

# The Second Sunday in Lent

## February 24 & 25, 2024

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

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 26 – March 3, 2024**

<b>02/26/24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
02/27/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
<b>02/28/24</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
02/29/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Laura Wynohrad
03/01/24	Friday	8:00 AM † Pauline Berra
03/02/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Mike & Linda Stowe
03/03/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Sat. Mar. 02: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti  
Sun. Mar. 03: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

#### **Servers**

Sat. Mar. 02: 4:00 PM: Volunteers  
Sun. Mar. 03: 9:30 AM: Sal Trussoni; Henry & Oscar Levendoski

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

Sun. Mar. 03: 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. Mar. 02: 4:00 PM: Volunteer  
Sun. Mar. 03: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Feb. 26: Diane & Arnie Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke  
Mon. Mar. 04: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

#### **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 Chain Requests**

Call 608-689-2642 - requests will be passed to Father Sedlacek & the prayer chain.

#### **Sacrificial Giving:** February 17 & 18, 2024

<b>Estimated Weekly Need</b>	<b>\$ 7,032.69</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,562.62
Plate Offering	\$ 208.00
Human Development	\$ 20.00
School Contribution	\$ 300.00
Religious Education	\$ 300.00
Mission Co-op	\$ 50.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 50.00
Endowment	\$ 2,000.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 50.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,540.62</b>

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Almsgiving: Part I

Peace to you! The first day of our parish mission was wonderful event and we had a good turnout. Chris Rogers' talk was very moving and the food for fellowship provided by our Women's Group was fantastic! All are welcome to come to the parish mission this Sunday and next Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass. We will also be having Stations of the Cross devotions from 6:30-7 pm on each Wednesday during the rest of Lent. This is a wonderful time-tested prayer that helps us meditate on how much Jesus loved us and how He redeemed us by His suffering and death. I hope you can join us for Stations! Please note the info below about the upcoming PTO fish fries and opportunities to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.

#### **Ask the Pastor**

I have gotten three separate questions in the past few weeks regarding the Church, money, and charitable giving. I will put all three questions here and then answer them over the course of the next few weekends under the topic of Almsgiving. A great topic for Lent.

Question: Under Bl. Pope Pius IX, Peter's Pence was started. How did the Vatican get its earthly treasures?

Question: The Vatican could resolve the hungry and poor issue with these treasures they have stored. How much are they giving to these people? Jesus told us to take care of these people. At least couldn't they copy other charitable organizations and match us laity donations?

Question: On a trip I met a priest and he stated that the pope gives 1 million dollars to the earthly church each day. Is that true?

Answer: These are some good questions. But in order to answer them I have to address the claim that the Vatican could resolve the hunger and poverty issues with their "treasures." I have found that there are many common misunderstandings about the Catholic Church especially regarding money. One misunderstanding that I often encounter is the perception that the Catholic Church is a monolithic corporation, like Google or Ashley Furniture. Financially speaking, the Catholic Church is a bunch (hundreds of thousands?) of non-profit organizations with various degrees of affiliation to one another. For example, there is some financial connection between our parish and the Diocese of La Crosse, but there is not really any financial connection between our parish and a Catholic parish in Cameroon or the diocese of Krakow, Poland. Catholic parishes throughout the world have a loose and indirect financial connection to the Pope, the Vatican, or the Holy See. Remember, there are various types of assets, such as cash, property, and investments. Our parish, for example, has all three. The purpose of these assets is to further the mission of the Church. Whether it is our parish or the Vatican, all of these assets ultimately originated from free will donations.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

### St. Charles Parish News

#### Stations of the Cross and Confession Schedule

**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Fridays at 2:15 PM on school days.

**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>.

#### Flowers for Easter

There are Easter Flower order forms in the vestibule. Please turn in these forms and donations for Easter flowers for St. Charles by Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 parishioners and non-parishioners alike. 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; Noon-1 PM – Fellowship at school

Sun., Feb. 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

### **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 as we follow Christ together 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 7th.

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

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 your email for a link to begin!

## **St. Charles School News**

### **PTO Fish Fries! Fri. March 8<sup>th</sup> and Fri. March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Fish Dinners - 3/8 (no bingo) and 3/22 (with bingo to follow). 5-7 PM. 250 Dinners first come first serve till gone. \$15.00 per dinner. Dine-in or Carry Out. Dinner Includes: 3 pieces of Cod, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bun. Drinks & Desserts are available for purchase. Tip Boards & Cash Prizes

### **Spring Carnival - April 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Raffle tickets are here! Find any St. Charles students, parents or staff to get yours! There will be some available in the back of the church for those who are able to take and sell/buy as in prior years. Please return sold (and unsold) raffle tickets to the school office. Thank you to all those who donated raffle ticket items ~ you're truly appreciated and WOW, some great prizes again this year!!!

### **St. Charles Borromeo PTO Scholarships**

For 2024 graduating high school seniors who are St. Charles parishioners or attended St. Charles School. Deadline for returning the scholarship application to the parish office is March 29, 2024. Applications are available on the parish website, in the vestibule, or in the parish office.

### **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.

## 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 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22. \$15 3-piece Fish Dinner, \$12 2-piece Fish 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 prayer teams.

### BBQ Meatball Supper De Soto Lutheran – March 7

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30 PM. \$15 Dinner includes Sweet BBQ meatballs, baked potato, vegetable, coleslaw, French bread, desserts and beverage. Take outs available: (608) 648-3569.

### 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](https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/) online at <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/> by March 15 as seating is limited.

### Upcoming Events during Lent at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse

See full details at <https://guadalupe Shrine.org/events/>  
*March 9:* Lenten Day of Recollection | All day  
*March 10:* Death and Resurrection: A Lenten Concert with Organ, Flute, and Soprano  
*March 13-20:* Shroud of Turin replica exhibit  
*March 17:* Passion Sunday Concert

### LCDCCW Convention | April 13 | Radisson Hotel in La Crosse

Celebrate Life La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention featuring Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Director and Author of *Unplanned*. For further details and to register visit [www.ldccw.org](http://www.ldccw.org).

### “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. 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. To see a flyer and brochure, visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life)

## Parish Events Calendar

Sat. Feb. 24: Trivia Night 6 PM at St. Charles School

Sun. Feb. 25: Day 2 of St. Charles Parish Mission. 10:30 am-1 pm. Day 3 Parish Mission on Sun. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Wed. Feb. 28: Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM

Mon. Mar. 04: Healing Mass and Prayer Service at Sacred Heart in Cashton. 5:30 Mass.

Wed. Mar. 06: Middle School and High School Groups 6:30-8 PM, Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM

Fri. Mar. 08 and 22: St. Charles PTO Fish Fry at St. Charles School. 5-7 PM