

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 15 & 16, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 17 - 23, 2023

07/17/23	Monday	NO MASS
07/18/23	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
07/19/23	Wednesday	8:00 AM † Janie Cina
07/20/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Terry Pitzner
07/21/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Francis "Frex" Furlano
07/22/23	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
07/23/23	Sunday	9:30 AM † Margaret Loftus

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. July 22: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay
Sun. July 23: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. July 22: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay
Sun. July 23: 9:30 AM: Easton Eckes, Henry & Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. July 23: 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

Rosary Leaders

Sat. July 22: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. July 23: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. July 17: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. July 24: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

Ushers (July 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
Sundays: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM
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 June 15 & 16, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$4,135.00
Plate	\$ 147.75
Cemetery Upkeep	\$ 50.00
Votive Candles	\$ 8.00
July 2 nd Donation & Bake Sale	\$ 140.00
Total:	\$4,480.75
Total: Homecoming Total to Date:	\$6,410.00

From the Pastor's Desk A Carmelite Sister's Vocation Story

Many, many, many thanks to everyone who made a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Capital Campaign! I will be in the Los Angeles area on this Sunday to celebrate the Final Vows of a classmate from college, Sister Marie Carmen, in the order of the Carmelites of the Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. Find below something she wrote explaining her story of becoming a religious Sister. I hope you enjoy and see that God still calls young women to follow Him in the beautiful vocation of consecrated life.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

I Sing, I Dance, Rejoice in this Divine Romance...

By Sister Marie Carmen, O.C.D.

From: <https://carmelitesistersocd.com/2023/i-sing-i-dance-rejoice-in-this-divine-romance/> April 5, 2023

"How would I describe my vocation? I would say, it is a Divine Romance. Why? Well, let me share with you my story. How does one come to know their vocation? How did I feel called to religious life? Some are exposed to the beauty of religious life or the priesthood at a young age. Perhaps they've been taught by sisters and it was talked about at school or at home, so they have this desire and attraction early in life. Others, like me, maybe didn't have this exposure or our eyes weren't opened to the beauty of this kind of life until a bit later.

I didn't grow up seeing sisters and the idea of a vocation wasn't talked about in my Catholic school nor in my home. My older brother did enter the seminary when I was in college, but I thought that was "his thing." It wasn't until I heard my friends in college say they were discerning a vocation that it dawned on me that maybe, just maybe, I should too. But you see, I, like most young women, had a desire for marriage and a family. Actually, it was a HUGE desire. In fact, I even had the number of kids I wanted, and I had their first and middle names already chosen. I just needed to find my husband. So you see, the Lord had A LOT of things stacked against Him. And yet, He had one secret weapon that I didn't know about – He knew my heart better than I did. Sometimes, a man and a woman fall in love at first sight, but most of the time, the man woos the woman's heart little by little. This is what happened to me.

Little by little, the Lord revealed to me my desire for religious life. Do you know how He did it? By using the very things that I was using against Him as obstacles – namely, my desire for marriage and motherhood. Not only that, but He was such a gentleman in the way He did it...because He knows what a romantic I am. The first time my eyes were opened to the possibility of this way of life was during Adoration. I heard the words, that came from my own heart, but didn't know were there: "I want to do this every day for the rest of my life." I didn't understand what that meant, but He didn't push the issue. I kept living life, but that experience was in the back of my mind.

A little bit later, God tried to catch my attention again. A priest was sharing a story about a religious community. I just so happened to walk into the group right before he said that these sisters work in an orphanage and the children call the sisters "Momma." I think in this moment, God swept me off my feet, for I honestly felt my heart jump and burn within me.

Life went on, but now I had two moments in which I couldn't forget, just like a woman who is starting to notice and be attracted to the nice, handsome man throwing hints her way. Now, Jesus may be a gentleman, but He's not one to just sit on the sidelines passively. When a man has fallen in love with a woman, He doesn't give up so easily. Jesus gave me time for my eyes to be opened to the beauty of Religious Life and He knew that that desire was growing, slowly but steadily, like a piece of cloth that caught on fire by a little spark. And still, as the saying goes, "the 3rd time's the charm." Jesus spoke to my heart once again.

Every Tuesday, a group of girls and I volunteered our time at a men's homeless shelter run by the Missionaries of Charity. On one of these days, a friend and I were talking with one of the sisters and she was sharing about how she came to enter religious life (which I don't remember asking her). She said that Jesus asks all of us one question: "Do you love Me more...?" And fill in the blank. In that moment, I felt like I had been hit over the head or perhaps a more romantic way of saying it is, in that moment "God took my breath away." When the sister said those words, I knew the question Jesus was asking me: "Do you love Me more than children?" In other words, Jesus was asking me if I was willing to give up everything – my already-made dreams – to follow Him. When a woman falls in love with a man, she says yes to him and no to every other man; she says yes to

life with him and no to any other kind of life. This is a big decision. It is the same with Jesus. And, like some women, I panicked. I was scared of where this love was leading. I realized in that moment that no, I wasn't ready to give up everything to follow Him. Although, deep down that desire was growing stronger and stronger and I secretly knew it.

Time passed and the Lord gently but surely kept working on my heart. Finally, I got to the point where I began asking God: "What do You want for me? How do You want me to live my life?" My eyes and the door of my heart was opening little by little to His invitation. You see, the Lord is patient. He waits for us, waits for an opening before He steps in. Well, He saw that opening in my heart and took it. On May 1st, 2011, the day St. John Paul II was beautified, I went to the Chapel after the day's festivities. I knelt before Our Lady and asked the Lord to confirm what I was feeling inside. He didn't miss His chance. I randomly (although, nothing is random in life, so thank you Holy Spirit) opened the Bible to the Song of Songs and the words jumped from the page and touched my heart. I felt as if this was His proposal to me to be His bride and without hesitation, I told him "Yes!"

It is an absolute gift and joy to be a bride of Christ. But like any marriage, it's not always easy and it takes a lot of work. The thing that helps me the most, and I recommend it to you whether you are a religious or not, is to live your identity as a beloved. Jesus is the Lover, the Bridegroom of our souls, and we are His beloved! Let yourself "be loved" by Him! If we do this, then we will sing and dance, rejoice in this Divine Romance!"

St. Charles Parish News

Thank you!

Thank you to Helen Nicklaus for donating the proceeds of her hibiscus plant sale to St. Charles School. The total donated thus far is \$513. Thank you!

Help Needed

Sister Mary, our parishioner, needs some help with mowing her lawn and weed whacking this summer at St. Mary's Hermitage. Please contact her if you can help in this regard or another way. (608) 386-5143.

Parish Needs

We are in need of several volunteers to help bring the love of Jesus Christ to others. Some people we need: Coordinator of Religious Education; Middle School Religious Education Team (2+ people); High School Religious Education Team (2+ people); RCIA Team (1-2 people); Visiting Homebound parishioners (2+ people). Please contact Fr. Sedlacek if you want to learn more about these volunteer needs for our parish.

Thank You! Homecoming Picnic

Thank you to everyone who made our 120th annual Parish Homecoming Picnic a great success! A big thanks to the planning committee who put in countless hours to organize this day. Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and sold raffle tickets! Save the date for next year's Homecoming Picnic - Sunday, July 7th, 2024!

Inspired by the Spirit Capital Campaign Update

I am so pleased to announce that we have reached our Campaign goal! We have \$223,667 pledged, which is 104% of our goal. Thank you again to all who have sacrificed for this effort! The next phase is to begin the work of our parish case statement: the church bell tower and the church basement. All who are willing to provide insight with these projects or want to be informed about them are invited attend our Capital Campaign committee meeting on Wed. July 26th at 6 PM.

Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Eucharist in Scripture?

