

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9 & 10, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 11-17, 2023

09/11/23	Monday	NO MASS
09/12/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Susanne Pedretti
09/13/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
09/14/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Susanne Pedretti & Mark Cleghorn
09/15/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Francis "Frex" Furlano
09/16/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Wilfred & Mary Breuning
09/17/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Sept. 16: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Sept. 17: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Sept. 16: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 17: 9:30 AM: Perpetua, Abigail & William Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 17: 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. Sept. 16: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Sept. 17: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Sept. 11: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Mon. Sept. 18: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

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 September 2 & 3, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$2,645.00
Plate	\$ 130.00
Religious Education	\$ 30.00
Support Our School	\$ 40.00
Total:	\$2,845.00

From the Pastor's Desk New and Improved "Pastor's Desk"?

Peace to you all! Over the past several months I have gotten ideas and suggestions from parishioners and non-parishioners alike over what to write in my section of the parish bulletin. After thinking and praying about the topic, I think that a bit of a change is good. But in order for my "From the Pastor's Desk" to be good, I will need major parishioner participation with at least two of the three "ideas".

The three ideas that I would like to incorporate into my bulletin articles are:

- 1) **Miracle of the Week.** This would include the story of any verified miracle or work of God. I will include one of these in this week's article. If you come across a miracle story which seems legitimate, pass it on to me.
- 2) **"Formed" Reviews.** Formed is an online video platform which has hundreds of videos, e-books, shows, movies, etc... Our parish has a subscription. This is the section with which I would need the most help from parishioners. I need you to watch something on Formed and then write a brief review of why you think others should take a look. Why was this a good watch? What did you learn? How did you grow? I will try to write some myself, but that would mean that I actually have to watch things on TV...
- 3) **Ask the Pastor.** I want to write things which actually benefit you all as parishioners. Ask me questions about topics pertaining to God, the Church, faith, prayer, practical questions of how to live the Christian life, etc... You can submit your questions to me via email (the question-asker will always be anonymous in my articles). Or if you don't even want ME to know that you asked a certain question, I will have to put a question box in the back of church, or you can email Carrol at the office and pinky-promise her to secrecy.

I would like to give these three ideas a try. I welcome your feedback. Until then, and without further ado, our first installment of "Miracle of the Week."

James Fulton Engstrom of Washington, Illinois, was considered stillborn when he was delivered during a planned home birth Sept. 16, 2010. His parents, Bonnie and Travis Engstrom, immediately invoked the prayers of Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen and encouraged others to ask his intercession after the baby was taken to OSF HealthCare St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria for emergency treatment. For 61 minutes, James Fulton Engstrom had no pulse and was medically dead, as medical professionals did their best but failed to resuscitate him. Just as doctors were preparing to declare that he was dead, James Fulton's tiny heart started to beat at a normal rate for a healthy newborn. Despite dire prognoses for his future, including that he would probably be blind and never walk, talk or be able to feed himself, the child has thrived. Now a healthy 12-year-old, he likes chicken nuggets, "Star Wars" and riding his bicycle. This miracle has been confirmed by the Vatican as one which could lead to the Beatification of Fulton Sheen, the last step before becoming a canonized Saint. If Fulton Sheen is canonized, he would be the first US-born male to be declared a Saint.

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

Translation of Prayer on back of the St. Charles holy card

*O glorious Saint Charles, be a most tender father to this people;
deliver us from error and corruption, comfort us in trials,
help us in sickness and in every suffering.*

*Grant that our commitment to the Christian life increases day by day
and that we quickly work for the extending of the Kingdom of God
throughout the whole world and in all souls.*

*Obtain the blessing of God over your faithful
and grant that one day they will be happy with you in blessed eternity.*

St. Charles Parish News

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

Blest Art is visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine this weekend, Sept. 9th and 10th after each Mass. Thank you for any help you were able to give to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

Parish Needs

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 support for all of these ministries.

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.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun

Our parish will again be offering this opportunity for adults who 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 seeking baptism. 4) Grew up Catholic, fell away, and want to start living their Catholic Faith again. Our gatherings are opportunities to learn more, find answers to your questions, and grow in faith without needing to commit to becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining or know someone who may be interested in participating, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Kelly Hutchinson so that they can extend invitations. Our next meeting will be Sunday, Sept 24th.

Mass and Healing Service – Mon. September 11

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional? You are invited to attend a Mass and Healing Prayer Service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (1205 Front St., Cashton, WI) on Monday, September 11th. 4:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm.

5:30 pm - Holy Mass. After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it.

Rural Life Mass – Wednesday, September 13th

The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield, WI. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a catered meal. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

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.

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

PTO Meeting

The School PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept 12th at 4:30 PM in the School gym.

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

Donate to Catholic Charities

The Food Pantry and Men's Clothing Closet in La Crosse is getting low and we could use the following items. Items can be dropped off at 508 South, 5th Ave in La Crosse on Monday-Thursday from 9 am-4 pm. We appreciate your support!

Chicken-Q at MMOC – Sept. 14

Mary, Mother of the Church parish will have a Chicken-Q from 11 am – 6 pm on Thursday, September 14th. Enter at Weston Street driveway. Pick-up and delivery only. \$12 includes half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans, and dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145.

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.

Aquinas Fest – Sept. 15

Mark your calendar, Aquinas Fest is coming up! Friday, September 15, 3:00 - 8:00 pm. Aquinas High School (Cameron Street Parking Lot)

Human Trafficking Awareness Event – Sept 18

Have you heard about or seen the movie the "Sound 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.

Chicken-Q and Bake Sale Thurs, Oct. 12

11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish 13th and Park Avenue, La Crosse. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun for \$11. Carry Out, Drive Through or Delivery. For Delivery call 608-782-2028 Ext 2

St. George High School Reunion – Oct. 15th

St. George High School closed 50 years ago. In memory and in celebration, there will be a Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Lansing on Sunday, October 15th at 10:00 AM. Following the Mass, there will be a Reception at TJ Hunters. Come and celebrate with all your old friends and classmates!

Men of the Cross Conference - Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.) The La Crosse Center, La Crosse

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a Catholic man. For registration and more information, visit www.menofthecross.org.

Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18

Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "*Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All.*" Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit www.dioc.org/GospelofLife.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Sept. 10: OCIA Gathering after 9:30 AM Mass. Next gathering is Sept. 24

Tues. Sept. 12: PTO Meeting 4:30 PM in the School Gym

Wed. Sept. 13: Rural Life Mass at 10 AM at Heiman Holsteins, 11875 US Hwy 10, Marshfield, WI

Sun. Sept. 24: First Day of CCD (1st-5th grades), Parents meeting, and Registration 8:10 AM; OCIA 10:30

Sun. Oct. 1: Fellowship Sunday after Mass