

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 30 and 31, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 1 – 8, 2024

01/01/24	Monday	Mary, Mother of God	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles
01/02/24	Tuesday		8:30 AM	Darby
01/03/24	Wednesday		NO MASS	
01/04/24	Thursday		8:00 AM	† Phyllis Walcker
01/05/24	Friday		8:00 AM	Marian & Jim Larson
01/06/24	Saturday		4:00 PM	† Robert 'Bob' Stevenson
01/07/24	Sunday		9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lectors

Mon. Jan. 01: 9:30 AM: Tom Jeffers
Sat. Jan. 05: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Jan. 06: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Mon. Jan. 01: 9:30 AM: Perpetua, Abigail &
William Mitchell
Sat. Jan. 06: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Jan. 07: 9:30 AM: Easton Eckes, Henry
Levendoski & Ezio Olson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 07: 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*

Gift Bearers

Please sign up your family on the sign-up sheet in
the back of church or contact Kelly Hutchinson.

Rosary Leaders/Volunteer

Sat. Jan. 06: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. Jan. 07: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Tue. Jan. 02: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn
Umberger
Mon. Jan. 08: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Ushers (January 2024)

Saturday: Steve Woodhouse & Larry Kelsey
Sunday: Keith Magnuson & Arnie Trussoni

Sacraments and Prayer

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
2nd Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass
2nd Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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: December 23, 24 & 25, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$7,795.80
Plate Offering	\$ 506.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$8,401.80

From the Pastor's Desk The Holy Family and our Families

Peace to you! We celebrate on this Sunday within the Octave of Easter the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. During this time of year, I like to reflect on the life of Jesus in the home of Nazareth. Between His infancy and when He was about 30 years old, we only have one story of Jesus in the Gospels, when He was twelve years old and was “lost” in the Temple. What are the other stories of the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph during these “hidden years”?

My family adds this short but profound prayer after the Before Meal prayer at every meal: “All for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. God bless our home.” When I asked my grandpa Sedlacek why all the Sedlaceks say this prayer and where it came from, he said, “I don’t know. My parents prayed it and so we (he and grandma) did as well.” It still amazes me when I think that the Son of God Himself, choosing to become man, choose to spend the vast majority of His life not in preaching, performing miracles, or even forming disciples, but to spend it in the most ordinary way: living in a small village, growing up, learning, and working with His family. I think He wants to teach us something profound by this fact: The growth of God’s grace in us does not only happen in dramatic, powerful, or even obvious events, but also (and perhaps more so) when we unite our seemingly ordinary day-to-day tasks to Christ. Jesus came to redeem us not only in the great moments, but in all the moments of our lives. Our task, then, is to offer “all” of our lives for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, inviting them to be members of our families, so that God may bless our home.

I encourage us all to reflect upon the Holy Family and to spiritually enter the “home of Nazareth,” or, as St. Pope Paul VI calls it, the “school of Nazareth.” I would like to share with you Pope St. Paul VI’s words which he gave in Nazareth itself on the occasion of his visit to the Holy Land in 1964. Notice that the three lessons that Paul VI points out are Silence, Family Life, and Work.

“Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ’s life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God’s Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him...

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God’s truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God’s inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family’s holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman’s son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value—demanding yet redeeming—and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.”

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us! A Happy and Blessed New Year to you all!
-Fr. Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

January 1st – Mary Mother of God

Typically, this January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Because it falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. However, I will be offering Mass that day at 9:30 AM. What better way to begin 2024 than by celebrating the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary and worshipping her Son at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and offering our 2024 to Him?

Snow Shovellers NEEDED

We need some younger men of the parish to help with snow removal at St. Charles this winter. This would entail coming early (around 5:30 AM) on school days to help shovel or snow-blow the sidewalk in front of the school and church. Father Sedlacek can train you. Since last winter, Father Sedlacek has been the only person doing this, and he wouldn't mind help. I am grateful to Wayne Umberger, Steve Woodhouse, Alvin Berra, Tom Naegle, Tom Jeffers, and all others who have helped in this capacity for many years. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

There are many spots available for Mass intentions in 2024, even in January. If you would like to have some Masses offered for a loved one (living or deceased) you can give those to Carrol in the parish office. A typical stipend/gift for one Mass intention is \$10.

Please Support Project Milk in this Season of Christmas

Help the Diocese of La Crosse Rural Life Committee spread joy to the world with a monetary gift to help support Project Milk. Project Milk was founded in 1984 to aid in feeding the poor children of Casa Hogar in Peru by providing whole fat milk powder. Each year Rural Life gathers monetary gifts to ship 40,000 pounds of milk powder at an approximate cost of \$80,000. Advent is a perfect time to aid in controlling hunger and malnutrition. Your monetary gift is 100% used to feed these children. To give, visit frjoesguild.org/donate, and select "Project Milk" as your designation. Checks can also be sent to the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave S, La Crosse, WI 54601, with the memo line "Project Milk."

