

# The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11 & 12, 2023

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

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 13 - 19, 2023**

<b>02/13/23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
02/14/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Bernard Domke
<b>02/15/23</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
02/16/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † James Pedretti, Jr.
02/17/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Bernard Domke
02/18/23	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
02/19/23	Sunday	9:30 AM † William "Bill" Pedretti

#### **Ministry Volunteers**

##### **Lectors**

Sat. Feb. 18: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Feb. 19: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

##### **Servers**

Sat. Feb. 18: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 19: 9:30 AM: Salvatori & Arianna  
Trussoni; William Mitchell

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

Sun. Feb. 18: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

*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. Feb. 13: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Mon. Feb. 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith  
Magnuson

##### **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** February 4 & 5, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$4,962.00

Plate Offering \$ 95.00

**Total: \$5,057.00**

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Eucharistic Miracles

Peace to you! I have been writing about the Holy Eucharist the past couple of weeks, and I want to continue this week with, I think, one of the most interesting topics: Eucharistic Miracles. Every time we attend Mass, something wonderful occurs: The bread and wine which are brought to the Altar, through the action of God the Holy Spirit and the words of the validly ordained priest, are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, leaving unchanged only the properties of the bread and wine which our senses perceive. This mysterious change is called by the Church *transubstantiation*. In other words, the Church teaches that the “substance” (what something is) of the bread and wine are changed at consecration, but the “accidents” (properties that describe something, such as color, taste, feel, etc...) remain the same. Before and after consecration, the Body and Blood smell, look, taste and feel like the bread and wine they were before..

I think of it this way. At Mass two miracles occur. The first is that bread and wine are changed into Christ's Body and Blood. The second is that it doesn't look like that. And God effects this second miracle for our sake, so that we can receive Christ's Body and Blood in a manner more fitting and, if it is proper to say, palpable. Ordinarily. Sometimes, very rarely, during a Mass, He foregoes this second miracle and allows us to see what really happens at every Mass. These are known as Eucharistic miracles. There are no less than 153 of these unexplainable phenomena documented by the Vatican International Exhibit.

There are a wide variety of “types” of Eucharistic miracles. Sometimes the hosts are miraculously preserved for centuries, other times people have observed a bright light coming from the Eucharist. Other times, the Host begins to bleed or becomes human flesh. This happened in in the eighth century in Lanciano, Italy at a church where one of the priests was doubting the Real Presence. As he pronounced the consecration, the host was transformed into flesh, the wine into blood. The Body took on the form of a heart, and the Blood coagulated into five irregularly-shaped globules. In 1970, the fragments of the miraculous transformation, which had been carefully preserved, were subjected to scientific scrutiny. The doctors concluded that the flesh was human heart tissue and the blood is human. Both are from the same blood group, type AB.

Another instance occurred more recently in Argentina and involved Pope Francis. On August 18, 1996, Fr. Alejandro Pezet had just finished distributing Communion when a woman told him there was a discarded host in the back of the Church. Fr. Pezet recovered the host, placed it in a container of water, and placed the container in the tabernacle. On August 20th, he discovered that this host appeared bloody, so he informed the auxiliary bishop, Jorge Bergoglio (now Pope Francis). Bishop Bergoglio decided to have the host photographed. The photographs, taken on September 6th, show that the host had grown in size and had the appearance of a piece of bloody flesh. After three years, when there was no decomposition of this apparent flesh, Bishop Bergoglio decided to have it scientifically analyzed. No less than six separate tests were done by various experts from around the world between October of 1999 and 2005. All confirmed that it was human heart tissue and human blood, type AB.

In 2005, Dr. Frederic Zugibe, a cardiologist and forensic pathologist from Columbia University in New York, announced his findings: “The analyzed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle, close to the valves. This muscle is responsible for the contraction of the heart. The left cardiac ventricle pumps blood to all parts of the body. The heart muscle is in an inflamed state and contains a large number of white blood cells. This indicates that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken. I affirm that the heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism; they require a living organism to sustain them. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was alive when the sample was taken. What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicated that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest.”

The tests were witnessed, but Dr. Zugibe did not know the origin of the sample. After he submitted his findings, he was told that the sample was taken from tissue found in 1996. Zugibe responded: “You have to explain one thing to me: If this sample came from a dead person, how could it be that while I was examining it, the cells of the sample were moving and pulsating? If the heart came from someone who died in 1996, how could it still be alive?” It was only at this point that Zugibe learned that the sample came from a consecrated host. He exclaimed: “This will remain an inexplicable mystery to science—a mystery totally beyond her competence.”

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

## St. Charles Parish News

### Healing Mass and Prayer Service – Monday, Feb. 27th

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional? Join us for Mass and a Healing Service on Monday, February 27th at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI (1205 Front Street).  
Schedule of Evening: 5:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm. 6:30 pm - Holy Mass. After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it. Blessed Oil, Salt, & Water will be used.

### Birthright Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign

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 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."

### Capital Campaign Info: Part 5

As St. Charles Parish and the 156 other parishes in the Diocese of La Crosse begin the "Inspired by the Spirit" Capital Campaign. This is a 5-year campaign (2022-2027) to support both the Diocese and our local parish. I have asked a few parish members to be on the Capital Campaign committee. If you are interested in helping, please let Fr. Sedlacek know ASAP. There will be a meeting on Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. All parishioners who are interested are welcome to attend. The main topic of discussion will be the items of our case statement.

### Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

## 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 [mjtrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:mjtrussoni@gmail.com).

## Other News from the Diocese and our Community

### Amara Rose Foundation First Annual Chili

**Challenge!** Challengers: Can you beat Scott Bjerkos? He claims to be the King of Chili, and we welcome anyone who wants to try and dethrone him. February 18th from 1:00-4:00 at the Westby Community Center (under Bekkum Library) \$10.00

chili entry fee (pay at the event) \$5.00 for tasters, 5 and under free.

Serving chili until gone but announcing the winner at 3:30 P.M.! Wonderful silent auction items!

For more information and to enter:

Email [info@amararosefoundation.org](mailto:info@amararosefoundation.org) with your name and what kind of chili you're bringing. Pay your \$10

entry fee at the door on the day of the event. We suggest making a double batch – bring enough to feed a decent crowd. Top three cooks get a great prize! The Amara Rose Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity that was founded in 2022 by Jeff Richardson and Randall and Heidi Overson. After they lost their daughter, Amara, to an accidental fentanyl overdose. The foundation's mission is to honor lives lost to addiction by raising awareness, educating, promoting prevention and helping those who are struggling.

#### **Morning of Reflection for Women: March 4**

Ladies: Please save the morning of Sat. March 4 for a Morning of Reflection at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. 8 AM Mass – Noon. A light breakfast buffet will be provided. The event is free and open to all ladies. Elizabeth Kelly is the guest speaker. She is a national award winning Catholic author and speaker. This is sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery Council of Catholic Women and the Catholic Daughters of America Branch 1183.

#### **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.

**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. Minimum of an Associate's Degree in Business or Human Services preferred. 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. 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.

#### **Wanted: Noelke's/Stemper's Retail Manager**

T.H. Stemper Company is seeking a full-time retail manager to join our team at the Stemper/Noelke location in La Crosse, WI. The ideal candidate will have experience in retail management and knowledge of the Catholic Faith; however, we are willing to train for the right applicant. Hours: M-F 10:00am-5:00PM Sat: 10:00AM- 1:00PM (split with one other employee). We offer a competitive salary and benefits package for the right applicant. Call Joe Stemper @ 414-581-6940 or Noah Stemper @ 414-403-1923 to schedule an interview.

#### **La Crosse Jail Ministry**

The Jail Ministry continues to serve the needs of inmates, promote their well-being and transition to a more hopeful future. Our Chaplain, Ann Wales, is a dedicated individual who prayerfully touches the lives of inmates and correctional officers in a positive fashion. If you would like to support this ministry, you can donate online through the website, [lacrossejailministry.org](http://lacrossejailministry.org). For more information, contact: [Chaplain@lacrossejailministry.org](mailto:Chaplain@lacrossejailministry.org).

#### **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. Sign up through the Assistant Coordinator Karla Hein, [khein@cclse.org](mailto:khein@cclse.org), or call/text at 608-668-9005.

#### **Retrouaille: Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!**

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Presentations are given by couples who share the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call toll-free: 1.877.922.HOPE (4673) *All calls are fully confidential.* The next program begins on March 3-5, 2023. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

### **Parish Events Calendar**

Mon. Feb. 13: Capital Campaign meeting 6 PM  
Wed. Feb. 15: Middle School Group 6:30-8:00 PM  
Fri. Feb. 17: No School at St. Charles School  
Wed. Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM