

# The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 13 & 14, 2024

### **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish**

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 15-21, 2024**

<b>01/15/24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
01/16/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM Darby
<b>01/17/24</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
01/18/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Kay Kozelka
01/19/24	Friday	8:00 AM Mary & Jim Larson
01/20/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Terry Pitzner
01/21/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Sat. Jan. 20: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Jan. 21: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

#### **Servers**

Sat. Jan. 20: 4:00 PM: Kanoa & Keilana Rodgers

Sun. Jan. 21: 9:30 AM: William Mitchell; Salvatori  
& Lorenzo Trussoni

#### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Jan. 21: 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*

#### **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. 20: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Jan. 21: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Jan. 15: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith  
Magnuson

Mon. Jan. 22: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy  
Stokke

#### **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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** January 6 & 7, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need **\$7,032.69**

Adult Envelopes \$ 4007.00

Plate Offering \$ 251.00

Solemnity of Mary \$ 212.00

Support Our School \$ 25.00

Votives \$ 49.25

Catholic Life \$ 20.00

**Total: \$4,564.25**

## From the Pastor's Desk Not-So-Ordinary Time

Peace to you! This past week was the first week of Ordinary Time and this Sunday marks the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Ordinary Time. We will have 5 ½ weeks of Ordinary time before Ash Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> day of Lent) and then weeks 7-34 after the conclusion of the Easter Season. What are these approximately 34 weeks of Ordinary Time all about?

Ordinary Time does not mean “normal” or “usual” time, but rather “ordered” or “ordinal” time (e.g. “ordinal numbers”). This the longest “season” of the Liturgical Year, and consists of counting the 34 weeks that are not in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. The color of Ordinary Time is green. I don't know if it is an official explanation, but when I see green I think of growth, life, and plants growing. This is the time when we focus as a Church on “growing” in our knowledge and love of the whole of the Mystery of Faith. What is the “mystery of faith?” We say at the Mass in response to the priest, “We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.” The mystery of faith is the “whole story” of our creation, fall, and redemption (or Created, Captured, Rescued, Response). It is the invisible plan of God being made visible through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which continues through the action of the Holy Spirit in the Church (particularly through the Sacraments), until the end of time and the Second Coming of Jesus.

I think that many Catholics think of living our faith or inviting others to faith in Jesus as something extraordinary. There is our “ordinary life” during which we go to work, change the oil in our car, clean the house, make dinner for the kids, go to school, go down to Rudy's for a beer, watch football, go fishing, etc..., and then there is our “faith life” which is when we say our prayers at night or go to church on Sunday. Making our faith the totality of our life is not something “ordinary” folks do, that is for people like priests, sisters, or monks. And as far as sharing our faith with others... well, ordinary people can't be expected to do that, right?

All of this is completely wrong. The main reason was the fact that Jesus Christ Himself lived most of His life in terms of what we would call “ordinary.” All of our time, whether it is simply one of those drudgery days in the doldrums of January or the most special day of our life is important and can be supernaturalized and sanctified. We struggle with this idea because, as modern people, we primarily think of time as a resource or asset, rather than a gift from God. But if time is a resource (and an extremely limited one!) we are often filled with anxiety or frantic-ness in “spending” that precious resource. However, if time is a gift from God, then we can receive that gift every moment, even on the most “ordinary” of days, and return that time to God as an act of our love, whether we are praying at Mass or doing the dishes.

My hope is that during my time here that our parish's focus will be on how it can more become what it is meant to be: a center of evangelization. A place where “ordinary” people hear the Gospel, learn the Gospel, and then learn how to proclaim the Gospel to others. It really is simpler than you think. If we begin to make all of our time holy, and treat it as it truly is, a gift from God, then we will not be worried about how we “spend” it, but rather will be concerned with how we give it back to God. This is transformative, and will seep into our relationships with others. And when they ask why we are so joy-filled, even in this frantic world, we can say that it is because God loves us, and He entered into Time and transformed it forever. We can live with the time that we have from God with great peace, joy, and a desire to bring others to Jesus Christ and His Church. What better way to give back to God the time we have been given?

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

### St. Charles Parish News

#### Snow Shovellers NEEDED

We need some 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. Contact Fr. Sedlacek for more info. Thank you!

#### Baby Bottle Campaign

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide

information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The bottles/envelopes will be available to take home Sat., January 20, 2024 and Sunday January 21. Please read the insert and return St. Charles by Sunday February 25. Thank you and know your support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

### **Coming Soon on Formed! The Catholic Parent**

As a parent, do you feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You are not alone! A six-episode series on Formed.org features real Catholic families sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, *The Catholic Parent* encourages moms and dads as you embrace your God-given role to form your families in the Catholic faith. Coming to Formed.org on January 15<sup>th</sup>!

### **Support Project Milk**

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](https://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."

### **Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse**

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](https://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

## **St. Charles School News**

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Sat. February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Open House at St. Charles School – Sun. Jan. 28th**

Is your child starting 4K or Kindergarten this coming school year? Considering different education options for your 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade children? Come join us for an open house at St. Charles School on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 AM (after the 9:30 AM Mass). The open house includes tours of the school, learning about our education program, and meeting St. Charles school teachers and staff. All families are welcome to attend and learn more about our school.

### **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.

### **Next PTO meeting**

Tuesday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the school gym.

### **Open House at Aquinas Middle School and High School – Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday, January 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Commons Area. Tours of the school and paperwork for families new to Aquinas Middle or High School. Learn about student organizations. Meet Aquinas Middle and High school faculty and staff. All Aquinas families welcome to come and learn more about our school.

### **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](mailto: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!

## **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. "Behold: God is With Us" is an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of this world and find rest and consolation in Jesus. 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) *No couple is turned away for lack of finances.*

### **"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally - June 7**

Discover and embrace the gift of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Your whole life, you have been looking

for the answer to the meaning of life, your purpose, your dreams, and your difficulties. We have been given the answer to all of it. "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](mailto: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](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life)

## **Parish Events Calendar**

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

Wed. Jan. 24: High School and Middle School Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM

Sun-Sat Jan. 28 – Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week

Sun. Jan. 28: Open House at St. Charles School 10:30-11:30 AM

Thur. Feb. 08: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM. Women's Group meeting 6:30 PM