

The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 15 & 16, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 17 – June 23, 2024

06/17/24	Monday	NO MASS	
06/18/24	Tuesday	NO MASS	† Craig Brown (Fr. will offer intention on travels)
06/19/24	Wednesday	NO MASS	
06/20/24	Thursday	NO MASS	
06/21/24	Friday	NO MASS	
06/22/24	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
06/23/24	Sunday	9:30 AM	† Evie Furlano

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. June 22: Tom Jeffers

Sun. June 23: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. June 22: Volunteers

Sun. June 23: Felicity, Abigail & William Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. June 23: 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. June 22: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. June 23: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. June 17: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. June 24: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

Ushers (June 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

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: June 8 & 9, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$5,410.00

Plate Offering \$ 74.00

Votive Candles \$ 25.50

Total: **\$5,509.50**

Cemetery Donations \$ 302.00

Homecoming Donations \$2,655.00

From the Pastor's Desk

When on Pilgrimage...

Peace to you! When on pilgrimage, do as pilgrims do. I write this before my departure for the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. I will spend about 5 days there starting this weekend. I am going with an amazing group called the North American Lourdes Volunteers. We will be a pilgrimage of about 200 people, which includes the sick, a medical team, a chaplain team of 10 priests, and a youth volunteer team, who will be coming to help the pilgrims. I will be one of the 2 priest chaplains for the high school and college students who are volunteering on this pilgrimage.

Going on pilgrimage is a deeply human and spiritual experience. I think that all humans have a "sense" that we are "going somewhere" and that life is some sort of a journey. The question then becomes, "A journey to what?" or "Where are we going?" Pilgrimages to places like Lourdes, Rome, or the Holy Land help us to tap into this human sense that this world and life is not all that there is. We are only pilgrims passing through this life toward the life of eternity.

What do pilgrims do? They go to a holy place to pray and to seek something from God. Going on pilgrimage requires an acknowledgment that there are trials, temptations, and sufferings in this life, and that we do not have what it takes to overcome them, and so we seek out heavenly aid from our Father and the intercession of the Saints. Pilgrims have hope, because they know that this world is not our home, but only a country we are passing through.

One of my heroes, St. Augustine, noted in one of his sermons that travellers often sing on the road (or in a car), and so we Christians should sing "alleluia" as we journey through constant temptation, trial and danger, walking onward toward our heavenly homeland without being assailed with anxiety. "So now, my brethren, let us sing, not to delight our leisure, but to ease our toil. In the way that travelers are in the habit of singing, sing, but keep on walking. What does it mean, "keep on walking"? Go onward always – but go onward in goodness, for there are, according to the Apostle, some people who go ever onward from bad to worse. If you are going onward, you are walking; but always go onward in goodness, onward in the right faith, onward in good habits and behavior. Sing, and walk onwards."

Know of my prayers for you all and your intentions! St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Homecoming Picnic Updates

The St. Charles Homecoming Picnic is July 7. If you haven't already, please sign up for a volunteer position by checking the job list posted in the back of church. Or sign up here: [Homecoming Committee: Homecoming 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](#) All are invited to attend our final planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 24, at the school. Also, please join us for setup, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 6.

Condolences

We offer our condolences to the family members and friends of Margaret Pedretti, age 90, who passed away on Aug. 1, 2023. Funeral Mass and burial will be at 11 AM on Friday, July 5 at St. Charles. St. Charles parishioners are invited to attend. We offer our prayers for Margaret's repose and the consolation of her family. May she rest in peace!

Congratulations on 10th Anniversary – St. Charles Women's Group

Congratulations to our St. Charles Women's Group—you are 10 years old. What amazing things these Charlie's Angels have done. We are few but mighty. You have always given freely to support the parish, the school, and the priest. They called, we answered. Some amazing things you have done—purchased the beautiful Belgian made rose chasuble, replaced the thurible so it no longer burnt the priests' fingers! Replaced linens, and fixed and painted the St. Charles statue. Supported the school with teaching aids, electronics, computers, and projectors. You have made the baptismal gowns, organized fellowship Sundays, and educated the parish with book donations. You support the PTO. You fundraised to cover all of the costs for the Rural Life Day and have cooked for the deanery priests' dinner 3 times with a full Italian meal. You even traveled to several shrines for pilgrimages including a trip to Our Lady of Champion. All Soul's Day celebration, May crowning, May baskets, Rose sales, and St. Nick, are your handiwork. Now you took on fixing the St. Joseph

statue and are supporting the reconstruction of the vestment from Sacred Heart in De Soto. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!! -Anne Marie and Fr. Sedlacek

Hospitality and Welcome Ministry

With the help of some parishioners, we are forming a ministry at our parish that will help all parishioners, new parishioners, potential parishioners, and guests to feel welcome and at home at St. Charles. If you are interested in playing a part in this ministry, no matter how small or great, you can sign up on Flocknote to the "Hospitality/Welcome Ministry" group, or contact Fr. Sedlacek or Nancy Kirby. Hospitality ministry would help host our monthly Fellowship Sundays, put together welcome packages for new parishioners, and other things yet to be determined. Thank you to all parishioners who help make St. Charles a "home" for so many!

Priesthood Ordination - June 22

You are invited to attend and celebrate David Nowicki's Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 22 at 10 AM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Reception following at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center.

