

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20 & 21, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 22 - 28 2024

01/22/24	Monday	NO MASS
01/23/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM Darby
01/24/24	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/25/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Kay Kozelka
01/26/24	Friday	8:00 AM † Kay Kozelka
01/27/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Robert (Bob) Stevenson
01/28/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Jan. 27: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Jan. 28: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Jan. 27: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Jan. 28: 9:30 AM: Perpetua Mitchell, Emma
Kendhammer, Nalani Rodgers

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 28: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

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. 22: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke
Mon. Jan. 29: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Ushers (February 2024)

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse
Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

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: January 13 & 14, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$3,982.00
Plate Offering	\$ 155.28
Catholic Times	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$4,157.28

From the Pastor's Desk Be Disciples, Make Disciples

Peace to you! Last weekend in my homily I introduced my "mission" for St. Charles Parish, that each and every one of us more fully embraces the invitation of Jesus Christ to both be His disciples and to help others become disciples. This can be summarized with four words: "Be disciples, make disciples." And so, we all are, or ought to be, missionary disciples. The vision I proposed included of a revitalized parish community where all people of this area are invited to come follow Jesus. Each of us ended up at St. Charles because we had at least one guiding "star" or an "Andrew" who followed Jesus before us and who introduced us to Him and invited us to follow Him too. We are to be "stars" that guide others to where Jesus is and "Andrews" who walk with others in friendship and true brotherhood, following Jesus together.

I preached about the concept of what it truly means to be a disciple of Jesus. A "disciple" is a student who not only learns from the rabbi's teaching, but who lives the same way of life as the rabbi (remember that "rabbi" means "teacher"). That is why Jesus said that "No disciple is greater than His teacher, but when fully trained, he becomes like his teacher."

To be a disciple of Jesus is not an idea, but a way of life. Thus, in order for us to become better students of Jesus, we each need a "rule of life," a sort of "regimen" or disciple "spiritual workout routine." The tried-and-true core of any rule of life of a disciple of Jesus includes a few things:

- 1) **Daily Prayer.** Prayer is not just saying a few Hail Mary's unthinkingly. Prayer is fundamentally *spending time with Jesus*. This includes both talking to Jesus and listening to Jesus. Many of us struggle to give Jesus any quality time. But we can't learn from someone you don't know. And you can't know someone you don't spend time with.
- 2) **Frequently receiving the Sacraments.** The Sacraments are our "direct line" to receive the supernatural life of God. Oftentimes we want to follow Jesus, but we don't seem to be able to on our own strength. He knows this. So He gave us the Sacraments to give us His strength and to connect us to Him during this life. This "rule" entails attending Mass every Sunday and, I suggest, going to receive the Sacrament of Confession monthly or bi-monthly. We make mistakes, and Confession is Jesus giving us a "re-take" or a something like physical therapy for our souls.
- 3) **Regular works of charity.** Jesus came to this world not to be served, but to serve and to give His life for the sake of others. If we want to truly follow His way of life, then we need to regularly give ourselves in service of others. I would suggest something which happens regularly (once a week or so) that we do purely for the sake of others.
- 4) **Learning the teachings of the Teacher.** As students, we need to study in order to more fully understand what Jesus taught and how He lived. This rule includes the regular reading of Scripture and seeking to understand the teachings passed on to us from Jesus through the Apostles.

There are lots of other components that a "rule of life" can include, but these are the foundation. My hope is that during my time here that our parish's will continue to focus on what it is meant to be: an ever-growing center of disciples. A place where people come to know Jesus Christ, grow in deep friendship with Him as their Teacher, and then invite others into friendship with Him.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Condolences

The St. Charles parish family extends our sincere condolences and promise of prayers to the family of Evie Furlano. Evie passed from this life on Tuesday, Jan. 16th. Her funeral Mass was at St. Charles on Saturday. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Thank you – Kwik Trip donors

Some parishioners have signed up to have their Kwik Trip rewards be donated to St. Charles. The Kwik Trip donations from parishioners was \$746.38 for this quarter, which includes Kwik Trip's own donation of \$221.36. Thank you!

Coming Soon! St. Charles Parish Mission – Lent 2024

St. Charles will be hosting a parish mission during Lent this year. A parish mission helps to foster spiritual renewal and growth for the members of our parish (non-parishioners are very welcome!). The parish mission will take place over the course of 3 Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass, and will include inspiring talks, time for prayer, opportunities to go to Confession, and fellowship. Here is a tentative schedule of the Parish Mission.
Sunday, February 18 – “Finding God in Everything” by Chris Rogers, Director of Family Life for the Diocese of La Crosse

Sunday, February 25 – “Putting First Things First: The Keys to Enkindling Deep Devotion to the Eucharist” by Chris Carstens, Director of Sacred Worship for the Diocese of La Crosse

Sunday, March 3 – “Stay With Us, Lord” by Fr. Sedlacek and Eucharistic Miracles Display -Pat Brueggen

50th Wedding Anniversary

Attention all parishioners who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year (2024). Please alert us by putting your name down on the sheet in the back of church or by calling/emailing the parish office. Thanks!

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.

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! “The Catholic Parent” is 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. Watch today!

St. Charles School News

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-6th grade children? Come join us for an open house at St. Charles School on Sunday, January 28th 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.

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 28th – Sat. February 3rd.

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 22 for New Families.

Next PTO meeting

Tuesday Feb. 6th at 5:30pm in the school gym.

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.

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>

Youth Guild Event at the Shrine – Feb 10

Join the celebration of the feast of St. José Sánchez del Río, February 10th, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. Children and families are especially invited! The day include talks, veneration of many young saints' relics, opportunities to ask questions, and more. GuadalupeShrine.org/events

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.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Lenten Friday Fish Fry, Onalaska, WI

St. Patrick's School Gymnasium. Corner of 11th and Main St., Onalaska, WI. Serving 5 to 7:30 pm on February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22
\$15 3-piece Fish Dinner, \$12 2-piece Fish Dinner
\$9 1-piece fish or grilled cheese dinner. FREE Grilled

Cheese dinner to children age 5 and under. Dine-in meals include: Baked or batter-fried Cod, Baked potato or fries, Salad bar, Dinner roll, Coffee or milk. (Beer, wine, soda, and desserts are available for an additional cost.) Carryout Available: Priced as above - coleslaw instead of salad bar.

"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.

"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

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

Wed. Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday. Mass times: 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

Parish Mission: Sundays February 18, February 25, and March 3 after the 9:30 AM Mass.