

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 4 & 5, 2024

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 6 – May 12, 2024

05/06/24	Monday	NO MASS	
05/07/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Father Bob Monti
05/08/24	Wednesday	NO MASS	
05/09/24	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Dec. Fam. Mbrs. (J/P Cina)
05/10/24	Friday	8:00 AM	† Cindy Foley
05/11/24	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
05/12/24	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. May 11: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. May 12: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. May 11: Volunteers
Sun. May 12: Salvatori, Arianna & Lorenzo
Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 12: 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. May 11: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. May 12: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. May 06: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger
Mon. May 13: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

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: April 27 & 28, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,942.00
Plate Offering	\$ 182.00
Endowment Trust	\$ 100.00
Votive Lights	\$ 31.00
Total:	\$2,255.00

From the Pastor's Desk
Month of New Beginnings

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Congratulations to our First Communicants! We promise to keep praying for them and supporting them as they grow closer in friendship to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Also, a reminder to all of our many parish and school volunteers to RSVP this weekend to the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. More information about that below and in the back of church. Also, there will be more information coming very soon about our Vacation Bible School for Grades 1-6 with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Mark your calendars for Monday-Wednesday June 3-5 from 8 AM – Noon. We are also hoping for some events at St. Charles and St. Mary's church in Gays Mills for our MS/HS teens and adult parishioners.

I want to give my bulletin space to a final message from Bishop Callahan, who is retiring in just two weeks.

The beautiful month of May honors, in splendid ways, humanity's goodness and virtue. Significantly, we express our esteem for mothers. First Holy Communion and graduations are also milestones celebrated with sacred pomp and procession in May.

This May, we have the particular grace of welcoming a new bishop to the Diocese of La Crosse. I will celebrate my final Mass as your Bishop on Pentecost. With gratitude and joy, I will remain in service to you and our diocese as Bishop Emeritus. When I reflect on the past 14 years, the memories of our farmers at so many Rural Life Masses, my brother priests teaching, sanctifying and connecting their flock with Jesus, the hundreds of holy Catholic School teachers and their joyous wards, and so many more wash over me. I clearly see such blessings bestowed by the hand of God. We have accomplished much together in the vineyard, and I am so grateful.

At the installation Mass on May 20th, 2024, just days away, we will welcome the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Gerard Battersby. He arrives with a wealth of experience as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Detroit, having been in that role since 2017. We await his arrival with eager anticipation. The day of installation was appropriately and properly selected because it is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

For us, as Catholics, the highest on the list of honorees throughout the month of May is our Blessed Mother, Mary. Our songs to her beauty and grace rise naturally from our hearts. We praise God that she accepted being overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and becoming the Mother of God. We also know that she could not do the work of raising God's Son alone. Jesus needed a household, a provider and a fatherly guide. So, the very first day of May is set on our calendar to mark St. Joseph, the man chosen to be the earthly father of God's Son. Indeed, we look to St. Joseph under a specific title, St. Joseph the Workman, the patron and namesake of our cathedral.

In 1955, Pope Pius XII named May 1st, a day set aside in many nations to honor the laborer, the patronal feast day for St. Joseph the Workman. As a technician and carpenter, Joseph fashioned useful objects from the material of God's creation. His skills did not make him a wealthy man, but his hard work and courageous obedience provided what the Holy Family needed to accomplish the will of the Eternal Father. Undoubtedly, Jesus learned from Joseph's faith, obedience and quiet diligence. People would say of Jesus once he began to teach and perform miracles, "Is He not the carpenter's son?" (Mt 13:55). Although the question revealed the crowd's lack of faith, it must have also stirred in Jesus a marvelous sense of the union He cherished with Joseph.

Every time we see the lily and carpenter's square carved into the stone adorning our cathedral building, we are reminded of that connection. The lily speaks to Joseph's purity and virtue in safeguarding his beloved wife's perpetual virginity. The carpenter's square makes visible his courage and fortitude in protecting and providing for the Son of God. So, let us seek the power of St. Joseph's prayers. May he strengthen us to imitate his chastity and encourage us in our labors of charity. May God watch over us and take care of us in the Diocese of La Crosse during all the years to come. St. Joseph the Workman. Pray for us. Amen.

*I remain yours, forever, in the service of Jesus and Mary,
Bishop William Patrick Callahan*

St. Charles Parish News

St. Charles Parish Volunteer Luncheon – RSVP Today!

We would like to show our appreciation for all the volunteers we have within our parish and school. To show our tremendous gratitude for all they do for us, we are planning a Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 10, at 11:30 AM. Please RSVP to the Parish office by Sunday, May 5th. In addition, please feel free to share the invite with other parish, school, and/or community volunteers that help us throughout the year.

“the Answer” Eucharistic Rally – Register for Parish Tickets Today!

“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. To sign up and reserve your \$15 discounted ticket to “the Answer”, and to let us know if you want to be part of the carpool from St. Charles parking lot, please sign up with the following link or call the parish office.

<https://stcharlesgenoa.flocknote.com/signup/158002>. You can also reserve your ticket via the Sign-up sheet in the back of church. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer>.

Hibiscus Plant Sale to Benefit St. Charles School – Reserve your Plant by May 5th

For sale perennial Hibiscus plants this spring. Photos of each of the 6 colors as well as the Sign-up sheet will be posted in the church vestibule. Reserve your plants before the deadline of May 5th (first come first serve). The pick-up and payment dates are yet to be determined. They are available on a “first come first serve” basis. The six colors are deep red (44 available), layered dark pink (20), white (30), lavender (49), white with shaded pink edges (5), and fuchsia (6). All money collected will profit our Catholic school.

CCD Family Fun Night – Wed. May 8th

All our families enrolled in CCD or Middle School and High School Groups are invited to attend our End of the Year Family Fun Night at St. Charles School from 6:30-7:30 PM this Wednesday. A meal of Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and desserts will be provided. Come enjoy a fun night of outdoor games and food.

Homecoming Festival Update

The St. Charles Homecoming festival will be held on Sunday, July 7. If you know anyone who would like to make

a donation and be included on the raffle ticket, please contact Father Sedlacek. We ask that parishioners keep an eye out for game prizes that could be donated. Everyone is welcome to attend the next planning meeting at 6:30 PM Monday, May 6 in the school cafeteria/gym.

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

All parishioners are welcome to our St. Charles School’s Spring Concert and Art Show on Tuesday, May 14th at 7 PM at St. Charles School. Come and join our young people as they share their talents and gifts.

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>

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. 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! Trivia Night and Rummaging

Last Friday’s Trivia night was a success! Thank you to all those who played, had fun, and supported the school. We are already planning another one in the Fall. Enjoy your summer and keep practicing your

trivia! 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@thriftpickins.com and/or thriftpickins.com.

News from the Diocese and our Community

Genoa Lions Club Fish Fry – May 10

The Genoa Lions Club will have a COD FISH FRY at the Genoa Park on Friday, May 10th from 4-7 PM. First Come – First Serve!

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/

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

Thu. May 09: Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation. 6:00-7:00 PM.
St. Charles Catholic Women meeting at 6:30 PM

Sat. May 11: Mass at St. Mary Hermitage. 9:00 AM

June 3 - 5: Vacation Bible School with Dominican Sisters (Grades 1-6) – 8 AM-Noon

Sun. July 07: St. Charles Homecoming Picnic