

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24 & 25, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 26 – September 1, 2024

08/26/24	Monday	NO MASS	
08/27/24	Tuesday	8:00 AM	Angie
08/28/24	Wednesday	NO MASS	
08/29/24	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
08/30/24	Friday	8:00 AM	Clare
08/31/24	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
09/01/24	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Aug. 31: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Sep: 01: 9:30 PM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Aug. 31: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Sept: 01: 9:30 AM: Abigail Mitchell, Sal Trussoni, and Emma Kendhammer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 31: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Rosary Leaders/Volunteer

Sat. Aug. 31: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Sept. 01: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Sept. 02: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Ushers (September 2024)

Saturday: Steve Woodhouse & Larry Kelsey

Sunday: Keith Magnuson & Arnie Trussoni

Prayer Requests

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

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 meeting 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.

Sacrificial Giving: August 17 & 18, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$1,552.00

Plate Offering \$ 317.00

Holy Day \$ 175/00

Mission Batticaloa \$ 100.00

Total \$2,144.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Diving Deeper into Prayer

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you! Be sure to plan to join us for our first *Fellowship Sunday* since June on Sunday, September 8th after the 9:30 AM Mass in the School gym. We will be welcoming and meeting the 11 new families that have joined our parish in the last year and a half! Last week I wrote about St. Francis de Sales' general and practical advice about making prayer a part of your life. In summary, that advice is to set aside a place and a time that is for prayer only. We you begin your time of prayer, place yourself in the presence of God. Then don't rush, but speak to God from your heart.

I asked last week for you to name your obstacles to prayer. Is it that you cannot ever seem to find the time? Well, now the task is to schedule a time, just like you schedule other things in your life that are important. Is it that you are too distracted? Then make a plan to remove distractions from you prayer space. Is it that you do not have a desire to pray? Then beg God to give you that desire. Do you keep putting off prayer, then make a concrete plan today on how you will pray and then execute that plan. Do not wait.

Once we get into having a space and a time for prayer, how do you pray? One way of praying is something called "mental prayer" or "meditation." Basically, this type of prayer is done by engaging one's mind in the act of prayer. Vocal prayer is the saying of prayers with our voice, such as the rosary or just talking to God in your own words. Mental prayer is the using the abilities of our minds to relate to God. This includes our imagination, our memory, our rational thinking, pondering, etc... All of the spiritual guides in the Christian tradition are emphatic that mental prayer is essential for growing in prayer. It is important to note that Christian meditation is not like "new age meditation" or meditation practices that come from Buddhism or other religious traditions. Those practices tend to have as their goal either the focus on the self or the complete dissolving of self-awareness. Christian meditation, on the other hand, acknowledges and engages the self but with the focus on God.

Different Christian spiritual masters taught various "methods" for mental prayer. St. Francis de Sales describes a method consisting of four parts: Preparation, Meditation, Affections and Resolutions, and Conclusion. The first part, preparation, involves setting aside distractions, placing yourself in God's presence, acknowledging Him reverently, and introducing the subject/topic of the time of prayer.

One way that you can place yourself into God's presence is to imagine Jesus Himself walking into the room and sitting down in a chair right next to you. What would you do and say if He did that? And yet, it is true that Jesus draws near and is ready and able to see you, hear you, and spend time with you. Acknowledge His closeness and thank Him for drawing near to you during this time of prayer. Then you will be ready to go into Part 2, which is call Meditation or "Considerations," which I will explain next week.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

New Parishioners Official Welcome and Fellowship Sunday – Sunday, Sept. 8th

On Sunday, September 8th, St. Charles will officially welcome all new parishioners during the 9:30 AM Mass and Father will give them a special blessing. There will also be a meet and greet at our first monthly Fellowship Sunday of this new school year after Mass in the school gym. All parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to attend and to warmly welcome the 11 new families that have joined our parish in 2023 and 2024!

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

Eucharistic Adoration for our Parish – Thursday, Sept 12th

Come and spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist on the 2nd Thursdays of the month, September 12th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Charles church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during that time.

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!

Want to Stay Connected with St. Charles Parish?

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. **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

Back to School Night!

Back to School Night will be on Thursday, August 29th from 3:30 – 6:00 PM at St. Charles School. Parents, remember to bring in all forms and paperwork. Looking forward to our students returning for another school year at St. Charles School!

SAVE THE DATE!!! Trivia Night

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

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

Amara Rose Memorial Remembrance Walk – Wed. Sept. 11th

Join the Amara Rose Foundation to honor those that have lost their lives to addiction and celebrate those in recovery for the Second Annual Memorial Remembrance Walk. The event takes place September 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Vernon County racetrack at the fairgrounds. It is the first day of the fair, open to the public and it is free to get in to the fair that day. You can register for the walk, which includes a t-shirt, for \$20 by scanning the QR code on our event posters or go to our website, www.AmaraRosefoundation.org

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.

Women's Prayer Group – Begins Sept. 19

Come and See! All women are welcome to attend *Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture!* This is NOT a physical exercise of the body. We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice has been passed down through the church for ages, aiding the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. As a group, we desire to offer Christian community for women of all ages. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m. Please contact Mari

Erickson or Amy Mulhern
at walking9praying8@gmail.com for more
information.

Sacred Heart School (Cashton) Golf Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School of Cashton is hosting its annual golf fundraiser at Viroqua Hills Golf Course on Saturday, September 28. 4 person scramble. \$80 per person. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cash and door prizes. To register, contact Craig at craig@craigsteger.com

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/

Catholic Charities Warming Center

The La Crosse Warming Center provided day services during the summer for the first time this year, allowing individuals to take showers, do their laundry, and escape the heat on certain days of the week. Thank you to the local parishes that have given or have pledged to give to help us cover the cost of this effort! While we are proud to provide these extra ministries, our costs continue to rise along with the summer temperatures. We kindly ask for your generosity to help us keep the La Crosse Warming Center a beacon of hope in our community. If you donate, rest assured it will be put to excellent use. If a financial contribution is not

possible at this time, we humbly request that you keep us in your prayers as we carry out the Lord's work in our community.

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 of this 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.

Now Open! Alliance Women's Clinic

Alliance Family Services serves women and families who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant and struggling. 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.

Archbishop ListECKi Petitions 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. On July 15, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome ListECKi filed a petition to intervene in the Planned Parenthood case. Wisconsin's other bishops subsequently issued a statement of support for the Archbishop's petition, stating that they too have a religious obligation to care for the souls of every human life—born and unborn—in their respective dioceses, and that both sides deserve to be heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Please pray and, to learn more, visit wisconsinatholic.org and click on "NEWS."

Parish Events Calendar

Thu. Aug. 29: Back to School Night at St. Charles School 3:30 – 6:00 PM

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 9:30 AM Mass. Blessing of New Parishioners at Mass.

Thu. Sept.12: Eucharistic Adoration for our Parish 6:00-7:00 PM

Sat. Oct. 05: Trivia Night at St. Charles School. 6 PM