

**The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12 & 13, 2023**

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 14 - 20, 2023

08/14/23	Monday	NO MASS
08/15/23	Tuesday (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	7:00 PM † Marion Hill
08/16/23	Wednesday	NO MASS † Francis "Frex" Furlano
08/17/23	Thursday	NO MASS † Doris M. Ripp
08/18/23	Friday	NO MASS † Barry Trussoni
08/19/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Barry Trussoni
08/20/23	Sunday	9:30 AM † Jim & Pat Pedretti

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Tue. Aug. 15: 7:00 PM: Tom Jeffers
Sat. Aug. 19: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers
Sun. Aug. 20: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Tue. Aug. 15: 7:00 PM: The Mitchell Family
Sat. Aug. 19: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Aug. 20: 9:30 AM: Easton Eckes; Arianna Trussoni & Abigail Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 20: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

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. Aug. 19: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. Aug. 20: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Aug. 14: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle
Mon. Aug. 21: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Ushers (August, 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
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 August 5 & 6, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$2,295.00
Plate	\$ 216.00
Total:	\$2,511.00

From the Pastor's Desk

"My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When can I enter and see the face of God?" ~Psalm 42:3

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you! As some of you know, I will be going on a pilgrimage to Rome this coming week and will be gone until the 21st. I am grateful for the priests who will be covering the weekend Masses the next two weekends as well as the August 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass at 7 PM. Please let me know if you would like me to pray for your intentions at the holy places. You can email them to me. My email is at the top of the front page of the bulletin.

The experience of going on pilgrimage drives home the truth that, in this world, all those who follow Jesus Christ are pilgrims journeying to our true and eternal home. For more than seventeen centuries pilgrims have crossed the thresholds of the most ancient churches in the city of Rome thirsting to enter that home and see the face of the living God. Pilgrimage itself involves journeying to a place which has significance to our Faith. The first places of pilgrimage were the sites of the Holy Land and the tombs of the Apostles. The tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul have been sites of pilgrimage before Christianity was legalized.

Even now with all our modern means of transportation, travel involves some discomfort and sacrifice. Now imagine if you had to walk from somewhere in Europe all the way to Rome or the Holy Land. Pilgrimages could take several months or maybe even a year or two to accomplish. Why do people go on pilgrimage? I think there can be many reasons which boil down to one; because pilgrimages are transformative.

The physical rigors of this journey offer the opportunities to deny oneself and promote deeper conversion; a central facet of the Christian life. I can speak from my own experiences of going on pilgrimage to Rome, the Holy Land, and other places like Fatima and Lourdes about the unique and transforming nature of pilgrimage. Walking in the footsteps of thousands of fellow pilgrims throughout the ages encourages us on our own personal path of conversion. Many sinners-turned-saints have "fought the good fight" before us and now cheer us on. The experience of praying at the tombs of the early Church martyrs reminds us that we are "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses" who can intercede for us at the throne of the Lamb who shed His blood for our salvation. Being steeped in the richest traditions and expressions of our Faith deepens our sense of belonging to something and Someone greater than ourselves. Ultimately, the pilgrimages give flesh and bone to the central truths of the Christian Faith: self-denial, the journey of faith, conversion, forgiveness of sin, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and love that is stronger than death.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Parish Needs

God is doing so many good things in our parish community! *The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.* We are in need of several volunteers to help bring the love of Jesus Christ to others. Please pray about where God is calling you to serve and contact Fr. Sedlacek if you want to learn more about these volunteer needs for our parish. Fr. Sedlacek will provide training and ongoing support for all of these positions.

Coordinator of Religious Education – Help organize our CCD and Religious education programs

Middle School Religious Education Team (2+ people) - Assist Fr. Sedlacek in helping our 6th-8th grade parishioners grow closer to God and in knowledge and practice of the Faith.

High School Religious Education Team (2+ people) - Assist Fr. Sedlacek in helping our 9th-12th grade parishioners grow closer to God and in knowledge and practice of the Faith, and to prepare for Confirmation.

OCIA Team (1-2 people) – Walk with adults on their Faith journey. Meets 2 times each month.

Visiting Homebound parishioners (2+ people) – Visit our homebound parishioners, pray with them, and bring them Holy Communion. An extremely rewarding ministry which is very flexible.

