

# The First Sunday in Lent

## February 17 & 18, 2024

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

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 19 – 25, 2024**

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| <b>02/19/24</b> | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>NO MASS</b>                                 |
| 02/20/24        | Tuesday          | 8:30 AM † Deceased Members of the Monti Family |
| <b>02/21/24</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>NO MASS</b>                                 |
| 02/22/24        | Thursday         | 8:00 AM † Evie Furlano                         |
| 02/23/24        | Friday           | 8:00 AM † Evie Furlano                         |
| 02/24/24        | Saturday         | 4:00 PM People of St. Charles                  |
| 02/25/24        | Sunday           | 9:30 AM † Oscar Olson                          |

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Sat. Feb. 24: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Feb. 25: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

#### **Servers**

Sat. Feb. 24: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 25: 9:30 AM: Emma Kendhammer;  
Arianna Trussoni & Perpetua Mitchell

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

Sun. Feb. 25: 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. Feb. 24: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Feb. 25: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Tue. Feb. 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. Feb. 26: Diane & Arnie Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

#### **Ushers (March 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:** February 10 & 11, 2024

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| <b>Estimated Weekly Need</b> | <b>\$7,032.69</b> |
| Adult Envelopes              | \$3,882.00        |
| Plate Offering               | \$ 252.00         |
| Human Development            | \$ 5.00           |
| Votive Candles               | \$ 27.00          |
| <b>Total:</b>                | <b>\$4,166.00</b> |

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

### Why Lent?

Peace to you! I hope you are planning on attending one, two, or all three days of our parish mission. Here are some powerful words from Pope St. Leo the Great (pope in the 400's) who explains why we have Lent each year. Note: "Paschal feast" means "Easter."

"The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children. Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature... All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life. Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin." -St. Leo the Great

### **Real Miracle Stories**

One of my favorite saints, St. Augustine of Hippo (the son of St. Monica), was the bishop of Hippo in North Africa in the early 400's. In one of his books, *City of God*, he recounts this miracle of a Christian woman he met named Innocentia. St. Augustine was, in his younger years, very skeptical about the existence of miracles. But Innocentia's story helped change his mind. Innocentia was a respected woman who discovered that she had cancer of the breast. Doctors gave her no hope, and St. Augustine reports, "She turned for help to God alone, in prayer." In a dream, Innocentia was told to wait in the church during the Easter Vigil, at which the adult catechumens (non-Christians being prepared to become Christian) are baptized. She was told in the dream to wait in the church for the first woman who came out of the baptismal font after receiving baptism, and to ask this woman to make the sign of Christ over her breast. Innocentia did so, and was completely cured from that moment.

I like this story because it points to the truth that God is the origin of miraculous healings. He can work even through the more ordinary and "small" people. This woman, never named, had been a baptized Christian for minutes, and yet, through her, God brought about great healing. It makes me wonder if He wants to do similar things through ordinary people like us as well.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Church Discipline for Fridays of Lent**

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat for all Catholics ages 14 and older. Meat includes all beast and fowl flesh (beef, pork, chicken, duck, etc...), but not fish or seafood. These are days of solidarity for us as Catholics, who are walking together through this Lent. And so, as a worldwide Catholic family, we have common Lenten practices of fasting by which we lift our hearts up to God in prayer and love.

### **St. Charles Parish Mission – Lent 2024**

All are welcome to attend our St. Charles mission! 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, and fellowship. Here is a tentative schedule of the Parish Mission.

10:45-11:30 am – Talk in church; 11:30-Noon – Time for Prayer in church; Noon-1 PM – Fellowship at school  
Sun., February 18 – *Finding God in Everything* by Chris Rogers  
Sun., February 25 – *Putting First Things First: The Keys to Enkindling Deep Devotion to the Eucharist* by Chris Carstens

Sun., March 3 – *Finding Jesus in the Eucharist* by Pat Brueggen

### **Trivia Night! – Sat. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Charles**

Register soon! Want to have a fun night out with family and friends? Want to meet your fellow parishioners? Have we got a good time for you! The St. Charles School PTO is hosting a Trivia Night as a fundraiser for our school on Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at St. Charles School. All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Topics

may include WI landmarks, Green Bay Packers, U.S. states, food, religion, and many more. There will be no buzzers or putting you on the spot. Teams will come up with their answers together and turn in one answer sheet. Teams can be as small as 2 players or as big as 10. The cost is \$10 per player. A simple supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased. Call Mariette Donovan at 608-381-0220 with your team's name, number of players on your team, and contact person's name and phone number. See you there!

