

The Third Sunday of Lent March 11 & 12, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 13 - 19, 2023

03/13/23	Monday	NO MASS
03/14/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Judy Heineman Bourgois
03/15/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
03/16/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † William "Bill" Pedretti
03/17/23	Friday	NO MASS † Jim Pedretti, Jr.
03/18/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Patricia "Pat" Pedretti
03/19/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Mar. 18: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Mar. 19: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

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

Sun. Mar. 19: 9:30 AM: Kanoa & Nalani Rodgers;
Henry Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Mar. 19: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

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. Mar. 13: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

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

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 March 4 & 5, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$2,897.00
Plate Offering	\$ 150.00
Catholic Times	\$ 20.00
Religious Education	\$ 55.00
Support Our School	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 350.00
Total:	\$3,517.00

From the Pastor's Desk

The 90% Confession

Praised be Jesus Christ! Happy Third Sunday of Lent! How is your Lent going? Whether your Lenten practices are going well or not, it is good to be reminded of the whole point of Lent. The purpose of Lent is to repent, recognizing that we are sinners in need of God's help. We need God! We need His grace! We need forgiveness. We need His help to change our hearts and our lives.

One of the most fruitful practices of my life has been going to Confession regularly (I usually go once or twice a month!). It has been the single most important blessing in my spiritual life, outside of being baptized. It saddens me that some many people, especially fellow Catholics, do not know the great gift of the Sacrament of Confession. Although the Church asks us to go at least once a year, so many do not out of neglect, fear, or because they have had a bad experience of Confession in the past. If you have had a bad experience of Confession, I am sorry. Confession is not meant to be a "torture chamber," but a moment of encountering God's loving mercy.

If the idea of Confession gets you nervous, no worries! I get nervous still (even with all of my practice). In reality Confession is not a scary process but a wonderful welcoming back into the State of Grace which God desires to give us. It brings peace, freedom, and a new beginning. Here is a guide entitled "The 90 Percent Confession." I think that many people don't go to confession because they are not sure what to say. Well, just glance at the list below of the roughly 90% of the sins that 90% of people can confess 90% of the time. A majority of confessions need not be more complicated than what follows. Tell the priest the sins applicable to you and mention any other serious sin not on the list.

Enter the confessional, kneel (if you can't kneel, then stay standing) and say,

"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It has been (*state how long*) since my last confession. These are my sins...

I have not loved God with all my heart and all my soul.

I have placed people or things in my life as taking priority over God.

I have been disrespectful to my parents and/or legitimate authority.

I have used the name of God carelessly.

I have brought scandal upon God or the Church through my bad example as a Christian.

I have not prayed every day.

I have missed Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through my own fault.

I have been prideful.

I have not been kind to everyone in my life.

I have let anger get the best of me.

I have judged others harshly, unfairly, or uncharitably.

I have dwelt on impure thoughts.

I have dwelt on impure images that objectify men or women.

I have been impure with myself or with another person (any sexual activity outside of marriage).

I have frustrated God's desire to create life (used artificial birth control).

I have overindulged in food or drink.

I have abused alcohol or drugs.

I have told lies.

I have been envious of what others have.

I have not been thankful for all the gifts I have been given.

...I am sorry for these and all my other sins that I have failed to remember."

The priest then may say a few words of counsel, give you a penance to pray or do after confession, and ask you to make an act of contrition. If you don't know one, then simply say, "**Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**" Then the priest will pray over you the prayer of absolution, at the end of which you say, "**Amen.**" That's it! All done. Your soul is now as clean as a whistle and it only took a few minutes. Thanks be to God!

Challenge for this week: 1) Schedule a day and time to go to Confession this Lent. 2) Then go! And bring your family.

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

St. Charles Parish News

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.

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: 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.

