

# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28 & 29, 2023

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

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## **Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 20 – February 5, 2023**

<b>01/30/23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
01/31/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † William “Bill” Pedretti
<b>02/01/23</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
02/02/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Bernard Domke
02/03/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Norm Jambois
02/04/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † James Pedretti, Jr.
02/05/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Sat. Feb. 04: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Feb. 05: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

#### **Servers**

Sat. Feb. 04: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 05: 9:30 AM: Mitchell Family

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

Sun. Feb. 04: 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**

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

Mon. Feb. 06: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

#### **Ushers (February 2023)**

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

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 21 & 22, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$ 845.00

Plate Offering \$ 127.00

Human Development \$ 60.00

**Total: \$1,032.00**

In Memory (Frex Furlano) \$1,935.00 (Parish)

In Memory (Frex Furlano) \$ 450.00 (School)

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Building a Catholic Culture: Eucharistic Revival

Peace to you! This week of January 29-February 4 marks Catholic Schools Week throughout the United States. We celebrate the great legacy and blessings of Catholic education. Here at St. Charles School, we will have Mass together as a school (like we do every week), fun activities, and a field trip to celebrate our school and the amazing gift of Catholic education. This week's celebration is marked with profound gratitude toward our parish families who have supported the work of the school for over 115 years (this is our 116<sup>th</sup> school year at St. Charles!). Thank you for all your support!

This coming Thursday (February 2) we will celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, also known as "Candlemas." Situated 40 days after Christmas, it commemorates the event that took place 40 days after Jesus' birth when Mary and Joseph took the infant to the Temple and offered the sacrifice prescribed by God through Moses to redeem the firstborn son. February 2<sup>nd</sup> marks the traditional end of the Christmas season. February 2<sup>nd</sup> is called "Candlemas" because the Mass for that day begins with the blessing of candles which will be used at Mass for the upcoming year (as well as any candles brought for use in homes) and a procession into the church to commemorate the Savior's coming into the Temple for the first time. Here was the Lamb of God who would offer Himself in loving sacrifice to God for the salvation of the world! His Body is the true Temple, the place where God and humanity, heaven and earth truly meet. If you can't make it to Mass on Thursday, I will be blessing any candles you may bring for use in your homes at the weekend Masses.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday) is the memorial of St. Blaise, the bishop and martyr, who is the patron saint of those with diseases or ailments which affect the throat. This is due to a miracle that he performed while on his way to execution and martyrdom, when he prayed over and healed a little boy who was choking to death on a bone. We will be offering the blessing of the throats (using the newly blessed candles) after next weekend Masses as well.

These unique traditions, blessings, and pious practices help us to practice our Faith and to make it real. They help us to bring our ordinary lives into the realm of the life of Christ. As Christ is the light of the world, we bless the things which bring light to our homes (well, now we have light bulbs instead of candles... I guess I have never considered blessing light bulbs!). We learn the story of St. Blaise and so ask for his intercession to God for healing and protection against diseases of the throat. If we want to pass on a Christian and Catholic culture to the next generation, we must learn, practice, and teach the things which *make up* our Catholic culture and built Western Civilization.

There is perhaps no greater source of "Catholic culture" than the Holy Eucharist. Since the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, our way of life as Catholics revolves around the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The Christian life, since the beginning, centered upon "the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life, to the **breaking of the bread** and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). The martyrs of Abitene, North Africa in the 303 AD were forbidden to gather on Sundays for the celebration of the Eucharist. They still gathered and were arrested and killed. When asked why they disobeyed the civil authorities' command to not gather, they responded, "Sine dominico non possumus" (We cannot exist without the Lord's Day). The term 'dominico' has a triple meaning. It indicates the Lord's Day (Sunday), but also refers to what the "Lord's Day" is all about: the Resurrection of Jesus and His presence in the Eucharistic celebration. One of the martyrs was asked, not whether or not he was himself a Christian, but simply if he participated in the Sunday gathering or had a copy of the Scriptures. He replied, "O foolish and ridiculous question of the judge! As if a Christian could be without the Sunday Eucharist, or the Sunday Eucharist could be celebrated without there being a Christian! Don't you know... that it is the Sunday Eucharist which makes the Christian and the Christian that makes the Sunday Eucharist, so that one cannot subsist without the other, and vice versa?"

Indeed, without the Lord's Day and gathering together to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, the memorial of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, none of us can long endure as a follower of Christ. Forces in our increasingly secular culture are very strong and can easily draw us away from living a life centered on Jesus Christ and from our Catholic tradition.

Catholics in the United States, at the request of our bishops, have begun an initiative which is called the "Eucharistic Revival." This initiative began in 2022 and will continue until 2025. I will be writing more about this

effort in the weeks ahead and how we at St. Charles can participate in it. May we learn our Catholic Faith and be strengthened in our practice of it, so that we can teach it to the next generation.

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

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Happy Catholic Schools Week: Thank a Teacher**

The Diocese has created a means for people to thank our Catholic School teachers (and entire schools!) and to write them a message which will be posted on to the Office for Catholic Schools' webpage. After that, Office of Catholic Schools will email the thank you's to the relevant school and teachers. To leave a message of thanks for one or all of our St. Charles School teachers, please visit the link and fill out the "Thank-A-Teacher" form - [diolc.org/Thank-A-Teacher](http://diolc.org/Thank-A-Teacher)

### **Catholic Schools Week: Project Heifer**

St. Charles students are holding a "Penny War" contest during Catholic Schools Week to support Project Heifer International. This organization supports families, farmers, and communities around the globe by giving them sustainable resources and education to reduce poverty. In the past, the students have purchased a water buffalo for a farming community, a flock of chicks for a family, a water pump for a community, and various sheep, goats, and pigs for families. ***We invite anyone in the broader parish community to help us this year.*** Your donation of cash or a check (made out to St. Charles, memo line "Project Heifer") will be added to the total raised by the students. Thank you very much.

### **Birthright Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign**

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse has begun. The baby bottles are available to take home and need to be returned to St. Charles by Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be made out to "Birthright of La Crosse." 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.

### **Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**

This is a collection organized by the U.S. Bishops, will take place this 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](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the cafeteria.

### **Capital Campaign Info: Part 4**

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 offer regular communication about its organization, purpose, and progress. Remembering that this is going to be a 5-year campaign (2022-2027) to support both the Diocese and our local parish, I am pleased to let you know that we have already received a couple of one-time donations toward our parish's goal of \$215,000. We have generous and dedicated parishioners who want our parish to thrive for many years into the future.

## **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**

### **Sip 'n' Paint - Fri. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cclse.org)!

### **Wanted: Administrative Assistant**

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral seeks a full-time 40 hour administrative assistant from 8 am - 4:30 pm Monday-Friday. Applicant will manage all daily business operations and must be proficient in computer skills including Quickbooks on-line and Microsoft Office programs; have telephone, reception and clerical skills and experience; excellent organizational and interpersonal skills and work independently. Full job description found on Cathedral's homepage. Requirements for application: resume, two letters of recommendation, two past job references. Please submit to Monsignor Richard Gilles, Rector, [rgilles@diolclergy.org](mailto:rgilles@diolclergy.org) or 530 Main St., La Crosse, WI 54601 by January 30, 2023.

### **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.

### **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**

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  
Tues. Feb. 7: PTO Meeting at 6 PM  
Wed. Feb. 8: Parish Finance Council Meeting 6:30 PM  
Wed. Feb. 15: Middle School Group 6:30-8:00 PM