

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6 & 7, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 8-14, 2024

01/08/24	Monday	NO MASS
01/09/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM Darby
01/10/24	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/11/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Phyliss Walcker
01/12/24	Friday	8:00 AM † Maddyn Birdsell
01/13/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Deceased Members of J. & P. Cina family
01/14/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Jan. 13: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Jan. 14: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Jan. 13: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 14: 9:30 AM: Abigail Mitchell; Oscar Levendoski; Arianna Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 14: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

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. 13: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Jan. 14: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Jan. 08: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

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

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 30 & 31, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$ 855.00

Plate Offering \$ 154.10

Total: \$1,009.10

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year!

Peace to you! Happy New Year! This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. This day recounts the mysterious event when "wise men from the east" come to honor the newborn king of the Jews (Jesus). This year, it is also the last day of the Christmas season (very short!), and Monday will be the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the beginning of the first week of Ordinary Time. It has been a while since we have had a "Miracle of the Week" column. This week's Pastor's desk includes a miracle story from Lourdes, France and a book review from a St. Charles Parishioner about the book given out at the Christmas Masses. Have you read it yet? If so, and you would like to write your own review of it, please feel free to send it my way.

Book Review - by a St. Charles Parishioner

This Christmas, the parish gift to each family was the book *Beautiful Eucharist*. This is not your normal book, but rather a collection of beautiful and insightful stories or essays from a dozen people. Each story relays the powerful impact of the Eucharist on our lives. Although all of these essays or stories portray the beauty of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, I particularly connected with the messages by Father Mike Schmitz (p. 17), Bishop Fulton Sheen (p. 53) and Bobby Angel (p.59).

From these stories and others in the book, one can gain an even better appreciation and understanding of how important it is to feed our souls. Bobby Angel re-lives how he was a bored teenager at a youth Adoration but then God began to reel him in with the Eucharist. Okay, I don't want to give away the ending so read it for yourself.

If your family did not get a copy of this book, we have a few left. If not, we will get you one as soon as possible. Finally, here's a shout out for Lois Haydysch, our parish "Book Guru". Thank you, Lois, for your love of our parish. – A St. Charles Parishioner

Miracle of the Week

I got this story from Catholic News Agency, published in 2018. You can read the full story at the link below. Some background information. The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in southern France is one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the world. It is where young St. Bernadette Soubirous witnessed apparitions of Mary, beginning on Feb. 11, 1858. At the shrine is a spring of water which Mary showed to St. Bernadette and is said to have miraculous healing properties. While over 7,000 miraculous recoveries have been attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes at the shrine, only 70 of these cases have been officially recognized via the rigorous official recognition process of the Catholic Church. No doubt many more healings, both physical and spiritual, occur but are not reported.

"A miracle was officially recognized at the Marian shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, the 70th Lourdes miracle recognized by the Catholic Church. The miraculous event involved a French nun, Sister Bernadette Moriau, who went on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in 2008. She had been suffering from spinal complications which had rendered her wheelchair-bound and fully disabled since 1980. She also said she had been taking morphine to control the pain.

When Sister Moriau visited the Lourdes Shrine almost a decade ago, she said she "never asked for a miracle," according to the Associated Press. However, after attending a blessing for the sick at the shrine, something began to change. "I felt a [surge of] well-being throughout my body, a relaxation, warmth...I returned to my room and there, a voice told me to 'take off your braces,'" recalled the now 79-year old nun. "Surprise. I could move," Moriau said, noting that she instantaneously walked away from her wheelchair, braces, and pain medications.

Moriau's case was brought to the attention of the International Medical Committee of Lourdes, who extensively researched the nun's recovery. They eventually found that Moriau's healing could not be scientifically explained. After a healing is recognized by the Lourdes committee, the paperwork is then sent to the diocese of origin, where the local bishop has the final say. After the bishop's blessing, a healing can then be officially recognized by the Church as a miracle." <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/37743/the-70th-miracle-lourdes-healing-officially-declared-supernatural>

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

St. Charles Parish News

Condolences

One of our parishioners, Gerald "Jerry" Zielke, passed from this life on Dec. 31st. His funeral was at St. Charles on Saturday, Jan 6th. We extend our condolences and promise of prayer to the family members and friends of Jerry. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace."

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. Father Sedlacek can train you. Thank you!

Sip n' Paint – Sunday, Jan 14th

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

Mass Intentions

There are spots available for Mass intentions in 2024. 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 frijoesguild.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."

St. Charles School News

Catholic Schools Week

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

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.

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

Open House at Aquinas Middle School and High School – Jan. 17th

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 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 *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.

"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

Sun. Jan. 07: Fellowship Sunday after 9:30 AM Mass
Wed. Jan. 10: Middle School and High School Groups 6:30-8:00 PM
Sat. Jan. 13: Mass at St. Mary's hermitage 9 AM
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