

The Ascension of the Lord May 11 & 12, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 13 – May 19, 2024

05/13/24	Monday	NO MASS
05/14/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † John Cina
05/15/24	Wednesday	NO MASS
05/16/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Dec. Fam. Mbrs. (J/P Cina)
05/17/24	Friday	8:00 AM † John Cina
05/18/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † People of St. Charles
05/19/24	Sunday	9:30 AM † Shirley Olson & Louis Muenster

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. May 18: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. May 19: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. May 18: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. May 19: Felicity Mitchell; Henry & Oscar
Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 19: 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. May 18: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. May 19: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. May 13: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Mon. May 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

Ushers (May 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 Requests

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

Sacrificial Giving: May 4 & 5, 2024

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$5,477.00
Plate Offering	\$ 231.00
Religious Education	\$ 30.00
Cemetery Upkeep	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$5,758.00

From the Pastor's Desk Pray For the Greatest Miracles

Christ is Risen and Ascended! Alleluia! Congratulations again to our 7 First Communicants! Thank you to all of our parish and school volunteers, whether you were able to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon this past Friday or not. Thank you! Also, find more information below about our Vacation Bible School for Grades K-6 with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist on June 4th-6th.

I maintain that the greatest healings and miracles are those that happen in the soul and heart, rather than those that happen to the body. Don't get me wrong, I do not at all mind being healed in body. But it is absolutely astonishing when there is a healing of the heart, in myself and in others. Conversion of heart is the greatest miracle, because it affects the most important aspect of our existence; namely, our eternal destiny.

It was almost midnight when Sister Catherine Labouré was awakened by a soft voice, whispering, "Sister, sister, sister." Mysterious events led her to the chapel where the Blessed Mother appeared and sat down near the altar. Sr. Catherine knelt at her feet, rested her hands in Mary's lap, looked into her eyes, and had a heart-to-heart conversation with her. Later, St. Catherine would refer to that night as "the sweetest moment of my life." Four months later, in November of 1830, Mary again appeared to St. Catherine at the convent chapel located on the Rue de Bac in Paris, France. This time, our Blessed Mother was standing on a globe, with dazzling rays of light streaming from her outstretched hands. Framing the apparition was an inscription: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." When Mary spoke to St. Catherine, she said "Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck. Those who repeat this prayer with devotion will be, in a special manner, under the protection of the Mother of God. Graces will be abundantly bestowed upon those who have confidence."

With approval of the Catholic Church, the first medals were made in 1832 and distributed in Paris. Almost immediately, the blessings that Mary promised showered down on those who wore her medal, and soon all of France was clamoring for what the people referred to as the "Miraculous Medal." Countless wonders came to those who wore it: health was restored; bad habits were overcome; dangers were averted; men survived war and pestilence; and thousands were converted to the True Faith. Use of the Medal spread from country to country, and, at the time of St. Catherine's death in 1876, more than a billion medals had been made. Today, the Medal is still drawing down from God blessings for body and soul.

I share with you a story of how the Miraculous Medal was connecting to bringing about a great miracle of conversion of heart. Shortly after the first medals were made, one was given to the heir of a wealthy banking family, Alphonse Ratisbonne, who was a cynic with no faith whatsoever, and an abiding hatred for the Catholic Church. Alphonse wore the medal around his neck and recited daily the *Memorare* of Saint Bernard — for the explicit purpose of proving to a Catholic acquaintance, Baron de Bussieres, who had given the medal to him, that it would *not* bring about his conversion. Read more about his story and an explanation of the symbolism of the Miraculous Medal in the bulletin insert.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Congratulations, First Communicants!

Our whole parish congratulates our First Communicants who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday: Dekker, Thomas, Bradley, Charlotte, Tessa, Norah, and Addalyn. May you receive countless graces from our Eucharistic Lord from many more Communion to come!

Thank you!

Our sincere thanks to our church flower bed barking crew: Steve and Karen Woodhouse, Chris and Ben Stokke, Dan Kaczmarowski, David and Zach Malin, and Lowell Monroe. Apologies for the thunderstorm in the middle of our efforts! God Bless. -Cathy and Cindy

Roses This Weekend

This weekend St. Charles Catholic women will be selling roses with donations supporting *WI Right to Life*. Please consider celebrating your mother, grandmother, sister, aunt or friend with a rose on Mother's Day.

Spring Concert and Art Show – May 14th at St. Charles School

The St. Charles School children invite you to come and hear their spring concert, *Make Your Own Kind of Music*, this coming Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. We will be singing songs from our hearts! You can also hear us play our xylophone, bells, and recorders too. Along with our music please check out our art show in the hallway! Please enjoy our gift of the arts as we say THANK YOU for everything you do for our school!

Quilters Group – Homecoming Quilt tickets

As part of *Rummage Along the River*, the Quilters will be selling quilt tickets for our July 7th Homecoming event. The quilt will be on display outside of Gracie's Hutch in Stoddard on May 18th starting at 8 AM until it quiets down. In case of bad weather, we will be inside Gracie's Hutch. Please stop and see our quilt for this year. Tickets also will be available at the Homecoming picnic on July 7th where the winner will be drawn.

