

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord March 23 & 24, 2024

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

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## **Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 25 – March 31, 2024**

<b>03/25/24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
03/26/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM Dick
<b>03/27/24</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
03/28/24	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 PM † Shirley Elwing
03/29/24	Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion	1:00 PM
03/30/24	Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass	9:00 PM People of St. Charles
03/31/24	Easter Sunday	9:30 AM Ginger

## **Ministry Volunteers**

### **Lectors**

Thu. Mar. 28: 7:00 PM: Kelly Hutchison  
Fri. Mar. 29: 1:00 PM: Chris Magnuson & Jayne Ballwahn  
Sat. Mar. 30: 9:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti, Kelly Hutchison; Stephanie Nicklay & Tom Jeffers  
Sun. Mar. 31: 9:30 PM: Tim Gillespie

### **Servers**

Thu. Mar. 28: 7:00 PM: Felicity, Perpetua, Abigail & William Mitchell  
Fri. Mar. 29: 1:00 PM: Kanoa, Nalani, & Keilana Rodgers; Easton Eckes  
Sat. Mar. 30: 7:00 PM: Kanoa, Nalani & Keilana Rodgers; Grady & Reid Nicklay  
Sun. Mar. 31: 9:30 AM: Salvatori Trussoni; Easton Eckes & Ezio Olson

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

Sun. Mar. 31: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie  
*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. 23: 4:00 PM: Volunteer  
Sun. Mar. 24: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Mar. 25: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke  
Mon. Apr. 01: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

### **Ushers (April 2024)**

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse  
Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

## **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 16 & 17, 2024

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$5,102.00
Plate Offering	\$ 214.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,316.00</b>

## From the Pastor's Desk

Welcome Bishop Gerard Battersby!

Peace to you! I will have to put a pause on my movie reviews that I promised to write about in order to share my welcomes to our future bishop, Bishop Gerard Battersby. On Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that Pope Francis had accepted Bishop William Callahan's letter of resignation, which cited health reasons, and had appointed Bishop Battersby to be the 11<sup>th</sup> bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, starting May 20<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Battersby has been serving for about 7 years as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit. What is an auxiliary bishop? For big dioceses like Detroit or Chicago (or even Milwaukee), it is common to have the bishop who is the leader of the diocese, but also to have one or more other bishops who assist him in things like celebrating Confirmations, and other pastoral and administrative duties. It would be like if I had another priest here at the parish. I would be the pastor and the other guy would be the parochial vicar (basically means, "priest at this parish").

I was able to attend the press conference on Tuesday at 10:30 am and to meet Bishop Battersby for the first time, but not before I did a little personal research on him. I reached out to two priest friends who I thought might know Bishop Battersby personally, and I was correct. And both gave glowing reports! That helped calm my nerves a bit (I have only ever had Bishop Callahan as my bishop since I have been ordained, and almost all of my time in seminary as well). But I was truly set at ease when I got to meet him on Tuesday morning. This is my first impression. He is very relatable, easy to talk to, and very eager to learn and serve. He and I joked about the "fun" of moving. He said that he tries to look on the bright side and see it as an opportunity of divesting himself of all the stuff that tend to accumulate, like "Footprints in the Sand" plaques. He said, "How many of those does one actually need anyway?" I responded by holding up a "zero" with my hand. And he laughed.

But there were three things that really struck me in his press conference statement, which I recommend you watch. The first is that he said, "I don't come to you as the best bishop that you could receive. If you want a the best bishop you can receive, then you are going to have to fast and pray for me. That the Holy Spirit might make me the one that you need." This statement spoke to me and reminded me of the truth that we are all the Body of Christ and the spiritual reality that we are fighting a spiritual battle. If we want our bishop to be a good shepherd, then we need to strengthen him by our prayers and fasting, offered for him and his ministry. This is true for your pastor as well. :)

The second thing he said, quoting Bishop Quinn, the retired bishop of Winona, "It is not about me and it is not about you. It is about Him. And when we begin to understand that it is about Him, then it can be all about us together with Him and through Him and with Him." I was encouraged when I heard this because it told me that our new bishop is a man of deep prayer and that He knows and loves Jesus and wants to serve Him, and nobody else. When we focus the work of the Church on Jesus and His will, then we will be ok.

"I am also aware that God has something new planned for La Crosse. And I mean that, not because I am here and I am special, but because Jesus is Lord. And He is risen. And we, you and me, are His witnesses." This statement hit home for me. It shows me that our new bishop is focused on bringing the Gospel to all the people of the diocese, not just the Catholics who are in the pews. And he sees that all of us play a part in this. We have nothing to fear, because Jesus is the Lord and He is risen. He will do great things here if we remain close to him.