Dispensation from Abstaining from meat on March 17th

"The disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday in Lent. Given the many celebrations that occur on this day in accord with the norm of law, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of La Crosse as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products. I encourage all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day." -Bishop Callahan

St. Charles Borromeo PTO Scholarship 2022-2023

St. Charles PTO will be awarding two \$250 scholarships to two (2) deserving students: one a former St. Charles School student and one to any member of St. Charles Parish that are graduating high school intending to pursue post-high school course of study at either college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. Deadline for the application is April 1, 2023. If you have any questions about the application, please call Danielle Trussoni (608) 648-2507. Application forms are available in the vestibule of the church or the parish office.

Capital Campaign Info

There will be a Capital Campaign committee meeting in the School gym on Monday, March 13th at 6 PM. All and any parish members are welcome to attend.

St. Charles School News

Bingo – Sunday March 12th

Mark your calendars the PTO is hosting another Bingo event with a lunch meal option (eat in and/or play bingo or take it to go) on Sunday March 12th after the 9:30 Mass.

Spring Carnival

This year we are bringing back the **in-person Spring Carnival April 23rd from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm**. With this exciting news comes a lot of work and a lot of volunteers to make it happen. If you or someone you know is willing to help with any part of it - from set up (Friday night 2pm - 8 pm and Saturday 8 am - 8 pm), clean up/take down (Sunday right after); or during the event in any way please reach out to Jessie Cina via call/text 608-780-1148 or email stcharlespto@outlook.com. You can find a full list of all the volunteer opportunities in the vestibule of the church.

Raffle Tickets: Spring Carnival

There are Spring Carnival Raffle tickets available in the vestibule of the church. Some students will be selling them after the weekend Masses. Or you can purchase your tickets by contacting any parent, faculty member, the school office, or on the day of Spring Carnival if they are not sold out by then!

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

Project Seed Sales 2023 coming soon

A Forage & Seed Corn sale is coming soon to several locations, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high quality, low cost seed in the midst of a challenging economy. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative.

Sale dates and locations:

- March 11 in Richland Center
- March 18 in Stanley
- March 25 in Colby
- April 1 in Cassel

Full details and the 2023 Project Seed brochure can be found at diolc.org/project-seed. The Diocese of La Crosse also offers financial assistance to those in need, so no one is turned away. Donations to help support Project Seed are welcome and can be sent to the Diocese of La Crosse, attention Project Seed.

Fish Fry at MMOC March 24

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 24, from 4:00–7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried cod, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine, desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner: Coon Valley

The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti and Pasta dinner on Sat., March 25. Serving from 4-7 PM. Adults \$12, kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti/pasta (gluten free option available), sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and ice cream with toppings. Beer and wine available for purchase. Carry outs available. There will also be 50/50 drawing and tip boards. Join us for some great food and fun at St. Mary's Church, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley

15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon: Mar 29

Catholic Charities cordially invites you to the 15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon! Wednesday, March 29, 2023, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 East Avenue South, La Crosse. Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please RSVP by March 20 as seating is limited.

A Musical on the Life of Sister Thea Bowman

Thursday, March 30, 2023, 7 p.m.
Viterbo University Fine Arts Center
900 Viterbo Drive, La Crosse, Wisconsin
Featuring ValLimar Jansen. Sister Thea, who is in the process of becoming a Catholic saint, gave the world so many vivid examples of how to live in unity and peace and how to face death with purpose, grace and dignity. She joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse, Wisconsin, from her hometown of Canton, Mississippi. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. A \$20 donation is suggested. For more information, call 608-782-5610 or email communications@fspa.org.

Aquinas Founder's Day Celebration

The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation is celebrating Founder's Day on Sunday, April 23, with an award dinner at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. Mrs. Julie Wagner, Mark Hansen, Phil (PJ) Esten, and The Weber Group will all be honored at the event. If you would like additional information about this event or to RSVP, please visit aquinascatholicsschools.org/founders-day

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.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. March 12: NO CCD. PTO Bingo after Mass.

Mon. March 13: Capital Campaign Committee meeting 6 PM

Wed. March 15: Middle School Group 6:30-8:00 PM

Sun. March 19: CCD. RCIA Group 10:45-12:15

Thur. March 30: Women's Group Meeting 6:30 PM

Sun. April 23: St. Charles PTO Spring Carnival at the School 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM