

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 18 & 19, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 20 - 26, 2023

02/20/23	Monday		NO MASS
02/21/23	Tuesday		8:00 AM † Bernard Domke
02/22/23	Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM † Francis "Frex" Furlano
	Wednesday		7:00 PM † Father Bob Monti
02/23/23	Thursday		8:00 AM † William "Bill" Pedretti
02/24/23	Friday		8:00 AM † James Pedretti, Jr.
02/25/23	Saturday		4:00 PM † Bernard Domke
02/26/23	Sunday		9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Wed. Feb. 22: 7:00 PM: Kelly Hutchison

Sat. Feb. 25: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Feb. 26: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Wed. Feb. 22: 7:00 PM: Volunteers

Sat. Feb. 25: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 26: 9:30 AM: The Mitchell Family

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Feb. 26: 9:30 AM: Kevin Mitchell

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. 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. Feb. 27: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

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

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 February 11 & 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$ 7,904.74

Plate Offering \$ 106.00

Endowment Trust \$ 2,000.00

Catholic Education \$ 300.00

Support Our School \$ 300.00

Catholic Life \$ 40.00

Mission Co-op \$ 50.00

Propagation of Faith \$ 50.00

Religious Retirement \$ 50.00

July 4th \$ 50.00

Votive Candles \$ 10.00

Total: \$10,860.74

From the Pastor's Desk

Eucharistic Miracles

Peace to you! I want to thank everyone who came to our Sip 'n Paint fundraiser for St. Charles School last Friday as well as all of those who came to the Capital Campaign meeting on Monday. It is humbling and inspiring to see how many people put so much time, talent, and treasure into our parish and school community.

I wrote about Eucharistic Miracles at week and want to talk about two "miracles" that happened to me. The first was when I first believed that the Eucharist was truly the Real Presence of Jesus. I know that I believed it with a child's faith (which is very beautiful!) from my 1st Communion on, but by the time I was in 8th grade I needed to believe "for myself" and not just because my parents and others told me so. I was at a youth rally/retreat event at a Catholic High School with lots of teens from the area. There was a Mass, talks, food, and a time for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. I had been struggling with some sins in my life as well some "angst" typical of that stage in life. I realized how selfish I really was becoming and did not like myself for it. I went to confession and confessed some sins which I had been embarrassed to confess before. It was a wonderful experience of true liberation and healing. I then went and knelt before the Holy Eucharist in adoration, and (I believe) God gave me the grace to simply "know" that "it" was truly "Him." Though difficult to describe the experience, I simply knew that it was Jesus I was kneeling before and I could "sense" His Presence with me.

The second experience was at the Easter Vigil Mass in 2008. This was the year I graduated from high school. I was serving at Mass at my home parish (which I had done hundreds of times). There was nothing different or special about this Easter Vigil in comparison to others I had served over the years. But something happened, well, God's grace happened and at the Consecration (when the priest says "This is my Body... this is my Blood," and holds up the Eucharist and then the chalice), I "felt" or "sensed" that Jesus Christ was there. Again, it is difficult to describe because it is not a feeling that I simply worked myself up to. I was not "trying to believe" or imagining. I was simply praying as best as I knew how and as normal as other Masses. But for some reason I believe God gave me a "shot in the arm" of His grace and I believed. Lots of things were happening in my life in that month, including a very crucial conversation which led me to abandon my college plans and apply for seminary that Fall. Perhaps God knew that I needed that grace and experience to make the act of faith needed to "drop my nets" and follow him on the path which has led me to the priesthood and, for this time, being your pastor.

Although these would not normally be termed "miracles," I would argue that they were. God stepped in and performed a mighty work... not healing me of cancer or giving me a vision, but a work within my heart and mind. Have you experienced any "miracles" like this?

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

St. Charles Parish News

Culver's Fundraiser for St. Charles School – Tues. Feb. 21st (Fat Tuesday!)

A portion of your purchases from the La Crosse southside Mormon Coulee Road Culver's will be donated to St. Charles School if you mention us from 5-7 PM on Tuesday, February 21st (Fat Tuesday!). Help spread the word and plan to help support by grabbing supper at Culver's between 5-7 pm!

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

We will have Mass at St. Charles at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Here are some other Mass times at local parishes.

Cathedral, La Crosse – 6:15 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM

St. Mary's, Viroqua – 7:15 AM (Com. Service), 5:15 PM (Mass)

Immaculate Conception, Lansing Iowa – Noon, 6:30 PM

MMOC La Crosse – Noon, 5:30 PM

St. Mary's, Coon Valley – 12:10 PM

St. Charles Lent Devotions and Confession Schedule

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 2:30 PM on school days; Wednesdays at 7 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday March 2nd 6:00-7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 29th 5:30-7 PM (Guest priest), Monday, April 3rd from 9 AM-5 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse; and after the Good Friday Service on Friday, April 7th.

Lenten Regulations

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday. 2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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

Baby bottles and any other donations need to be returned to St. Charles by **Sunday, February 26th**. Checks can be made out to "Birthright of La Crosse."

Cancer Benefit for Jordan Gilman Sat. March 11th

At the Retreat Sportsmans Club. 1 PM. Food, Chinese Raffle, Live Auction at 3 PM.

Capital Campaign Info: Part 6

St. Charles Parish is beginning our 5-year campaign (2022-2027) to support needs at both the Diocese and at St. Charles parish. Our committee and some other parishioners met last Monday and had a good discussion about the needs of our parish and which items we wanted to be on our case statement. We are getting a bid from another contractor about potential work in the church basement. If you are interested in being involved in this effort, please let Fr. Sedlacek know.

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. 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. **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.

St. Charles School News

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who helped make the Sip 'n Paint a great success. We had 29 artists! Also a big THANK YOU to Ms. Kelly for donating her time and talents to teach the class. It was a lot of fun with many beautiful pictures to take home! Check out our Facebook page for pictures from the event. The PTO is looking forward to hosting another one in the Fall! -St. Charles PTO

Save the Date!

St. Charles School Spring Carnival is returning on Sunday, April 23rd! Mark your calendars.

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

Amara Rose Foundation First Annual Chili

Challenge! 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 with your name and what kind of chili you're bringing. 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 4th

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 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.

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. Please submit to Monsignor Richard Gilles, Rector, 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. For more information, contact: 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, or call/text at 608-668-9005.

Retrouvaille: Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille 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 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. Register today!

Parish Events Calendar

Wed. Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Fri. Feb. 24: Stations of the Cross 2:30 PM with St. Charles students
Sun. Feb. 26: RCIA Gathering. 10:30 – Noon.
Mon. Feb. 27: Healing Mass and Prayer Service at Sacred Heart in Cashton 6:30 PM
Wed. Mar. 1: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
Thurs. Mar. 2: Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Confession 6:00-7:00 PM
Sat. Mar. 4: Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage 9:00 AM