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.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) to Begin in September

Formerly known as RCIA (they changed it from "Rite" to "Order", our parish will again be offering this opportunity for adults who either 1) Are Catholic, but have not received all the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist); 2) Are Christian but not Catholic and want to learn more about Catholicism; 3) Are not baptized and want to learn more about Catholicism. 4) Grew up Catholic and fell away and want to come back to living their Catholic Faith. Our gatherings are opportunities to learn more, find answers to your questions, and grow in faith without needing to commit to becoming Catholic. We had 8 participants this past year at our parish. If you are interested in joining, know someone who may be interested in participating, or want to help be on our OCIA team, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Kelly Hutchinson so that they can invite people to participate. More details coming soon!

Women's Group Meeting – Sept. 14th

St. Charles Catholic Women's Group Sept. 14th. 6 pm Adoration. 6:30 meeting.

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage

In July 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, IN. This 5-day experience, "Eyes Opened, Hearts on Fire," will be held July 17-24, 2024. Speakers such as Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. John Burns, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and many more will inspire and invite people to return to the source and summit of our Faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. Our Diocese is exploring the possibility of taking a group from the Diocese of La Crosse to attend the Eucharistic Congress. If you are interested in being part of this special pilgrimage, please email Fr. Sedlacek so he can pass on that number from our parish to the Diocese. Once they know the number of people wishing to participate, they will provide further information related to costs, travel, and registration.

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!



Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Resources.

For Your Marriage Website: foryourmarriage.org/. This website from the USCCB helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages.

Teaching the Way of Love: Please visit twl4parents.com/ This website is full of encouragement and tips for parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children.

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

Enrollment for Fall 2023 is Open!

St. Charles School is open for enrolling students 4K-6th grade. We are exploring the possibility of after-school care for those families who need it. For more information, please contact Carrol at the office. Check us out on our website, stcharlesgenoa.org or on Facebook.

***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 raiseright.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

Job Openings at Aquinas Catholic Schools

- Second Grade Teacher - St. Patrick's Elementary
 - Library/Media Specialist - St. Patrick's Elementary
 - Band and Orchestra - St. Patrick's & Blessed Sacrament Elementary Schools
- If you are interested in either of these positions, please submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to St. Pat's Principal, Angela Koblitz, at angela.koblitz@aquinasschools.org
- After Care Workers - Blessed Sacrament Elementary School
- If you are interested in either of these positions, please submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to Blessed Sacrament's Principal, Kate Moll, at kate.moll@aquinasschools.org
- Coaches: Aquinas is looking for coaches for High School Girls Golf (fall) and Middle School Volleyball (fall). If you are interested in coaching, please contact Pam Donarski (pam.donarski@aquinasschools.org)

"Spiritual Armor for Everyday Life: Prayer, Humility, and Hope"

The La Crosse Guild of the Catholic Medical Association is sponsoring breakfast and spiritual reflection at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, August 19, 2023, following the 8:30 am Mass. This event is open to all persons. Cost for buffet breakfast is \$15. Registration deadline is Monday, August 14th. To register, please send check to Charlie Peters, MD, N8536 County Road TT, Holmen, WI 54636. For questions, contact Dr. Pavela at: slpavela@gmail.com.

International Pilgrim Mary Statue will be at Shrine of OL of Guadalupe Sat. Aug 26th

The Blue Army/World Apostolate of Fatima will be hosting the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, which has been traveling since 1947, in the Diocese of La Crosse this year from August 16 to August 27 at several parishes. The Pilgrimage will also feature 2nd class relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 5250 Justin

Road, La Crosse, WI on Saturday, August 26th, 2023 from 10:25AM-4:30PM.

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

Women's Group at Cathedral

All women are cordially invited to attend Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture. We gather to be present to one another, leaving the world and the busyness of life behind. The first meeting will be **Thursday, September 7th** (6 pm - 7:30 pm) in the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman Undercroft. Materials will be provided at the first meeting (\$15.00). Meetings take place every other Thursday (altered around holidays) from September through May. Consistent attendance is not required, as each gathering does not build on the other. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com with questions. Come and enjoy encountering the Love of Christ! You may also invite women of other Christian faiths to attend.

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

Tues. Aug 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 7 PM

Tues. Sep 05: First Day of School at St. Charles

Thurs. Sep 14: 6:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. 6:30 PM – Women's Group meeting