

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7 & 8, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 9-15th, 2024

09/09/24	Monday	NO MASS	
09/10/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM	Jim
09/11/24	Wednesday	NO MASS	
09/12/24	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Linda Jeffers
09/13/24	Friday	8:00 AM	† Curt Brown
09/14/24	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
09/15/24	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Sept. 14: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Sept. 15: 9:30 PM: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Sept. 14: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 15: 9:30 AM: Kanoa, Nalani, Keilana
Rodgers

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 15: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

Rosary Leaders/Volunteer

Sat. Sept. 14: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Sept. 15: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Sept. 09: Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle;
Linda Pedretti

Mon. Sept. 16: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

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: Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$1,895.00

Plate Offering \$ 160.00

Votive Candles \$ 38.00

Total \$2,093.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Let's Pray!

Peace be with you! We are so happy to welcome the 13 new families that have joined our parish since January 2023. Thank you to everyone who will stay (did stay) after Mass this Sunday to meet our new parish family members at Fellowship in the School gym.

The past couple of weeks I have been writing about Christian Meditation (aka, "Mental Prayer"). It is something we all can do and is very beneficial for our relationship with God. Find a quiet place and time. Set aside distractions. Then follow St. Francis de Sales' four steps: Preparation, Considerations, Affections and Resolutions, Conclusion. I will now share with you one of St. Francis' meditations that he outlines in his book, *Introduction to the Devout Life*. I have edited this meditation to make it more understandable for modern readers. I hope that you take 10 minutes this week to pray through this wonderful meditation.

Meditation 1: On Your Creation

Preparation: Place yourself in the presence of God. "Hello, Lord Jesus, help me to pray." Imagine gazing upon the whole of creation (all of planet Earth, the solar system, other solar systems, stars, planets, and galaxies).

Meditation: Points of consideration. Take time to pause and ponder each consideration. Don't move on to the next one too quickly. Pay attention to the thoughts, feelings, affections that arise.

1. Think about the vastness of creation. How many years has our planet been in existence? How many species of animals and plants there are, and have ever existed? All of these were somehow made by God. They were in His mind from all eternity, and as time unfolded, they came to be.
2. Consider that a small number of years ago you did not exist. You were not in the world or a part of it. The world had existed for a long time. Where were you? You were nowhere. Of you, there was nothing.
3. God has drawn you out of that nothingness to make you. He did not need you. He did not need to make you. And yet, He did. He did this because He is good. He wanted you to exist.
4. Consider the nature God gave you. He did not make you to be a plant or giraffe. He gave you a human nature, the highest of all visible creation. Your nature is capable of eternal life and being united to the Infinite Creator. It is capable of knowing, reasoning, loving, and freely choosing.

Affections and Resolutions:

1. What was your strongest feeling or "movement" in the considerations? If you are struggling to feel anything, you can ponder the following:
2. Humble yourself in gratitude before God. Thank Him in your own words for all that He has made and done. You are completely in His debt. How can you ever repay Him?
3. Rebuke yourself for past ingratitude. "How seldom have I acknowledged Your love for me, O God? How many days, weeks, years have been spent not united to Your purpose for me, or separated from You because of my sins? How often have I been apathetic to You and Your love for me?"
4. Entrust yourself to Him. "O God, I am the work of Your hands. You know my most secret parts. You formed me and loved me."
5. Make specific resolutions. Some possibilities: "I resolve to avoid complacency toward God in the future by... to humble myself by... to change my life by... to acknowledge the great dignity God has bestowed upon me by doing such and such...."

Conclusion:

1. Give thanks to God for time of prayer, for wonder of your existence, for gifts of insight.
2. Offer. "I offer you the very being that you have given me, O Lord..."
3. Ask. To strengthen your resolutions, for certain people or situations...
4. Pray the *Our Father* or *Glory Be*

St. Charles Parish News

OCIA to Begin Sunday, Sept. 15th

Our parish will again be offering OCIA, "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults", this year. These gatherings are for adults who either 1) Are Catholic, but have not received all the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist); 2) Are Christian but not Catholic and want to learn more about Catholicism; 3) Are not baptized and want to learn more about Catholicism. 4) Grew up Catholic and fell away and want to start living their Catholic Faith again. Our gatherings are opportunities to learn more, find answers to your questions, and grow in faith without needing to commit to becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining or know someone who may be interested in participating, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Kelly Hutchinson so that they can extend invitations.

Eucharistic Adoration for our Parish Thursday, Sept 12th

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

Ladies Book Club – Sun. Sept 22nd

All ladies are welcome to a new group that is forming in our parish to support each other and to grow in faith. The group will meet at her house on Sunday, Sept 22nd at 3-4 pm. The first book is called "Who Does He Say You Are – Women Transformed by Christ in the Gospels" By Colleen C. Mitchell. If you are interested, please call Tessa at: (401) 487-8406. When you call, she will give you her address and all relevant details. Though not necessary, the hope is for all interested to get the book and read Chapter 1 before the first meeting.

Save the Date! First Day of CCD

Save the Date! The First Day of CCD for 1st-5th grades will be Sunday, September 29th. 1st-5th grades will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:10-9:10 AM. Parents, please plan to attend a parent's information meeting on the first day in the St. Charles school gym. The first day for Middle School (6th-8th grades) and High School (9th-12th grades) will be on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:30-8:00 PM. Returning families, watch for an email from Flocknote for more information about registration and this year's schedule.

St. Charles School News

St. Charles School Begins 118th Year of Catholic Education!

Our first day of school at St. Charles was Tuesday! We had a great first week! We welcome three new families this year to our school, which now has an enrollment of 22 students 4K-6th grade. Thank you to our teachers and staff: Patti Hytry (4th, 5th, 6th grades), Mariette Donovan (1st, 2nd, 3rd, grades, music), Mary Kate Donovan (4K, K), Kelly Hutchison (Art), Sandy Trussoni (P.E.), Carrol Hunder (Admin Assistant), and Michelle Rodges (Kitchen Manager, Custodian) for your dedication to education and our school families!

SAVE THE DATE!!! Trivia Night

Our next Trivia Night will be on Saturday, October 5 at 6:00 pm! More details and registration info 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

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.

**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!* We practice the ancient practice 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 or Amy at walking9praying8@gmail.com for info.

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.

Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

Annual Sauerkraut Supper – Wed. Oct 9

At St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge (W697 Hwy 33, Rockland, WI). Eat-In or Carry-Out. Wednesday, Oct 9 from 4 PM – 7:30 PM. Church-made Kraut and Pork, Polish Sausage, Glazed Carrots, Mashed potatoes and gravy, home-made pie. \$15. Beverage Tent, Bake Sale, Raffles.

Catholic Charities Warming Center

Thank you to the local parishes that have given or have pledged to give to help us cover the cost of this effort! We kindly ask for your generosity to help us keep the La Crosse Warming Center a beacon of hope in our area. If you donate, rest assured it will be put to excellent use. <https://cclse.org/la-crosse-warming-center/>

Now Open! Alliance Women's Clinic

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

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Sept.08: Fellowship Sunday after 9:30 AM Mass. Blessing of New Parishioners at Mass.
Sun. Sept.15: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM 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