Calling for New Lectors, Altar Servers, Cantors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Do you feel drawn to help others pray better at Mass? Want to use your talents to serve the parish? Please consider learning more about the following ministries:

Lector: Proclaim the Scripture readings and Intercessions at the weekend Masses. This ministry helps others to hear the Word of God, which changes hearts! Lector training (for current and new lectors) will be after the weekend Masses on July 13/July 14.

Altar Servers: For kids and young people post-First Communion (3rd grade). Help serve the priest and Jesus at the Altar. New server training coming soon. Reach out to Fr. Sedlacek if your child is interested.

Cantor: Lead the parish in song during the Mass. Work with our musicians to help others pray and worship God at the Mass. Contact Ellen Umberger or Fr. Sedlacek if you are interested.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Help distribute the Body of Christ at Mass. And/or help bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing home facilities. We are in desperate need for a few volunteers to be trained to bring Communion to our parishioners who cannot join us for Mass!

Sacristan: Do you like working behind the scenes and are attentive to detail? Consider helping as a sacristan. Sacristans help keep the things used for Mass clean, tidy, and in working order. They help set up before Masses and put items away after Mass.

Greeter/Usher: Help greet people when they arrive at church. Help visitors feel welcome and direct people if they need assistance in any way. Run the collection at the weekend Masses and bring collection to bank after Mass.

Please contact Fr. Sedlacek if you are interested in any of these ministries. Thank you!

Dare to Follow – July 9-11

Dare to Follow are days for young men grades 6-10 who are interested in hearing where God is calling them. Join Fr. Kuhn and Bishop Batterby for activities, discernment, and time with priests from our area. Cost: \$30 (includes meals and rooms. Where: Mater Redemptoris, La Crosse, WI. Contact Renee with questions at rorth@diolc.org. Please register by June 20.

Flocknote

Stay in touch with what is happening at St. Charles without getting inundated with irrelevant emails. You can receive this weekly bulletin via email, opt in for the Prayer Chain group, School Alumni updates, and other ministries you in which you would like to be involved. 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! "Project" Day Workers

Thank you to everyone who came on Wednesday to help with work projects around the church and school! We got a lot done to make our school and parish buildings and grounds.

Can Tabs Collection

Our school is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. They can be placed in the jars in school and at the back of the church. Thank you!

News from the Diocese and our Community

4th Annual Vocations Golf Outing - June 24 at Fox Hollow in La Crosse

Support our seminarians and future priests. You can join us for golf or dinner only. Visit diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Golf_tri-fold_19APRIL_Fillable.pdf for more information. If you know a business that would like to be a birdie sponsor, a hole sponsor, or donate an item for the raffle, please contact Renee Orth rorth@diolc.org or 608-791-2667.

New Pregnancy Resource Center in La Crosse! Inaugural Fundraiser - June 25

Alliance Family Services serves women and families who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant and struggling. They walk alongside them throughout their pregnancy with prenatal care, material assistance, housing, and much more. This interfaith ministry has been serving the Kenosha and Racine communities and has now come to La Crosse! Their first La Crosse fundraiser, "Stories of Hope," will be held June 25 at First Free Church in Onalaska, with an optional charcuterie social hour from 6-7 PM, and the program from 7-8 PM. Hear testimonials from clients and staff about their incredible life-changing and lifesaving work. Tickets are free—registration is requested. Support the ongoing mission of rescuing the unborn and proclaiming the gospel of life! Register at alliancefamilyservices.org

Religious Freedom Week - June 22-29

Religious Freedom Week takes place on June 22 at the Memorial of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul. Join Catholics nationwide to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek

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!

St. Patrick's Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

Location: 127 11th Ave. N., Onalaska, WI
Friday, July 26, 7:30 am - 4 pm
Saturday, July 27, 7:30 am - 3 pm
Holiday items, Collectors corner with antiques and

unique items, household items, furniture, bikes, toys, bedding, jewelry, baked goods, and so much more! Donations for the St. Patrick Rummage Sale will be accepted starting June 19. Contact the parish office for drop-off times and info at 608.783.5535, ext. 2.

Priests for Tomorrow - July 28

At The Waterfront in La Crosse. Tickets are \$150, \$250 for a couple, \$1,200 for a table of eight. Do you know anyone who would like to donate an item for our silent auction? Contact Renee rorth@diolc.org or 608.791.2667 for tickets or more information.

Door of Hope Corn Boil – Aug 1

Where: Vernon County Fairgrounds Expo Center from Noon-2 pm and 4-7 pm. All the Sweet Corn you can eat! Adults \$10, Kids 4-12 \$5, Under 3 Free. Corn to go \$8 a dozen. Meal includes Hot dogs, chips, beans, soda, ice cream, and bottomless corn. Fundraiser for Door of Hope Pregnancy and Family Care Center in Viroqua.

Calling All Artists – Aug 24

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is—call now! Weekend dates are Sept. 27-29 in Dubuque, Iowa and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein, Iowa. Call Denise & Greg for more information or sign up at wwme.org.

Volunteers Needed at Bright Spot in De Soto

Interested in volunteering at the Bright Spot in De Soto? Volunteers at this meal site help serve lunch to seniors that come. Typically, the hours needed are from 10:30 am to around 12:30. Any help is always appreciated, even if it's only once a month. If you have any questions you can call our office at: 608-637-5201 and ask to speak with the Nutrition Coordinator.

Parish Events Calendar

Sat. July 06: Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage 9:00 am

Sun. July 07: 121st Annual Homecoming Picnic 9:30 Mass, Food served 11 am – 2 pm

Thurs. July 11: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 6:00-7:00 PM