### **Flowers for Easter**

Check out the Easter Flower order form insert in the bulletin this weekend. Copies of the forms are also in the vestibule. Please turn in these forms and donations for Easter flowers for St. Charles by Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Flocknote - New Parish Communications Tool**

Our parish wants to connect better to parishioners, alumni of our school, and others. And so, we are going to be launching a new communications network with Flocknote. Flocknote is a communications tool tailored specifically for Catholic parishes. Our St. Charles parish Flocknote "network" is being paid for by the Diocesan office of communications. Through it, the parish can send out communications relevant to you much more quickly and effectively, either via email or text message. For example, the weekly bulletin email will be moved over to Flocknote in the near future. There will be more information about Flocknote and how to sign up soon.

### **Frances Garden Cemetery Memorial for our Parish Children**

St. Charles installed the Frances Garden section for babies and children in our cemetery 5 years ago. There is a memorial stone for all our parish children who were called from this life at a young age. If you or someone you know who may want to add a name to the memorial stone this year, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Beth Mitchell [happymitchell04@gmail.com](mailto:happymitchell04@gmail.com). There are also burial spaces for infants, including those lost to miscarriage and stillbirth. We plan to have a memorial/prayer service on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Synod on Synodality – Your Feedback Wanted**

Your input is requested! With the ongoing Synod on Synodality, the Church values your feedback regarding how Church structures and organization further or hinder the Church's mission and how such structures can help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel. Please take some time to offer consultation using an online questionnaire at <https://forms.office.com/r/SVPGxJChAv> Consultation must be received by March 20, 2024. Thank you for your participation.

### **St. Charles Lent Devotions and Confession Schedule**

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 2:15 PM on school days; Wednesdays at 7 PM.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sundays from 8:45-9:15 AM, Saturdays 3:15-3:45 PM. Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 PM, Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-5 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse; and after the Good Friday Service on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Learn and Grow in Faith with Formed**

There are so many resources on Formed to help you make this Lent the best one ever. Search for these titles on your Formed account to watch, read, or listen, such as: *Living Lent as a Family* (4-Part Series), *Brother Francis* episodes on the Stations of the Cross and Let's Learn about Lent for kids. 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](https://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**

### **Save the Dates!**

Trivia Night: Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Register your team by calling Mariette Donovan.

Fish Fries: At St. Charles school on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details forthcoming!

Spring Carnival: Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the school. Volunteers are needed for that day and for set up.

### **2024-2025 St. Charles School Enrollment**

Enrollment for St. Charles School is OPEN for new students and new families. Call or email the office for more details and information, or visit our Facebook page or website.

## **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.

## **Other News from the Diocese and our Community**

### **St. Patrick Catholic Church Lenten Friday Fish Frys, 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.

### **Lenten Morning of Reflection: Retreat for Women**

Co-Sponsors: Catholic Daughters of the Americas & La Crosse Deanery Council of Catholic Women  
*Faith and the Real Presence: Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread.* Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>; 8 am to 12:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 530 Main Street, La Crosse, WI. 8:00am Mass & Rosary -Main Church. Followed by Presentations in the Undercroft  
Info: [Therese351@live.com](mailto:Therese351@live.com) Free will offering.

### **Cabin Feverfest – March 3**

St. Peter's Parish in Middle Ridge will be hosting their annual Euchre tournament & Luncheon on Sunday March 3rd. The doors open for lunch at noon and the card games start at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per person which includes entry in the tournament, a variety of soups, snacks & beverages. Prizes will be awarded. Please call 608-452-4680 with any questions.

### **Healing Mass & Service – Monday, Mar. 4**

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30pm with Adoration, devotions, confessions and Holy Mass (5:30pm), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

### **Catholic Charities Annual Lenten Luncheon**

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 20, 2024! Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. We will be honoring our In My Name Award recipient Sr. Catherine Kaiser, FSPA and our Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award recipients Dan and Mary Mundt Reckase! Cost is \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please [RSVP](#) online at <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/> by March 15 as seating is limited.

### **“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. 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>.

### **“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. Feb. 18: Day 1 of St. Charles Parish Mission. 10:30 AM – 1 PM. Continues Sundays Feb, 25 & Mar. 3  
Wed. Feb. 21: Middle School and High School Groups 6:30-8 PM  
Sat. Feb. 24: Trivia Night 6 PM at St. Charles School  
Mon. Mar. 04: Healing Mass and Prayer Service at Sacred Heart in Cashton. 5:30 Mass.  
Fri. Mar. 08: St. Charles PTO Fish Fry at St. Charles School  
Fri. Mar. 22: St. Charles PTO Fish Fry at St. Charles School