respecting the dignity of life. \*Deadline to register is January 16, 2023! To register please visit:

<https://diolc.org/youth/youth-opportunities/culture-of-life/>

### Retreat for Married & Engaged couples - Jan. 28, 2023

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are Married, Engaged and Seriously Dating. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation. This mini-retreat will: 1) Encourage a greater devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist 2) Develop a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage & Theology of the Body 3) Provide couples the encouragement to live the vocation of marriage well in a culture that is increasingly more hostile to the sacrament.

Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline VanHemmert. Cost: \$45 per couple. Location: St. Joseph church, Boyd, WI. For more information, contact Chris Rogers at [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org). Register here:

[www.argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=3725](http://www.argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=3725)

### Holy Trinity Parish Trip to Fireside Theatre

Beat the winter blahs, go on a Bus Trip to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson to see *Music Man* on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Trip includes bus, lunch, and show. Cost is \$110. Profits go to Holy Trinity Parish. For more information, please contact Arlene Young at 608-788-3440.

### Volunteers Needed at 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! 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](mailto: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.

### CALIX – For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective

Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? *You can reach out to a member of CALIX.* CALIX ([calixsociety.org](http://calixsociety.org)) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612-383-8232 (Jim R.) or 651-587-4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

### Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 608-860-6698.

### Crosswoods Camp is Hiring for Summer Staff Positions!

If you love being outdoors, are musically talented, can juggle, or make bird calls, we have the perfect job for you! Our small, dedicated staff leads weekly groups on adventures (such as rock climbing, kayaking, mountain biking) alongside skits, talks, and worship music to help lead youth to Christ. If this sounds like you, or a friend, please send inquiries or requests for an application to Camp Director, Shelby Saenger, at [kaufers2386@gmail.com](mailto:kaufers2386@gmail.com).

## Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Jan. 15: Religious Education for Grades 1-5 8:15-9:15 AM

Sun. Jan. 15: RCIA Gathering 10:30 AM – Noon

Wed. Jan. 18: Middle School Group 6:30-8:00 PM

Sun. Jan. 22: Religious Education for Grades 1-5 8:15-9:15 AM