Fulfilling Pledges for the *Inspired by the Spirit* Capital Campaign

If you want to change when you receive pledge reminders, you can contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese of La Crosse in writing, either by email or via USPS. Send your pledge reminder with your preferred schedule. Email: jreiter@diolc.org. Mail: Office of Stewardship 3710 East Ave S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Phone: 608.791.2685

Update on the 2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

As of December 21, 2023, we have reached 60% of this year's goal, which is \$13,930! Thank you for all who have turned in your donations. Our goal is \$23,240. As I have stated, any money that we collect for the DAA that is beyond our goal comes back to the parish 100% and "tax-free," in that is it not counted toward our quota for the Diocese like all other parish collections.

St. Charles School News

Sip n' Paint – Sunday, Jan 14th

In the St. Charles School gym from 11 am – 2 pm. Seats are limited! Come and learn how to paint while sipping on your favorite beverage. Event is for both adults and kids. \$30 for Adults, \$20 for Kids. Food and Drinks available. Reserve and pay by calling/texting Jessie Cina at (608) 780-1148.

SCRIP Gift Cards

Earn money back for St. Charles Parish by purchasing gift cards. If you missed the deadline for ordering physical gift cards, you can still purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with questions: Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

Box Tops for Education

We can support our School by buying Box Tops products, scanning our receipts, and turning them in via the Box Tops App. There are other ways to send in your earnings as well. Find more information in the church vestibule. Little by little, we can make a big difference!

2024-2025 Aquinas Catholic Schools Enrollment

Enrollment for Cathedral Elementary School, St. Patrick Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Aquinas Middle School, and Aquinas High School opens soon: January 8 for Current ACS Families and January 22 for New Families.

Other News from the Diocese and our Community

"Behold: God is With Us" Young Adult Retreat - January 27, 2024 in La Crosse

The world needs Jesus. Our souls need Jesus. Out of God's abundant love for us, He became man: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Knowing He would ascend into heaven, Jesus leaves us Himself- body, blood, soul, and divinity- under the guise of simple bread and simple wine. Why? So that our intimate love and union with Him (flesh to flesh) may continue in this life as we await the perfection of His love and union in the next. "Behold: God is With Us" or "Behold", for short, is an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of this world and find rest and consolation in Jesus and other young adults like you. All 18-35 year olds are welcome to join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, adoration, confession, and Mass. Most importantly, learn how to remain connected post-retreat to a lively community of young adults striving for Sainthood. This day-long retreat will occur at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, WI. Check-ins will begin at 8:30am and the retreat will conclude after the 4:30 pm vigil Mass. An optional after party will take place to follow! Breastfeeding babies are welcome! Lunch will be provided! All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Let us behold the Lord together! Register here:

<https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=4042>

Retrouvaille – Feb 16-18

Marriage in Distress? No matter how hopeless it seems, forgiveness and trust are possible. Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages, some even after separation or divorce. It is not counseling or group therapy. The next program begins with a weekend on February 16-18, 2024 in the Wausau area. Call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673). Fully Confidential. More at www.HelpOurMarriage.org *No couple is turned*

away for lack of finances. Please click on this link to the right to access the brochure.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DyrLYH74WoOSYOzA0cFue2ILAQrOZtmv/view?usp=sharing>

"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally | June 7

"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagiza, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for middle and high school youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets are now on sale! You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer>. St. Charles Parish is hoping to bring many parishioners, so please let Fr. Sedlacek know if you are interested.

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

"Hope's Door" Pregnancy and Family Resource Center

Hope's Door is being planned as a state-of-the-art pregnancy resource center for the La Crosse area. It will be an interfaith, Christ-centered facility that will offer compassionate assistance to women and families, including mentoring and classes, as well as medical resources like ultrasounds and abortion pill reversal treatment. Its services will be in harmony with Catholic teaching. Bishop Callahan is encouraging the faithful to offer their prayers and financial support to Hope's Door. To see a flyer and brochure, visit www.diolc.org/respect-life

Parish Events Calendar

Mon. Jan. 01: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass 9:30 AM

Tue. Jan. 02: School PTO meeting 5:30 PM

Fri. Jan. 05: 1st Friday. Mass at 8 AM with adoration following. Adoration with school students 2:30 PM

Sun. Jan. 07: Fellowship Sunday after 9:30 AM Mass

Wed. Jan. 10: Middle School and High School Groups 6:30-8:00 PM

Sun. Jan. 14: Sip n' Paint after the 9:30 AM Mass in the Gym

Sun. Jan. 14: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass in the Lello Room