Join Mark Hart, the renowned "Bible Geek," on Monday, Aug. 21st from 5:30-8 p.m. for this virtual Conference. Mark presents in a compelling way, making the Scriptures come alive. Register: diolc.org/witness or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right. Cost is \$10 per person and includes Mark's book entitled "The Divine Encounter." Join with others at the parish. – Don't miss it!



Sign up for FORMED

Formed is sort of like a Catholic Netflix. We have purchased a subscription for our entire parish! Every parishioner of St. Charles can sign up to access quality content to support your faith: video, audiobooks, e-books, movies, kid shows, and more! **Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy.**

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Search for our parish by Zip Code (54632). Click on our parish "St. Charles Borromeo".
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED!

St. Charles School News

***Change!* RootinCrown**

The RootinCrown is now called Thrifty Pickins' & Buckies. It is located in the Thrift Culture Market on 980 Hwy 16 in West Salem. Yes, they are currently accepting donations. Contact numbers have not changed. 608-519-9500 and 608-790-7700 for consignments.

School Shop Scrip Program

Gift cards are a great gift idea. You can turn in the order form in the school office, in the black box by the front door of the school, or directly through raiserright.com or the Raise Right app. Don't forget, you can use the Raise Right app for electronic gift cards and earn money for the school all year round. Feel free to share with family and friends. **Reach out to Megan Olson with any questions** mjtrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

Other News from the Diocese and our Community

St. Patrick Parish Rummage Sale – July 21

Friday, July 21 7:30 AM – 4 PM
Saturday, July 22 7:30 AM – 3 PM
St. Patrick's School Gym, 127 11th Ave. N.,
Onalaska. Clothing \$6.00 a bag, unless otherwise
marked. Also: Furniture, Collectors Corner,
Appliances, Baby, Kids and Holiday Items, Sporting
Goods, and so much more. Questions—Call
608.783.5535.

De Soto Lutheran Church

Annual pie and ice cream social **Sunday, July 30
from 3:30–6:30 PM** (BBQ, Hotdogs, Chicken Salad
Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Pie & Ice Cream).

Pilgrimage to Gower, MO July 31-Aug 1

God has given America's Heartland a supernatural sign to aid us in seeing and believing in His presence. The presumed incorrupt remains of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster were discovered in May at the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of Apostles convent she founded in rural Gower, Missouri. Cost of this two-day motor coach trip is \$239 which includes lodging and spam. We will need 40 or more signed up to take the trip. Pat Slattery. Phone: (608) 452-4605 Email: pjsslattery9@protonmail.com

Artwork Show and Sell

Saturday, August 26, 2023 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish Center, 130 S. Losey
Blvd., La Crosse. Hosted by The Catholic
Daughters of America, you are invited to a "Show
and Sell" art show. All sales remain your profit!
There will also be a bake sale, silent auction, ice
cream social, and food and drinks. All proceeds will
go to our Priests and Seminarians Education Fund.
For more information call (608) 787-6482
or sandyborreson@gmail.com

Coaches Needed!

Aquinas is looking for coaches for High School
Girls Golf (fall), Middle School Volleyball (fall), and
High School Boys Golf (spring). If you are
interested in coaching, please contact Pam
Donarski (pam.donarski@aquinasschools.org)

Retrouvaille

Healing Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (French for
"Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to
give you the tools to restore your marriage and
rebuild a loving relationship. The next program in
Central Wisconsin begins with a weekend stay,
Aug. 25-27, 2023 in the Wausau area. For more
information or to register, call 1.877.922.HOPE
(4673) or visit website: HelpOurMarriage.org for
more information. *Fully Confidential and affordable.*
Space is limited. Register early.

Parish Events Calendar

Wed. July 26: Capital Campaign Meeting 6 PM
Thurs. Aug 3: Parish Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 6:00-7:00 PM
Sat. Aug 5: 1st Saturday Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage 9:00 AM