

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17 & 18, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 19 - 25, 2024

08/19/24	Monday	NO MASS	
08/20/24	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Grace Wolf
08/21/24	Wednesday	NO MASS	
08/22/24	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Don Walcker
08/23/24	Friday	8:00 AM	† Rebecca Wolf
08/24/24	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Cindy Foley
08/25/24	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Aug. 24: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Aug. 25: 9:30 PM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Aug. 24: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Aug. 25: 9:30 AM: Henry & Oscar

Levendoski & Arianna Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 25: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Rosary Leaders/Volunteer

Sat. Aug. 24: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Aug. 25: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Aug. 19: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

Mon. Aug. 26: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy
Stokke

Ushers (September 2025)

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: August 10 & 11, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,317.00
Plate Offering	\$ 324.00
Votive Lights	\$ 18.00
In Memory	\$ 100.00
Mission Batticaloa	\$ 30.00
Total	\$1,789.00

From the Pastor's Desk

On Prayer

Peace to you! Well, this weekend will be, for me, the last one of summer. Aquinas Catholic Schools start this Wednesday. I am excited to see the students again, but not quite “ready” to move out of a summer schedule and pace of life. Thankfully, St. Charles students don’t have their first day until after Labor Day!

Last weekend I wrote about the “spiritual overview” of our parish. It is difficult to assess the spiritual state of our parish, because the spiritual aspect of the human person is at least partially hidden. We see glimpses of the depths of someone’s spiritual life in their words, actions, and dispositions. But, as God reminded the prophet Samuel, “Do not judge by appearance... for man judges by appearance, but the Lord sees into the heart.”

All that said, however, we can learn to see things a bit through God’s vision. The closer in friendship we come to Jesus, the more we begin to think, see, and act like Him. Our hearts are transformed by grace (the life of God). I think that the “language” of the heart is prayer. Many of us are struggling with prayer currently. All of us struggle with prayer most of our lives. That is normal. So don’t let the struggle of prayer push you to give up on praying!

I want to share with you something that I have been doing a little bit of work on, which is to make a simple guide to help people learn how to pray in a deeper way than reciting prayers you learned as a child (which is a good thing too!). This type of praying is called, in the Christian tradition, “meditation.” This is different than Eastern meditation, which focuses on the self or on self-dissolution. Christian meditation focuses on God and one’s relationship to God through Jesus Christ. There are many guides who have written about the topic. What I am sharing comes from a spiritual master named St. Francis de Sales. He has been designated a doctor (“teacher”) of the Church. His advice about prayer have been helpful to millions of Catholics.

But first, what is prayer? Prayer is simply lifting ourselves up to God. It is allowing ourselves to be with God. It is placing our mind, soul, and body in His Presence. It is an exchange of words, thoughts, feelings, and love. It is an asking of good things from God, and also a listening to God. It is being in union with God. It is allowing ourselves to be molded by God, like clay is molded by a potter.

As you can see, prayer is both simple, but also difficult to explain to those who have not experienced it. Learning how to pray and persevering in prayer is difficult because prayer is the frontlines of a battle that is being waged for the salvation of our soul between the God-Man Jesus Christ and Satan, the accuser, who is a “murderer and the father of lies.” Prayer also is often a battlefield between our wounded human nature and God’s supernatural purpose for our life.

The hope of this series of bulletin articles is that they help you in midst of the struggle to pray. The purpose of our life is to know, love, and serve God. There is no better school to learn how live this purpose than in the school of prayer.

Here is some basic general advice from St. Francis de Sales about prayer:

- 1) Make yourself a physical space in your home set aside only for prayer.
- 2) Set aside some specific time to pray each day. Even if it is only 4 or 5 minutes, give God something to work with!
- 3) When you pray begin by placing yourself in the presence of God. Set aside all possible distractions and noise (cell phones, music, etc...). Then simply remember that God is present, that He sees you, hears you, and has His full attention on you.
- 4) Do not hurry or say many things. Simply try to speak from your heart. “A single *Our Father* said with feeling has greater value than many said quickly or hurriedly.”

Okay, now that we got some general advice, how does one to do Christian meditation? St. Francis de Sales describes four parts in this way of praying. I will go through these different parts of meditation in the

next few bulletin articles. In the meantime, what are your obstacles to prayer? How can you concretely take one more step in fostering a prayer life this week?

