

The First Sunday of Lent February 25 & 26, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 27 – March 5, 2023

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| 02/27/23 | Monday | NO MASS |
| 02/28/23 | Tuesday | 8:30 AM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner |
| 03/01/23 | Wednesday | NO MASS |
| 03/02/23 | Thursday | 8:00 AM † Patricia "Pat" Pedretti |
| 03/03/23 | Friday | 7:30 AM † William "Bill" Pedretti |
| 03/04/23 | Saturday | 4:00 PM † James Pedretti, Jr. |
| 03/05/23 | Sunday | 9:30 AM People of St. Charles |

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Mar. 04: 4:00 PM: Steve Woodhouse

Sun. Mar. 05: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

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

Sun. Mar. 05: 9:30 AM: The Mitchell Family

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Mar. 05: 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. Feb. 27: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

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

Ushers (March 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 February 18 & 19, 2023

Adult Envelopes \$1,577.00

Plate Offering \$ 65.00

Catholic Times \$ 40.00

Total: \$1,682.00

From the Pastor's Desk

The Heart of Lent

Peace to you! I am grateful to all those who helped me to shovel, plow, and snow blow the church and school this past week, especially Terri Russell, Pat Penchi, and Wayne Umberger. I won't say no to anyone who may want to help shovel snow in the future, especially in the early mornings on school days and school has not been canceled.

I am sure some of you are bummed that the weather conditions prevented you from attending Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. I tried to preach about something I have been reflecting on recently: What is the "heart" of Lent? That is, what is Lent? What is it for? What is it supposed to do for us?

Historically, for the first generations of Christians Lent was a season of intense final preparation for those adults who wanted to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Recall that there were much more adult baptisms back then, because there were a lot of pagans and not a lot of Christians yet. This is still one of the "purposes" of Lent today! We pray in a special way for catechumens (those adults who are preparing to receive the new life of Christ in baptism) during Lent. For those of us who are baptized, we are also preparing for the renewal of our baptism promises at the Easter Vigil, which is the night of Saturday, April 8th this year.

Because of the focus on the preparation for the celebration of the Paschal ("Easter") Mystery and our entrance or renewal in that Mystery through baptism, there is a focus on repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Pope St. Leo the Great preached about this almost 1,600 years ago. He said: "The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children. Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life. Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin."

There is required a daily renewal of our lives by which we turn away from sin and our attachments to sinful ways. The Church, following the ancient Christian traditions and the teaching of Jesus, proposes three "disciplines" which teach us how to turn away from sin and prepare to renew our baptismal promises with conviction: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. "Discipline" comes from the Latin word "student." Each of these help us reorient our lives so that following God and His ways becomes the primary driver of our lives

Many of us would say that God is "number 1" in our lives. But when we actually examine the way we live our lives, we often find a disconnect. For example, I may say that God is most important, but I don't take any time each day to foster a relationship with him (prayer). I may say that God's commandments are the guiding force of my life, but I often give in to temptation and put lots of things first, sports, scrolling on our phones, food, vacations, hobbies, other relationships, career, etc... (fasting). I might *claim* that God is first, but now that I think about it, what have I done to help someone other than myself in terms of material needs (almsgiving)?

I have found that asking myself the question, "What is the first thing I plan for in my daily or weekly schedule?" If it is what I will do with my time off, my work, or something else, rather than my daily prayer time or worshipping God at Sunday Mass, then I recognize that something is wrong in the way I am living my life.

Lent is a challenging but amazing time for all of us to let God shed His truth on our lives, ask for the grace of deep conversion, rejoice in the forgiveness of our sins, and prepare for the eternal "Easter" of heaven.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign

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

St. Charles Lent Devotions and Confession Schedule

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 2:15 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 snacks 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.

Schedule Changes for 1st-5th grade CCD

Sunday, March 5th - CCD 8:15-9:15 AM

Sunday, March 12th - NO CCD

Sunday, March 19th - CCD 8:15-9:15 AM

Sunday, March 26th - NO CCD

Wednesday, March 29th - Stations of the Cross 7 PM

Cancer Benefit for Jordan Gilman Sat. March 11th

At the Retreat Sportsman's Club. 1 PM. Food, Chinese Raffle, Live Auction at 3 PM. Jordan is an alumna of St. Charles School. She is 23 years old and was diagnosed with Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma in December. For Donations/Questions contact Margie 608-632-9130.

Capital Campaign Info: Part 7

St. Charles Parish is beginning our 5-year campaign (2022-2027) to support needs at both the Diocese and at St. Charles parish. The diocesan portion of the campaign will go to fund our 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal, repairs to the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, and to fund a new Catholic Foundation. If you are interested in being involved in this effort, please let Fr. Sedlacek know.

St. Charles School News

Save the Date!

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

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

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 32-hour administrative assistant from 8am-4pm Monday-Thursday. Applicant will manage all daily office operations and must be proficient in computer skills including 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. Benefits offered. Requirements for application: resume, two past job references and one reference from your pastor. Please submit to Monsignor Richard Gilles, Rector, rgilles@diolclergy.org or 530 Main St., La Crosse, WI 54601 no later than March 10, 2023. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt until position is filled.

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

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. 01: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Thur. Mar. 02: Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Confession 6:00-7:00 PM

Sat. Mar. 04: Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage 9:00 AM

Sun. Mar. 05: CCD 1st – 5th grades 8:15-9:15 AM