

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26 & 27, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 28 – September 3, 2023

08/28/23	Monday	NO MASS
08/29/23	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
08/30/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
08/31/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Francis "Frex" Furlano
09/01/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
09/02/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Father Bob Monti
09/03/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Sept. 02: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Sept. 03: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Sept. 02: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 03: 9:30 AM: Felicity Mitchell; Salvatori
& Arianna Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 02: 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*

Rosary Leaders

Sat. Sept. 02: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Sept. 03: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Aug. 28: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy
Stokke

Tues. Sept. 05: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn
Umberger

Ushers (September 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 August 19 & 20 2023

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$6,227.00
Assumption	\$ 90.00
Plate	\$ 210.00
Mission	\$ 360.00
School	\$ 20.00
Buildings/Grounds	\$ 500.00
Total:	\$7,407.00

From the Pastor's Desk A Great Cloud of Witnesses

It is good to be back from my Roman pilgrimage! Thank goodness the hot Roman August temperatures held out for the most part during those days (only low 90's on most days!). It was a great joy to lead a small group of pilgrims who had never been to Rome. Although there were very few new "sites" for me personally, it was beautiful to witness others experiencing the holy places for the first time.

After seeing the tombs of so many Saints, such as Peter and Paul, Ignatius of Loyola, Monica, Catherine of Siena, Francis and Claire of Assisi, and Blessed Carlo Acutis, and many others, one of the pilgrims in my group had this reflection: "One of my favorite (Scripture) passages really resonated with me during our last week. Hebrews 12 – 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.'

The Saints are "witnesses" to Jesus Christ and to the faith. Their words and lives testify to the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. Their example gives us inspiration and strength to endure the trials of life and to persevere in remaining faithful to the Gospel. They are our "older" brothers and sisters in the family of Jesus Christ and His Church.

There were several moments during the pilgrimage where I experienced a certain closeness to these older brothers and sisters. The first was at the tomb of Pope Benedict XVI, who died this past December 31st. Although he is not an official "saint" (yet), he has been a witness to me of how to live the Christian life and how to humbly accept and understand, on an intellectual level, the teachings of Jesus. Despite his great intellect, he did not live in an ivory tower, but possessed a simple and deep love of Jesus Christ. Another moment was at the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian boy who died in at the age of 15 in 2006 of cancer. His body, presumed to be incorrupt, is now in a glass case in the church of St. Mary in Assisi. Born in 1991, he would have been two years younger than me. His love for Jesus and the Holy Eucharist is inspiring. He created a website which catalogues known Eucharistic Miracles (you can still visit this website today). Praying near and seeing his body, I was overcome with a sense of his closeness. Here was someone from my generation who fought the good fight and kept the faith in our times. I asked especially his intercession for the young people in our parish and at Aquinas Catholic Schools.

Lastly, I was able to pray at the church of St. Charles Borromeo in Rome, which houses a relic of his heart. That was a special moment of closeness to our beloved parish patron, who loved Jesus so much and gave his entire self, his "heart," to God in service of his people. These moments reminded me of some simple truths: God loves us. We are not alone. Holiness is possible for everyone in every time. We can all be Saints with God's help and by persevering in the faith.

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 need 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 September 10th

Formerly known as RCIA, 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!

Save the Date! First day of CCD – Sunday, September 24th

Save the Date! The First Day of CCD for 1st-5th grades will be Sunday, September 24th. 1st-5th grades will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:10-9:10 AM. Parents, please plan to attend a parent's information meeting on the first day in the St. Charles school gym. The details for Middle School (6th-8th grades) and High School (9th-12th grades) are still being worked out. More information about registration coming soon.

Women's Group Meeting – September 7th

St. Charles Catholic Women's Group September 7th for 6:00 pm Adoration in the church and 6:30 pm meeting.

Blest Art to visit St. Charles – September 9th-10th

Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine on Saturday and Sunday, September 9th and 10th after each Mass. For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land are Christians. Blest Art Inc. helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord. Blest Art will have hand-carved wood nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art for purchase. They accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please visit their display in the school after Mass that weekend.

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage – July 2024

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.

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.

Thrifty Pickins' & Buckies

The RootinCrown is now called Thrifty Pickins' & Buckies. It is located in the Thrift Culture Market on 980 Hwy 16 in West Salem. 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

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.

IC-Wexford Fish Fry – Sept 15

Join us for the IC Wexford Fish Fry on Friday, September 15 from 4:00-8:00 pm. You may dine in or carry out. Menu includes all you can eat fish, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, salad bar, dinner roll, and desserts. Gluten-Free will be available. Everyone is welcome! Cost of meal is \$15 adults, \$6 ages 5-12, and under 5 free. Wexford is located 9 miles south of Lansing or 6 miles north of Harpers Ferry at 1416 Great River Road, Lansing, IA.

Human Trafficking Awareness Event – Sept 18

Have you heard about or seen the movie the "Sounds of Freedom?", a story about child and human trafficking. Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He is the speaker for the La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly. It will be held at Mary, Mother of Church, Monday, September 18, 2023. The program will start at 6 p.m. with a light supper and desserts. All ladies of all area parishes are invited, but please tell us if you are coming so we have enough food! If needed, rides will be provided. Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485 to let us know.

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, August 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

- Thurs. Aug. 31: Open House (Back to School Night) at St. Charles 3:30 PM – 6 PM
 Tues. Sept. 05: First Day of School at St. Charles
 Thurs. Sept. 07: 6:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions; 6:30 PM – Women's Group meeting
 Sun. Sept. 10: OCIA Gathering after 9:30 AM Mass
 Sun. Sept. 24: First Day of CCD (1st-5th grades), Parents meeting, and Registration 8:10 AM