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

St. Charles Parish News

Announcement for Fellowship Sunday Volunteers

We are having a walk through of the kitchen and supply room in preparation for Fellowship Sundays. This will take place after Sat. 4pm Mass on August 24th and on Sunday the 25th after the 9:30am Mass. Hope to see all you generous people who are giving of your time. MUCH APPRECIATED! Go with God. -Nancy

Mass and Healing Service – Monday, Sept. 9th

This is an opportunity for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through prayer and the sacraments. Join us for a special Healing Service and Mass at Sacred Heart church in Cashton on Monday, September 9th.

4:30 pm – Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 5:30 pm – Holy Mass. After Mass – Healing Service, which includes times of communal prayer, healing prayers individually, and in small prayer groups. All are welcome. Please come and experience the healing power of Christ.

Jesus Promised: “These signs will accompany those who believe... They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.” - Mark 16:17

SAVE THE DATE!!! Trivia Night

Our next Trivia Night will be on Saturday, October 5 at 6:00 pm! More details to come...

Want Family-Friendly Entertainment and Learning? Check Out FORMED!

Every parishioner of St. Charles can have FREE access to quality content to support your faith and entertain your family: 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!

Join St. Charles Parish’s 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! School Wish List

All the items on the St. Charles School’s wish list for the start of the new school year have been fulfilled. Thank you so much for your generosity – it is certainly appreciated!

Support our School!

Remember to buy Scrip on the RaiseRight app or to order them by contacting Megan Olson. Also, shop at Thrifty Pickins’ & Buckies located at 980 WI-Hwy 16, West Salem, and mention St. Charles School when you check out.

News from the Diocese and our Community

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.

Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday September 14th as we raise the funds to protect all human life! Register by Monday August 26th at ProLifeWI.org/gala or call our office at 262-796-1111.

Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock, WI

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Sept 27-29

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.

Consecrated Virginity Discernment Weekend October 11-13

Want to discover the call and gift of the ancient vocation of consecrated virginity for women living in the world? Join us at the La Crosse Holy Cross Diocesan Center for the Informational / Discernment Weekend. For more information or the Diocesan Calendar on the website diolc.org/events/ For more information about consecrated virginity for women living in the world, go to the Diocesan web page: diolc.org/consecratedlife/consecrated-virgins/

From Ann Wales and La Crosse Jail Ministry

La Crosse Jail ministry helps us to fulfill the corporal work of mercy of "visiting the imprisoned." Thank you for helping with the needs that that ministry. They are in need of the following:

Backpacks, Sweatpants for men and women, Short sleeve shirts, Underwear and socks, Sneakers – for males and females, Backpacks, Female underwear – needs to be new, Female sports bras – needs to be new. These can be dropped off at Coulee Life Church in Onalaska, right next to Sand Lake Elementary on Sand Lake Road. The doors are open 9 to 6 every day and there is a bench to set them on.

Now Open! Alliance Women's Clinic

Alliance Family Services serves women and families who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant and struggling. This interfaith ministry, which has vital Catholic involvement, has been serving the Kenosha and Racine communities and has now come to La Crosse! They provide prenatal care, material assistance, housing, and much more. To learn about their inspiring mission and to provide financial support, visit alliancefamilyservices.org. For a listing of many other wonderful Pregnancy Resource Centers around the diocese, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.

Listecki Petitions to Intervene in Abortion Case before the WI Supreme Court

Please pray his voice will be heard and heeded! On July 2, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear a case from Planned Parenthood that seeks to find a constitutional right to abortion within the Wisconsin Constitution. Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecki filed a petition to intervene in the Planned Parenthood case, arguing that he has a religious obligation "to vindicate the constitutional rights of the unborn in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, particularly their rights to life and to equal protection of the laws under the 14th Amendment and to any claimed state constitutional right to bodily integrity, autonomy, and self-determination." Wisconsin's other bishops subsequently issued a statement of support for the Archbishop's petition, stating that both sides deserve to be heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Please pray, and to learn more, visit wisconsincatholic.org and click on "NEWS."

Parish Events Calendar

Tue. Sept. 03: First Day of School at St. Charles
Sat. Sept. 07: First Saturday Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage. 9 AM
Sun. Sept. 08: Fellowship Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass.
Thu. Sept. 12: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. 6:00-7:00 PM
Sat. Oct. 05: Trivia Night at St. Charles School. 6 PM