

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21 & 22, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 23-29, 2023

01/23/23	Monday	NO MASS
01/24/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM Health & Wellness (Steve Trussoni)
01/25/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/26/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Bernard Domke
01/27/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Marie Berra
01/28/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Marie Berra
01/29.23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Jan. 28: 4:00 PM: Steve Woodhouse

Sun. Jan. 29: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Jan. 28: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 29: 9:30 AM: Salvatori, Arianna
Trussoni; Abigail Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 29: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

*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

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

Mon. Jan. 30: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

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

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 January 14 & 15, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$4,770.00

Plate Offering \$ 98.00

Total: \$4,868.00

From the Pastor's Desk Living a Culture of Life

Peace to you! For Catholics in the United States, Monday, January 23rd is the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” It is a day of prayer and penance. This day is usually celebrated on January 22 (but is transferred to Monday this year, since Jan. 22 is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time). January 22, 1973 was the day the Supreme Court decided Roe vs. Wade decision which made abortion legal in all 50 states. Now 50 years later, we have witnessed the overturning of that unjust decision, which means that each state can now make their own laws allowing or restricting abortion. This is not only a political or legal matter. It is a moral and religious matter as well, because it involves the killing of innocent human life. There is no way to dance around it, abortion is a grave societal evil. The Church’s magisterium (teaching authority) has always taught that abortion is wrong and its practice is to be rejected. The early Christians distinguished themselves from the rest of the world because they did not kill their own children via abortion, infanticide, or child sacrifice (all common practices in the ancient world). The *Didache*, a 1st century writing recounting the teaching of the Apostles, says, “You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.” Plenty of falsehoods have been promoted which claims the Catholic Church has been unclear about this issue in the past, and perhaps is still unclear now. However, there are few moral issues about which the Church has been clearer than this one. Directly killing an innocent human being is always a grave offense.

This clear moral truth does not mean that extremely difficult situations, circumstances, or crisis pregnancies do not happen. There are very difficult cases. This issue is extremely personal and traumatic. So many people have been deeply hurt by abortion or by the circumstances which led them to that decision. I know several people who have had abortions. All of them, whether they still defend their decision or regret it, have reported that, at the time, they felt that they had no other choice. And so we must treat parents, especially women, who are in difficult situations with great compassion and understanding, not with harshness or judgmentally. We don’t cast judgement upon those who have had abortions or ostracize them. We treat all people at all stages of life with profound dignity and respect because “Every human life... is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God” (CCC 2319). Another big myth is that Catholics and others who are against legalized abortion are “pro-birth” but after people are born, they don’t care. This idea is simply absurd. Just the work of Catholic Charities USA alone is enough to dispel that idea. In 2021, Catholic Charities served 15 million people with food and nutrition services, affordable housing, disaster relief, medical and mental health services, immigrants and refugees, and job training and work development. That is just one organization. Think of all the Catholic hospitals, religious orders, parishes, dioceses, and individuals (Christian or not) who work to help people “after birth.” “Pro-life” pregnancy centers help people “after they are born.” (The following is data compiled by the Charlotte Lozier Institute of 2,700 of these centers in the US in 2019). “486,213 Free Ultrasounds Performed, 731,884 Free Pregnancy Tests, 967,251 Free Consultations with New Clients, 810 Locations offer STD Testing, 563 Locations offer STD treatment onsite, 291,230 Clients Attended Parenting and Prenatal Education Classes, 21,698 Clients Attended After-Abortion Support and Recovery Sessions, 2,525 Locations offer Material Assistance such as baby items (including diapers, baby clothing outfits, new car seats and strollers), 14,977 Paid Staff (25 percent of whom are licensed medical professionals), 53,855 Volunteers (12 percent of whom are licensed medical professionals.”

Can more be done? Of course! **And we all must do more.** We must work to build a culture of life. The core of this issue is not so much whether or not abortion is legal or illegal. That is an important point. But the core is that Christ tells us that “Whatever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me.” We want to build a society in which not only is abortion illegal, but more importantly, unthinkable. This involves a process of deep conversion of ourselves, our political structures and political parties, our understanding of freedom, our conversations with each other, and our actions. It involves strengthening families and local communities so that the most vulnerable in society are cared for. It means a re-kindling of hope and a rejection of the despair that accompanies a culture of death, or as Pope Francis calls it, “throwaway culture” which sees human suffering and possible difficult circumstances as meaningless. In this view, continuing that life that involves suffering or difficulty is pointless and even cruel. “How could you let a baby be born into these circumstances?” This is the core of a “culture of death.” St. John Paul II describes the idea which is at the core of a culture of life. “Life is always a good... Why is life a good?... The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth, is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory... Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the

intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself” (Evangelium Vitae, 34). And so, we never lose hope, even in the most tragic, horrible, and painful of circumstances. We place our hope in Jesus, who suffered for us, and we try to bring the light of hope to the dark places of our world by our prayers, sacrifices, compassion, and works of charity.

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

St. Charles Parish News

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.

Birthright Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is starting this 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 this weekend and need to be returned to St. Charles by Sunday, February 26th. Checks can be made out to “Birthright of La Crosse.”

Annual Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

This is a collection organized by the U.S. Bishops, will take place the weekend of Jan. 29-30. More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Please make checks out to “St. Charles Parish” with “CCHD” in the memo line.

St Charles Catholic Women’s Group

The Women’s Group will meet at 6:30 PM on Thursday Feb. 2nd in the cafeteria.

Capital Campaign Info: Part 3

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 (2022-2027) 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. Part of the Diocese’s portion is to fund the 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal. However, that means that there will be a 2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal that will begin around October 2023. There will be a 2024-2025 Appeal, etc... throughout the remainder of the 5 year Capital Campaign.

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

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 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 mjtrussoni@gmail.com.

Other News from the Diocese and our Community

Sip 'n' Paint - Fri. Feb. 10th at St. Charles Gym

Taught by Kelly Hutchinson, this 2-3 hour class begins at 6:30 PM. Snacks provided. Drinks available. 40 person max. \$30 per person. Call (608) 780-1148 to sign up.

Catholic Charities is currently looking to fill a part-time Rep-Payee Case Manager position in La Crosse. Our Rep-Payees provide financial management to individuals that are not capable of handling their own finances. Assistance includes budget development, goal setting, bill paying, as well as establishing an ongoing working relationship with Social Security Administration, Care Managers, Social Workers, guardians, clients, staff, and all others as needed. Minimum of an Associate's Degree in Business or Human Services preferred. Experience with Social Security laws, budgeting and accounting, money management skills and the ability to apply this knowledge to numerous situations. For more information or to apply, please visit our website at www.cclse.org!

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 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. Register here: www.argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/firmEventTicketSalesForm.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 4th. 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, 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 - 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) 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.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Jan. 29: RCIA Gathering 10:30 AM – Noon
Wed. Feb. 1: Confirmation Preparation 6:30-8:00 PM
Thurs. Feb. 2: Women's Group Meeting 6:30 PM
Sun. Feb. 5: Fellowship Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass
Wed. Feb. 8: Parish Finance Council Meeting 6:30 PM
Wed. Feb. 15: Middle School Group 6:30-8:00 PM