

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 2 & 3, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 4-10, 2024

03/04/24	Monday	NO MASS
03/05/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM Darby
03/06/24	Wednesday	NO MASS
03/07/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Yvonne Zvonimir Zlatar
03/08/24	Friday	8:00 AM † Evie Furlano
03/09/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Sue & Mark Cleghorn
03/10/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Mar. 09: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Mar. 10: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Mar. 09: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Mar. 10: 9:30 AM: Ezio Olson; Arianna & Lorenzo Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Mar. 10: 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. Mar. 09: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. Mar. 10: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Mar. 04: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger
Mon. Mar. 11: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

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
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 Chain Requests

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

Sacrificial Giving: February 24 & 25, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,260.00
Plate Offering	\$ 208.00
Religious Education	\$ 40.00
Catholic Times	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 279.00
Total:	\$1,807.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Almsgiving: Part 2

Peace to you! We have our third and final day of our parish mission this Sunday. What a grace-filled moment it has been for our parish! I am extremely grateful for all who have helped to make it possible. Please look at upcoming opportunities to attend Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays from 6:30-7 pm, fish fries, and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Ask the Pastor

Today I will continue to answer various questions about money and the Vatican. One question asked how the Vatican got all of its earthly wealth. The short answer is that it was all, at one point of time, a donation. Since the time of the Apostles, Christian believers have given money to the Apostles and their successors in order to provide the material support needed to spread the Gospel and to support the poor. The church in Rome is no different. Over the centuries, the church in Rome received donations to support the Pope and his mission.

Another question was "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?" I can't really answer this one with certainty because I don't know the context of the statement. However, it seems impossible that Pope Francis (Jorge Bergoglio) could personally do that because, as a religious priest member of the Jesuits, he did not own anything personally. As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, he had permission to retain some personal possessions, but it was not likely very much. Perhaps the priest meant by his statement that the Pope, as the steward of various donations and assets, distributes about that much money each day. My preliminary research shows that it is probably not quite \$1 million each day, but it is not a small amount either!

This connects to the third question about "the Vatican" resolving hunger and poverty by selling its treasures or giving all its earthly wealth away. The first thing to recognize is that there is a distinction between the country of "Vatican City State" and the "Holy See," which is the "governing body" of the worldwide Catholic Church. "The Vatican" is an independent territory (country) which came into existence at the signing of the Lateran Treaty in 1929 between the Pope and the government of Italy, and exists to give the Church territorial autonomy from the civil government of Italy. The "Holy See" is basically the person of the Pope and all those who help him oversee the governance of the universal Church in all its aspects, mostly spiritual, but also diplomatic and charitable. Although linked to each other in some aspects (i.e. the Pope is the head of each), they are not the same entity. "The Vatican" could cease tomorrow (as did the Papal States, its predecessor), but the Holy See would continue. An analogy would be if I became the mayor of the Village of Genoa. The parish of St. Charles and the Village of Genoa are separate entities, even if they worked together and had the same leader.

The Holy See, like any Catholic Church institution, receives much of its "income" like any diocese, parish or non-profit does, via donations. It also has investment assets, like our parish does, in order to maintain a more stable annual budget in order to fulfill its mission. One of the Holy See's main sources of "income" is the Peter's Pence collection. In 2022, the income of Peter's Pence was 107 million Euros. Several million of that was used for direct aid to the poor. You can see the full financial report on the Vatican website.

www.peterspence.va/en/rapporti-annuali/rapporto-annuale-2022.html

The "Vatican," as a civil government, does not get any income from taxation. Its budget from 2021 reported revenues of €770 million, with expenditures of €803 million (a deficit of €33m). As a comparison, the US Federal budget in 2023 was \$4.4 trillion (with who knows how much of a deficit). In the case of hunger and poverty, there is a debate on how much money it would take to solve world-wide "extreme hunger." Some claim it would take a mere \$40 billion each year over the course of the next 10 years to "solve extreme hunger" in the world. The Holy See's annual budget is many multiples less than that. The Vatican Bank (the "central bank" of Vatican City and the Holy See) holds something around \$5 billion of client's assets (many of these are religious orders). Even the priceless art collection of the Holy See, the Vatican Museums, is appraised at something like \$16 billion. So even if "the Vatican" sold all those things, took the money from hundreds of religious orders, and pooled all its assets to give to the poor, it would be a drop in the bucket of the estimated \$40 billion each year needed to end just "extreme hunger."

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign – Turn In Donations

Please turn in all donations and baby bottles for Birthright Pregnancy Resource Center to the Parish office this week or at next weekend's Masses! Thank you for your generosity and support.

Lenten Practices

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 14th 6:00-7:00 PM, Monday, March 25th from 9 AM-5 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse; and after the Good Friday Service on Friday, March 29th.

No Meat Fridays: 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.

To All Parishioners: Sign Up for Flocknote

Our parish now has a wonderful communication tool called "Flocknote." It is a communication network which is engineered for helping Catholic parishes better communicate with parishioners. When you sign up, you can opt in to receive communications from the parish which are relevant to you. I kindly ask all parishioners to opt in to our parish's Flocknote network. It is very easy! Text the word SCBGENOA to the number 84576. You can also connect online at: stcharlesgenoa.flocknote.com. You will be asked to put in your first name, last name, and email address. Then you will be asked which "groups" would you like to receive communications from. **ask all parishioners to join the "Parishioners" group.** If you want to receive the weekly parish bulletin via email, then subscribe to the "Weekly Bulletin" group. There are many other groups that might be relevant to you.

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 4th.

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.

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 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

Thank you! Next Trivia

Trivia this past Saturday night 2/24 was a fun success! Thank you, Mariette and Mary Kate Donovan, for all your work with Trivia! Thank you to those that volunteered and those that came to test their knowledge! We're currently looking at doing another trivia night, Friday, April 26th. Final details to come later!

PTO Fish Fries! Fri. March 8th and Fri. March 22nd

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 21st 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!!!

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.

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.

News from the Diocese and our Community

St. Patrick's Lenten Fish Frys, Onalaska, WI

St. Patrick's School Gymnasium. Corner of 11th and Main St., Onalaska, WI. Serving 5 to 7:30 pm on all Fridays of Lent, 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.

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. 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 4th 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 7th 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](#) 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

LDCCW 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.

“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. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer>.

“Hope’s Door” Pregnancy & Family 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

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Mar. 03: Day 3 Parish Mission after the 9:30 AM Mass

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