

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4 & 5, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 6-12, 2023

02/06/23	Monday	NO MASS
02/07/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Bernard Domke
02/08/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
02/09/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † James Pedretti, Jr.
02/10/23	Friday	8:00 AM † James Pedretti, Jr.
02/11/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † William "Bill" Pedretti
02/12/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Feb. 11: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Feb. 12: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. Feb. 11: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 12: 9:30 AM: Salvatori & Arianna
Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Feb. 11: 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*

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

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

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 January 28 & 29, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$1,136.00
Plate Offering	\$ 53.00
Human Development	\$ 53.00
Votive Candles	\$ 31.00
Total:	\$1,273.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Eucharistic Revival: Adoration and Benediction

Peace to you! It was a great week celebrating Catholic Schools both at St. Charles and Aquinas. We are blessed that the children of our area have the opportunity to receive a Catholic education. Thank you again to all parishioners for all your support! This year, if my calculations are correct, is the 116th school year that the children of our parish have been educated at St. Charles School!

One of the many benefits of attending Catholic Schools is the ability of our students to attend and help at Mass every week at our and to spend time each month to attend Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. The students love helping at these liturgies and love spending time with Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Note: When Catholics talk about the Holy Eucharist, we also use the terms "the Blessed Sacrament," "The Body of Christ," "the Host," or sometimes simply "Our Lord," or "Jesus." These are different ways to describe the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ that has miraculously been transformed from bread at a celebration of the Mass. The Eucharist is then safely kept in the tabernacle (that gold box in the front of the church). When we talk about receiving the Holy Eucharist, that action is called "Holy Communion."

Most Catholics have some familiarity with the Mass, but fewer are familiar with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has promoted it for many centuries and has a ritual that regulates it - the *Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction*.

But what is Eucharistic Adoration?

It is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." I like to think of it as taking that moment during the Mass when the priest holds up the Eucharist, and "freezing" that moment in time or simply extending that moment for a longer time of prayer.

What happens at Eucharistic Adoration?

At the beginning the priest or deacon will take one Host out of the tabernacle. Everyone kneels, acknowledging the True Presence of Jesus Christ among us. This Host is housed in a small container called a "luna" which has a "window" of glass so that one can see the Host inside of it. The priest takes the luna containing the Host and places it inside another beautiful container called a "monstrance." The monstrance functions kind of like a trophy case and has a "window" which allows one to see the Host inside of it. The priest or deacon then kneels and incenses the Host inside the monstrance and leads the people in singing a hymn called the "O Salutaris Hostia." Then there is a period of time for prayer which can last for a few minutes or several hours or even days. Many things can happen during this time. The priest could read a part of the Scriptures and give a reflection, there can be devotional prayers prayed together and out loud, and there can be a time for silent and private prayer. The beauty of Adoration is having time for silence in the presence of Our Lord.

At the end of the time for Adoration there is "Benediction" ("blessing"). All kneel and the priest incenses the Eucharist and all sing the hymn "Tantum Ergo." There is a prayer, then the priest puts on a vestment called the "humeral veil" which he uses sort of like gloves to pick up the monstrance containing Our Lord. The priest makes the sign of the cross over the people gathered. What happens is that the people receive a blessing, not from the priest, but from Jesus Himself, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. This is an amazing gift and blessing. The priest then leads the people in a prayer called the "Divine Praises," puts the Holy Eucharist back into the tabernacle, and leads the people in a closing hymn (usually "Holy God We Praise Thy Name").

Why do Catholics do Adoration?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. It gives us time to "sit at the feet of Jesus," like Mary, the sister of Martha did in the Gospel, listening to Him and sharing our hearts with Him.

I encourage you to try Adoration and Benediction yourself. We have adoration every 1st Thursday of the month from 6-7 PM as well as on 1st Fridays of the month after the 8 AM Mass.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Sip 'n' Paint - Fri. Feb. 10th 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. Proceeds benefit St. Charles School!

Catholic Schools Week: Project Heifer

St. Charles students held a fundraising 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. Please make your donation by next weekend (Feb. 11-12).

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 26th. Checks can be made out to "Birthright of La Crosse."

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. This is 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

PTO Meeting Date Change

The new date for the February PTO meeting is **Monday Feb 6th at 6 pm.**

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 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 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.

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. 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!

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 or 530 Main St., La Crosse, WI 54601 by January 30, 2023.

Update from 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 in a positive fashion. Through the support of the Jail Ministry Board and financial support from the County and donations from churches and individuals the ministry provides clothes, a wonderful library of books, puzzles and magazines, basic supplies, reading glasses, haircuts, spiritual support

for inmates of all faiths, organization of services and studies, connection of inmates to community volunteers and resources and perhaps most importantly, individual spiritual counseling. The Ministry Board also think it is important to support the correctional officers who work in the jail. These men and women have a truly difficult job, so supporting them is very important. If you would like to support our ministry, please send your support to La Crosse Jail Ministry
P.O. Box 2675
La Crosse, WI 54602
Or you can donate online through our 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 you can call or text at 608-668-9005. She can also send you the link to their Sign-up Genius page where you can look ahead and sign up for available days/times at your convenience.

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. Early registration is recommended!

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.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Feb. 5: Fellowship Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass
Mon. Feb. 6: 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