I encourage you, if you are able, to attend with me the Mass of Installation for Bishop Battersby on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> (time details forthcoming) at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. It would be great to have a good contingent of our parish there to welcome him and pray for him as he begins his ministry. Let us continue to pray for Bishop Callahan and offer to God gratitude for his care and leadership these past almost 14 years. I will be forever grateful to him for being the one to walk with me through my seminary time and for calling me to be ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. And for supporting me in my time serving as a priest these past 8 years.

St. Joseph the Workman, patron of our diocese, prayer for us!

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

## St. Charles Parish News

### Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 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, March 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Charles.

March 28, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM

March 29, Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 1 PM

March 30, Easter Vigil, 9 PM (no 4 PM Mass that evening)

March 31, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM

### Lenten Practices

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.

Good Friday Fasting: On Good Friday, all Catholics age 18-59 are required to fast from food. This means only one meal is to be taken that day. Two smaller "snacks" may be eaten to keep up strength.

### Today is Sign Up Sunday for Flocknote

Sign up today for Flocknote. Our weekly bulletins and other communications are moving over to Flocknote after Easter. Flocknote is a communication tool 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 after Easter Sunday, then subscribe to the "Weekly Bulletin" group. There are many other groups that might be relevant to you.

### 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 Fry Fri. March 22<sup>nd</sup>

(5-7pm) & Bingo (7-9pm) - on Friday 3/22! We are looking forward to another fun evening and are excited to see you and more this Friday! Last Friday we sold about 190 dinners and we will have 250 dinners available again this week. Eat in or take to go. Thank you for supporting our school and Thank you to the Genoa Lions club for cooking our fish again this week!

### Trivia Night

By popular demand, another Trivia night will take place on Friday, April 26th! Food served at 5:30 pm and Trivia begins at 6:30 pm. \$10/player. Please reach out to Mariette at 608-381-0110 to get your team signed up or join a team! See posters for other details!

### Due this week! 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.

### 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's some available in the back of the church for those who are able to take and sell/buy. These can be returned to the school office.

See posters and share the information with others! It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and lots of fun for everyone! Thank you to all those who donated raffle ticket items ~ you're truly appreciated and WOW, some great prizes again this year! \*\*\*If you are interested in volunteering, baking goodies for cake walk or desserts in the kitchen, game prizes or baskets etc... please reach out to Jessie Cina or any other parent! A list of needed volunteer spots will be coming out the first week in April.

## **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**

### **Passion Play – March 29 in Viroqua**

St Mary's in Viroqua will be performing a production of, "The Passion and Death of Our Lord" on Friday March 29 (Good Friday) at 7pm in St. Mary's church. This is a realistic depiction of the suffering and death of our Lord so parental discretion is strongly advised for children under the age of reason.

### **Meatball and Lefse Supper – Apr. 6**

At Lower Coon Valley Lutheran church, S1801 N. Stoddard Rd, Stoddard. 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Cost: \$12. Menu: Meatballs and Gravy, homemade Lefse, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, desserts. Carry outs available. Bake Sale!

### **Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been selected by the La Crosse Deanery parishes as the location for the official celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Devotions will be officiated by Cardinal Burke and Confessions will be available throughout the day in both English and Spanish. It will be a day of approaching the Sacred Heart of Jesus with great faith, trust, and appreciation. 1 pm English Mass, 2:30 Devotions begin. 3:30 pm veneration of relic of St. Faustina. To see our full event schedule visit our website: [www.guadalupe Shrine.org](http://www.guadalupe Shrine.org)

### **LCDCCW Convention | April 13 | La Crosse**

Abby Johnson, the author of *Unplanned* and a prominent pro-life advocate, is scheduled to be a guest speaker at the **La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention**. The convention will take place on April 13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel located at 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse. It's a wonderful opportunity to hear her insights and engage in meaningful discussions. If you're interested, I recommend securing your tickets early before they sell out! Men and women are invited to attend the lunch and talk, even if they don't stay for

the whole day. Go to the website to purchase tickets. <https://www.ldccw.org/>

### **Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner | April 27<sup>th</sup>**

There is great hope for the future of the Church - we want to share our good news with you! Please join us Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic college students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. The evening will include testimonies from alumni and current students, a raffle, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Dodge!). \$35/ticket or bring a friend 2/\$60! Registration and more information can be found at [roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints](http://roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints)

### **“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. 22: St. Charles PTO Fish Fry at St. Charles School. 5-7 PM  
Tues. Mar. 26: Chrism Mass at Cathedral in La Crosse 10:30 AM  
Wed. Mar. 27: Stations of the Cross at 6:30 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  
Wed. Apr. 3: Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral in La Crosse 6:30 PM  
Thurs. Apr. 4: Women’s Group meeting. 6:30 PM.  
Sat. Apr. 5: Cemetery Committee meeting after the 4 PM Mass.  
Sun. Apr. 7: Fellowship after 9:30 AM Mass in the School cafeteria