Vacation Bible School! June 4th-6th

A Vacation Bible School put on by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will be coming to St. Charles on Tuesday-Thursday, June 4th-6th at St. Charles School from 8 AM – Noon. For all kids (St. Charles parishioners or guests) Grades K-6th. The Sisters will put on two evening events at St. Mary's church in Gays Mills for any MS/HS teens and adult parishioners on Sunday, June 2nd and Monday, June 3rd. To register, email or call the Parish Office. office@stcharlesgenoa.org. Cost: Donation.

Homecoming Festival Update – Volunteer Jobs

Our annual Homecoming Festival will be held Sunday, July 7. One big change is that we will no longer assign/assume volunteer jobs. We know many of you like to volunteer for the same positions, so we encourage you to sign up ASAP by visiting the Sign Up Genius Web site. When you get on the website, use the magnifying glass at the top right and enter the email address "stacypenchi@gmail.com" and then the Homecoming 2024 Sign Up will pop up. If you don't like computers, call Stacy Penchi at (608) 689-2295 and she will sign you up. We ask you to do this by *May 24*. We also invite everyone to our next planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at the school.

Thank You, Kwik Trip Donors!

This quarter the Kwik Trip donations from parishioners were \$511.16 and this includes a donation from Kwik Trip itself of \$148.98. Thank you for all those who designate St. Charles Parish as the beneficiary of your Kwik Trip rewards.

Memories and "Thank You" Comments for Bishop Callahan

We want to gather comments to share with Bishop Callahan as he transitions to our Emeritus Bishop. These memories, moments and sentiments will serve as the foundation for a project that provides him with a lasting and tangible record of the lives he's touched, the moments he created and the well-wishes of the faithful across our diocese and during his time as our bishop. Please visit the link to offer a brief comment and share the link with others. <https://forms.gle/ZuN3DafHqECCDKwk8>

"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally

"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. This rally is for everyone. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer>.

Flocknote

You can opt in or out of groups at any time so as to receive only the communications from the parish which you want to receive. **I ask all parishioners to join the "Parishioners" group.** You can do this by connecting online at: stcharlesgenoa.flocknote.com. If you have not done so already, sign up today for Flocknote. Text the word SCBGENOA to the number 84576.

St. Charles School News

Thank you! "Project" Day for School Wednesday, June 12

Thank you from the PTO for your continued support throughout this past school year! We are planning a "project" day at school on June 12th starting at 8:00 am. If you're interested and able to help let Jessie Cina know or show up that day ready to work! Reminder as you're **shopping or rummaging** to look for new items

on sale for the carnival jar game prizes - our goal is 350 prizes every year! If you have your own rummage sale please consider donating left over items! New items for the Spring Carnival or Thrifty Pickens in West Salem (St. Charles PTO gets % back from donations & purchases). We also have the *Santa Sale* in December for the kids to buy gifts for family and friends - donations are appreciated!

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. 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!

RootinCrown Consignment Store

There have been many changes with RootinCrown Consignment store. They are now called Thrifty Pickins' & Buckies and are located at 980 WI-Hwy 16 in West Salem. For more information go to: info@thrifypickins.com and/or thrifypickins.com.

News from the Diocese and our Community

Holy Trinity Chicken-Q and Bake Sale – May 15

13th and Park Streets, La Crosse, Wednesday May 15th. Serving 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. ½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Roll \$11.00 Pick Up, Drive-Through, and Delivery. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for Purchase. Pre-Sales Preferred. Chicken-Q Phone: 608-782-2028 Ext.2 Bake Sale will feature homemade breads, pies, bars, cookies and more!!

Eucharistic Miracles Display – May 16-19

In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully recounts many well-documented miraculous occurrences for us. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy, who was beatified on October 10, 2020. The Exhibit will be available for viewing at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cashton, WI on May 16th-19th, 2024. We highly encourage you to schedule a time to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival.

“Prism” Concert - Sunday May 26, 3 – 4 pm

Enjoy music from many periods in history, played by brass quintet and organ, and sung by choir and soloists. Selections will be played in the style of a “prism concert”, in that each piece is performed in immediate succession, emanating from different parts of the beautiful Shrine church, with its magnificent acoustics. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/Events/

Healing Mass & Service – Mon., June 3

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 June 3rd at

Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30pm with Adoration, devotions, confessions and Holy Mass (5:30), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

John Cina Seven – June 28-30

10th Annual Pumpkin Ball Tournament is June 28th-30th this year, at Genoa Park. Fun weekend event for the whole family while raising money to help support other people in our communities. Check out the poster, website (www.johncinaseven.com) or Facebook page for more information. Or feel free to reach out to Jessie Cina. Please share and spread the word! Thank you!

Calling All Artists

You are invited to show and sell your art on Saturday, August 24 from 9 AM to 3 PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. A designated 8X6 ft space (\$30); 11X10 ft. space (\$50); an added half space for \$25; and, a double space for \$90. **All sales will remain your profit.** The event is to benefit the Priests and Seminarians Education Fund. More information: 608-787-6482 or sandyborreson@gmail.com

“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.dioc.org/respect-life

Parish Events Calendar

Tues. May 14: St. Charles School Spring Concert 7 PM

Sun. May 19: OCIA after the 9:30 AM Mass

June 4 - 6: Vacation Bible School with Dominican Sisters (Grades K-6) – 8 AM-Noon