

Second Sunday of Easter

April 6 & 7, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 8-14, 2024

04/08/24	Monday	NO MASS
04/09/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
04/10/24	Wednesday	NO MASS
04/11/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Terry Pitzner
04/12/24	Friday	NO MASS † Janie Cina
04/13/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Dec. Fam. Mbrs. (J/P Cina)
04/14/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Sacraments and Prayer

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Apr. 13: 9:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Apr. 14: 9:30 PM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Apr. 13: 7:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Apr. 14: 9:30 AM: Perpetual, Felicity & William Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Apr. 14: 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. Apr. 13: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Apr. 14: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Apr. 08: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Mon. Apr. 15: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Ushers (April 2024)

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse

Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

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 Requests

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

Sacrificial Giving: March 30 & 31, 2024

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$2,225.00
Plate Offering	\$ 560.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 155.00
In Memory	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$2,990.00

From the Pastor's Desk

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Happy Easter to you all again. Today is the Octave (eighth) Day of Easter. Today has also been called "Divine Mercy Sunday." This is due to a person named St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, to whom Jesus appeared in the 1930's. St. Pope John Paul II said, "*This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.*"

In her visions of Our Lord, she received from Him instructions for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Divine Mercy Novena (nine days of prayer starting on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday), the image of Divine Mercy, which we have on the ambo (podium) at St. Charles, and the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example: "*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (St. Faustina, Diary, no. 699).*

I highly recommend that you take part in the Divine Mercy devotions this Sunday afternoon at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, located just south of La Crosse off of Hwy 14. Confessions will be available throughout the day in both English and Spanish. It will be a day of approaching Jesus Christ with greater faith, trust, and appreciation: 1 pm English Mass, 2:30 Devotions begin. 3:30 pm veneration of a relic of St. Faustina.

I hope that you continue to learn more about and grow in this amazing devotion to God's mercy, which is so much needed in our times. There is an amazing documentary about the story of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina, and St. John Paul II on Formed.org called, "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told." It is one of the best documentaries I have ever seen. I highly recommend it.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!
-Fr. Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Congratulations!

At the Easter Vigil, we had three adults and one infant join the Catholic Church. Congratulations to Lane Peyton, and his baby daughter Woodson on their baptism. Lane was also confirmed and received his First Holy Communion. Tessa Ledoux and Scott Leum were received into the Catholic Church and were confirmed and received their First Holy Communion. Congratulations and welcome into the Catholic Church!

On Wednesday evening, three of our high school parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral. Congratulations to Felicity Mitchell, Kenzie Pedretti, and Abigail Kurszewski! May you be strengthened in your Faith by the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

Welcome to our Parish!

We welcome this week a new family to our parish! Garrett and Megan Redman and their children Maya and Graham. Welcome to St. Charles!

Sign Up for Flocknote

Our weekly bulletins and other communications from the parish have moved to Flocknote this week. If you have not done so already, sign up today for Flocknote. 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. You can opt in or out of groups at any time so as to receive only the communications from the parish which are relevant to you. If you

want to receive the weekly parish bulletin via email after Easter Sunday, then join the “Weekly Bulletin” group. There are many other groups that might be relevant to you, including the Prayer Chain, School Alumni, Women’s Group, Ushers, CCD, and more.

Pilgrimage to Winona – Thursday, April 18th

St Charles Catholic Women’s Group invites you to join them on a pilgrimage to Winona. Please meet in the church parking lot at 7:45 am to depart in carpools (volunteers needed) at 8 am. First stop at Cathedral Crafts 730 54th Ave Winona. Tour 9:30-10:30 of their stained glass making. Mass at 11 am at the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, 625 E 4th St, Winona, MN 55987 and tour of the Basilica with the deacon at noon. Lunch at Sapor di Sicilia 211 Main St, Winona, MN 55987 at 1 pm and depart around 2 pm. If you are interested in joining us please email or call Anne Marie at 608-648-3450 or prairiev@mwt.net.

Trivia Night – Friday April 26th

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!! Another St. Charles School Trivia Night will be held on FRIDAY, April 26!!! 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 to play is \$10/player. A simple supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening starting at 5:30. Trivia begins at 6:30. New this time: lifelines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10. Come prepared! 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!

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

Spring Carnival - April 21st 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. If you are able to volunteer and help us run the event we'd greatly appreciate it!! Let Jessie know what spot you can help fill via text/call 608-780-1148. We are also taking donations for prizes, raffle baskets, desserts in the kitchen, cakes/cupcakes for the cake walk etc... Anything you want to donate we will put to great use! We will also be setting up the event on Friday after school/evening and Saturday morning - if you want to help please show up! Help will be needed on Friday at 3:30 pm and Saturday at 8 am for set up.

Can Tabs Collection

Our school is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. This worthy cause provides a place for parents to spend the night at a reasonable price while their children are receiving treatment in a hospital. At a Ronald McDonald House, families can stay together, rest and recharge to remain strong for their child, interact with families going through similar experiences, enjoy home-cooked meals and receive compassionate hospitality from staff and volunteers - all just minutes from the hospital where their child is receiving care. If you would like to save can tabs for us, we would surely appreciate it! They can be placed in the jars in school and at the back of the church. Thank you!

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.

News from the Diocese and our Community

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7th

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.guadalupeshrine.org

Spaghetti & Pasta Dinner - Apr. 13 Coon Valley

The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on April 13, 2024 from 4-7 PM at St. Mary's Church, 900 Central Ave, Coon Valley. \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

LDCCW 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/>

Aquinas Booster Club Chicken-Q – Apr. 24

The annual Chicken Q will be held in the Cass Street parking lot at Aquinas High School on Wednesday, April 24! Food will be served from 11 am until gone. Delicious chicken and fixings for \$12 per plate. Yum!

Rummage Sale – Apr. 26

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 26, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 27, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

St. Mary's Spring Luncheon – April 27th

Bring your family and friends together for lunch at St. Mary Parish, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, for lunch on April 27th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Cost is only \$10. We will have guest speakers Joyce and Roger Humfeld discussing their beekeeping and honey business starting at 11:30 a.m. (honey will also be

available for purchase). Offering door prizes throughout the event. All are welcome to attend!

Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner | April 27th

There is great hope for the future of the Church - we want to share our good news with you! Please join us Saturday April 27th 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

Choral Concert – April 28th

Visit the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on April 28, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm to hear a magnificent performance of Maurice Duruflé's Messe "Cum Jubilo" by a men's choir. This choral masterpiece blends traditional Gregorian chant with modern harmonies. This concert is free and open to the public. More information at guadalupeshrine.org/events.

"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. Apr. 07: Fellowship after 9:30 AM Mass in the School cafeteria

Tues. Apr. 09: School PTO meeting 5:30 PM

Wed. Apr. 10: High School and Middle School Groups 6:30-8:00 PM

Thur. Apr. 11: Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession 6-7 PM

Wed. Apr. 17: Parish Finance Council meeting 6:30 PM

Sat. Apr. 20: Spring Carnival at St. Charles School 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Fri. Apr. 26: Trivia Night at St. Charles School 5:30 PM food available. 6:30 PM Trivia begins.