

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

## March 9 & 10, 2024

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

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 12-18, 2024**

<b>03/11/24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
03/12/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Michele Serwe
<b>03/13/24</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
03/14/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Kathy Doss
<b>03/15/24</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
03/16/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Deceased Fam. Mbrs. J & P Cina
03/17/24	Sunday	9:30 AM Darby

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Sat. Mar. 16: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers  
Sun. Mar. 17: 9:30 AM: CCD Students

#### **Servers**

Sat. Mar. 16: 4:00 PM: Volunteer  
Sun. Mar. 17: 9:30 AM: Emma Kendhammer;  
Arianna & Lorenzo Trussoni

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

Sun. Mar. 17: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin  
*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. 16: 4:00 PM: Volunteer  
Sun. Mar. 17: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Mar. 11: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle  
Mon. Mar. 18: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

#### **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:** March 2& 3, 2024

<b>Estimated Weekly Need</b>	<b>\$7,032.69</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$3,042.00
Plate Offering	\$ 279.11
Flowers	\$ 433.00
Support Our School	\$ 75.00
Religious Ed	\$ 30.00
Catholic Times	\$ 40.00
Votive Lights	\$ 20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,919.11</b>

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Almsgiving: Part 3

Peace to you! Our parish mission the past three Sundays was a wonderful success! I want to thank everyone who made it into a wonderful event of spiritual renewal, especially our speakers and those who furnished the food and hospitality: The Women's Group, the OCIA team, and Finance Council. Thank you!

You are invited to come to Stations of the Cross devotions, which take place 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. This Friday is also the first of two School Fish Fries, so please spread the word and save the date!

#### **Ask the Pastor**

In the past two weeks I answered some regarding the Church, particularly the Vatican, and the need to give aid to the poor. I understand how many of these questions arise. If you have ever been to Rome or seen the Vatican museums, or gone to any large and beautiful church with lots of decoration and adornment, there can be a question of "why does the Church own all this while there is so many needy people?" Also, there have been various financial scandals or rumors of scandals in the past few years that involve the Vatican, Vatican Bank (the "national bank" of Vatican City State), and other church institutions.

To address these things, I think it is helpful to start with the concept of "the Church." What is "the Church"? Ultimately, it is the mystical body of Christ, which includes Jesus Christ as the Head, and us as Her members. The "us" includes all the good angels and saints in heaven, souls in purgatory, and us on earth. And not just us on earth now, but all those people who ever were or ever will be united to Jesus Christ. The Church is not fundamentally a corporation or man-made institution. Nor is the Church merely the hierarchy or clergy (although those are essential aspects of the Church). Nor is it "the Vatican." Nor just our parish or our diocese. The Church is all of us together following Jesus Christ and united in creed, sacrament, and divine charity.

And so, "the Church" understood in this way, is called to take care of the poor. We are commanded to take care of each other and those most in need. That is as true for each one of us as it is true for the Pope, the bishops, priests, dioceses, and parishes. But our giving is not fundamentally to be driven by obligation, but by divine charity, by love of neighbor. When we see our neighbor as "Christ in disguise," then giving generously out of our resources makes much more sense.

The Church is the greatest "charitable organization" in the history of mankind. There is no historical comparison. Just in the USA there are tens of thousands of hospitals that were built just to care for those who did not have access to healthcare, schools built to educate children, food pantries and shelters to care for the most destitute. Some of the top charitable organizations in the world, even by financial standards, are part of the Catholic Church. Is it possible that we do better? Of course. But this does not negate the good that so many members of the Church have done and continue to do.

When it comes to questions of charity and how the Church uses the things of this world, the key principles are prudence and stewardship. We also recognize that the only needs of the human person are not material, as Jesus said, "Man does not live on bread alone." We need beautiful churches to worship God and feed the human heart as well as bread to feed our stomachs. How are we to use the finite resources that we have been blessed with by Almighty God to provide for the diverse needs of so many people? That is the question for us Christians at all levels, whether it is our communal resources (such as at the parish, diocese, or the Vatican), or our own individual bank accounts. The human possibility of using the things of this world imprudently and selfishly is very much a reality. This happened with the first 12 Apostles (remember, that Judas Iscariot was a thief and used to dip into the common moneybag, this was the first Church financial scandal). Just think of ourselves for a moment, "Did I really need to buy this toy, go on this trip, buy this mocha frappuccino? Or could I have given that money to the poor?" The key concept here, again, is prudence, the virtue by which we are able to see what the right action is at that time.

May God help us to be both wise and generous stewards of His material blessings and so be able to love both God and our neighbor with a generous and blameless heart.

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 weekend! 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 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>.

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](http://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. **I 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.

### 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](http://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 Fry – 5-7 PM on March 8<sup>th</sup> (no bingo) and March 22<sup>nd</sup> (with bingo to follow 7-9 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 your 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 to the school office. See posters and share the information with others. **Thank you** to all those who donated raffle ticket items ~ you're truly appreciated and WOW, some great prizes again this year!!!

### Save the Date! Next Trivia

We're currently looking at doing another trivia night, Friday, April 26th. Final details are coming soon.

### 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'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 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.

### **La Crosse Area Pregnancy Resource Center Networking Event | March 18 | Onalaska Public Library**

Hear from representatives from Agape, New Life Resource Center, Birthright, Hope's Door, and Catholic Charities Pregnancy Resources, who will share briefly about their organizations, followed by time for questions and networking. 5:00-6:00 PM, Onalaska Public Library, 741 Oak Avenue S. in Onalaska (small snack provided). All are welcome to attend, but this will be especially appealing to anyone working with pregnant women and families in need.

### **Roncalli Newman Penance Service - March 19**

Roncalli Newman Parish in La Crosse will be hosting a penance service Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm. The evening will include Lenten prayers, songs and the opportunity for Confession with Father Billy Dodge, Father Sam McCarty, or two other priests. Whether it's been 2 weeks or 20 years since you've been to Confession, you are welcome here! Join us in this beautiful way to prepare for Easter.

### **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://guadalupeshrine.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

### **LCDDCW 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. 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](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life)

## **Parish Events Calendar**

Fri. Mar. 08: St. Charles PTO Fish Fry at St. Charles School. 5-7 PM  
Wed. Mar. 13: Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. Finance Council Meeting after Stations.  
Thur. Mar. 14: Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Confession (Guest Priest) 6-7 PM.  
Wed. Mar. 20: Middle School and High School Groups 6:30-8 PM, Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM  
Fri. Mar. 22: St. Charles PTO Fish Fry at St. Charles School. 5-7 PM  
Thu. Mar. 28: Mass of the Lord's Supper. 7 PM  
Fri. Mar. 29: Celebration of the Lord's Passion. 1 PM  
Sat. Mar. 30: Easter Vigil Mass. 9 PM.