

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7 & 8, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 9 – January 15

01/09/23	Monday	NO MASS
01/10/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Bernard Domke
01/11/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/12/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Bernard Domke
01/13/23	Friday	8:00 AM Health & Wellness (Steve Trussoni)
01/14/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Bernard Domke
01/15.23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Jan. 14: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Jan. 15: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. Jan. 14: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 15: 9:30 AM: Kanoa & Nalani Rogers;
Salvatori Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 15: 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. Jan. 14: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Jan. 15: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Jan. 09: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Mon. Jan. 16: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

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 December 31 & January 1, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$1,662.00

Plate Offering \$ 63.00

Religious Education \$ 30.00

Total: \$1,755.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Ready to Receive: Part 2

Peace to you! Merry Christmas (it is still Christmas)! And Happy Epiphany! "Epiphany" simply means "manifestation" or "revelation." Our readings focus on the magi or "wise men" who came from the East to worship the child Jesus and offer Him gifts. The meaning of this mysterious event is a fulfillment of the prophecies of the old covenant that the salvation of God, revealed to the Jewish people, would be extended out to all the nations and peoples of the entire world. The magi are the first examples or signs of this universal salvation won by Jesus's birth, passion, death, and resurrection. Through their encounter with the Child Jesus, the salvation of God and the mystery of the Trinity is revealed, manifested to all the nations. The magi, along with all Gentiles ("non-Jews") are also called to be "coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel," as St. Paul writes to the Ephesians.

I would like to continue my reflection about Mary, the Mother of God, as our model for receiving the gift of salvation through obedience. Last week, I focused on their obedience to the Law of Moses, who received the Law from God on Mount Sinai by which the People of Israel remain in right relationship with God. This relates to our obedience to the laws of the Church, which is the "New People of Israel," by which we remain in right relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. I focused on the "5 Precepts of the Church," which teach us the most basic necessities of living and acting as children of God. I would like to now focus on Mary and Joseph's obedience to the promptings of God. These were instructions given to them in the fulfilling of their unique role in God's plan of salvation. For example, God commanded them, through an angel, to name Mary's son, "Jesus," God warned Joseph in a dream to flee the land of Judea in order to save Jesus from the hatred and murderous intentions of King Herod. There are many other examples that Mary and Joseph obeyed the promptings of God throughout their lives, some of which are recorded in the Gospels.

This willingness to receive and obey the promptings of God is an example to us. As baptized Christians, we have received the gift of God's life in our souls (aka, "sanctifying grace") which makes us children of God. Each individual baptized Christian also receives unique graces in order to live out their state in life and to answer the promptings of the Holy Spirit to serve God and the Body of Christ (the Church). Like Mary and Joseph, each of us is given a unique part to play in fulfilling God's plan of salvation. You might be asking, "What is my particular part/role?"

A couple of factors are needed to answer that question. The first is your "vocation" or "state in life." "State in life" includes things like, "single," "married," "father of four children," "widow," "parish priest," "religious sister or nun," etc... Each of these states in life carries with them particular duties toward others, toward God, and toward the Church as a whole and in particular (to our local parish and diocese). The fulfilling of the duties of your current state in life is receiving the gifts of God's grace and "obeying" His will.

A second factor involves the individual gifts or "charisms" you have been given by God. These "charisms" are meant to build up the Body of Christ, the family of God, and to serve God's mission of salvation for the whole world. And so, for example, do you have the gift of a good singing voice? Then perhaps you are meant to use it to help others to pray and worship at Mass. Do you have a gift for fixing things? Then perhaps you have a charism for volunteering to help with maintaining the physical plant of the parish, or helping others who are in need. St. Paul lists a bunch of charisms in his first letter to the Corinthians, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing

by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes" (1 Cor. 12:4-11). St. Paul also lists other charismatic gifts in his Letter to the Romans (12:6-8), "Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."

Lastly, we can, through prayer and living in God's grace, "hear" the "still small voice" of God which prompts us to action in particular situations of life. I know that I have experienced these promptings before and when I am open to them and courageous in acting on them, God does amazing things. These can be "small" things like doing a kind deed for someone. Or something like, "I just feel like I am supposed to give so-and-so a phone call." Be attentive to these promptings, which can sometimes be from God the Holy Spirit, who is at work in our hearts in order to help us fulfill the mission which God has given to us in order to build up the Church.

We ask Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph to pray for us, so that we may courageously receive the gift of our vocations, our charisms, and the particular graces to follow God each and every day.

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 envelope number (if you know it), and the date (for example, Sun. Jan 8th, 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. The website is not complete, it still needs some "filling out." Your feedback and ideas are welcome! If you have ideas for website content (photos or text), please send them to Fr. Sedlacek or talk with Sally Emerson or Mary Kate Donovan.

"Inspired by the Spirit" Capital Campaign Update

There are 157 parishes in the Diocese of La Crosse, including our parish. All of us are embarking on the "Inspired by the Spirit" Capital Campaign. This will be a 5-year campaign to support both the Diocese and our local parish. The Diocese's portion will fund three things: The 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal, repairs to the Diocesan Center (especially Christ the King Chapel), and providing "seed money" for the new Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin. Our parish is working to launch this campaign this Spring 2023. If you would like to offer your input about what should be on our parish case statement, please contact Fr. Sedlacek. You will be hearing more details in the coming months. Please begin to pray about your commitment to this campaign and start planning your budget for the next 5 years.

Coming Soon: Opportunities to Give

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. 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 bottles/envelopes will be available to take home Saturday January 21, 2023 and Sunday January 22, 2023. More information to come.

The Campaign for Human Development, a collection organized by the U.S. Bishops, will take place the weekend of Jan. 29-30.

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

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.

GIVEN Retreat - Jan. 28, 2023

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. This mini retreat will:

- * Encourage a greater devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist
- * Develop a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage through Theology of the Body
- * Provide couples the encouragement to live the

vocation of marriage well in a culture that is increasingly more hostile to the sacrament. Married, Engaged and Seriously Dating Couples are invited to attend. 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@dioc.org. Register here: 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 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.

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. 15: RCIA Gathering 10:30 AM – Noon
Wed. Jan. 18: Middle School Group 6:30-8:00 PM
Sat/Sun Jan 21-22: Birthright Baby Bottle Fundraiser begins