

# The First Sunday in Advent November 30 & December 1, 2024

## **St. Charles Borromeo Parish**

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## **Mass Schedule & Intentions for December 2 - 8 2024**

<b>12/02/24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
12/03/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Angie & Warren Shankey
<b>12/04/24</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
12/05/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
<b>12/06/24</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
12/07/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † John Cina
12/08/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

## **Ministry Volunteers**

### **Lectors**

Sat. Dec. 07: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Dec. 08: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

### **Servers**

Sat. Dec. 07: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Dec. 08: 9:30 AM: Nalani & Keilana Rodgers;  
Emma Kendhammer

### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Dec. 08: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

### **Rosary Leaders/Volunteer**

Sat. Dec. 07: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Dec. 08: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

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

Mon. Dec. 09: Priscilla Martin; Marian Naegle;  
Linda Pedretti

### **Ushers (December 2024)**

Saturday: John Nicklay; Tim Woodhouse

Sunday: Conrad Kirby; Tom Urbanek;  
Chris Stokke

### **Prayer Requests**

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

## **Sacraments and Prayer**

### **Church Hours**

The church is open every day from 7 AM - 7 PM.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Sundays: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> 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** November 23 & 24, 2024

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,552.00
Plate Offering	\$ 213.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 145.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,910.00</b>

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

Happy New Year!

Peace be with you! Happy Advent and happy beginning of a new liturgical year in the life of the Church! In having a "liturgical year," we Christians recognize the necessity to remind ourselves to live through the mysteries of Jesus' life and His work of our redemption. Year after year we celebrate Advent, the season of 20-some days that precedes the Feast of Christmas, and which is characterized by prayer and waiting.

I encourage you to participate in the last nine days of the 9-month novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe promoted by Cardinal Burke and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is a beautiful prayer asking for a new outpouring of the grace of conversion on our country and our world. It began on March 12, and will conclude on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a prayer of consecration. The last nine days are Tuesday, December 3 to Wednesday, December 11. At end of bulletin so you can cut it out and use it as a prayer card.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and pray that you will have a holy and blessed new year of grace!

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Fellowship Sunday Today!**

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, and so it is time for Fellowship Sunday! Celebrate the beginning of Advent by enjoying the company of your fellow parishioners after Sunday Mass.

### **Women's Group Updates**

St. Charles Catholic Women's Group will meet Thurs., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### **Opportunities to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent**

**Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at Cathedral**

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman (530 Main Street, La Crosse) on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four to five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

### **Confession Times at St. Charles**

Every Saturday from 3:15-3:45 pm

Every Sunday from 8:45-9:15 am.

Thurs. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm.

### **Healing Service & Mass - Monday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

At Sacred Heart church, 1223 Front St., Cashton, Wisconsin. Schedule:

- 4:30 PM: Adoration and Confession
- 5:30 PM: Mass
- 6:00 PM: Corporate Prayer for Healing
- 7:00 PM: Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers)
- 9:00 PM: Closing

*Feel free to join us as your schedule allows, as times are approximate.*

Please help us share this opportunity with those in your parish and community who might benefit. We are eager to see God move powerfully, bringing hope, peace, and healing to all who attend.

### **Trivia Night! – Fri. Dec. 6**

St. Charles School is hosting a Holly Jolly Christmas Trivia on Friday, December 6. Doors open at 5:30, and food and drinks can be purchased all night long. Trivia begins at 6:00! Questions will be ALL about Christmas - movies, traditions around the world, and songs just might be some possible categories! Come and join the fun! If interested, call or text Mariette at (608) 381-0220 or email her at [mdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org](mailto:mdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org).

### **Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

It is a long and complicated explanation, but the end result is that Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> is when we celebrate the Immaculate Conception (of Mary) this year. It is usually a holy day of obligation, but Bishop Battersby has

dispensed the obligation for this year. However, he wants the people to be able to observe the holy day and have the opportunity to attend Mass. And so, Mass will be offered at St. Charles that day at 5:15 PM.

### **“Behold: Prayer of the Saints” Young Adult Retreat | Jan. 25, 2025**

This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Hear inspiring talks about the prayer of the Saints, foster a deeper Catholic community with other young adults, and participate in the life of God via Mass, Confession, and personal prayer. There are also optional evening socials on Friday, January 24 at 7 pm at 608 Brewing Co. and Saturday, January 25 at 6 pm at Pizzeria Dolorosa. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at [tinyurl.com/beholdprayer](http://tinyurl.com/beholdprayer).

### **Thank You for World Mission Sunday Contributions**

A heart-felt thank you from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission Office to St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa for your generous response of prayer and sacrifices for World Mission Sunday. Your response to Pope Francis' call to 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet' gives witness to your commitment to Christ. We will forward your financial contribution of \$684.00 to our national office.

-Fr. Woody Pace, Mission Office Director

## **St. Charles School News**

### **Santa Sale – Donations requested by Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**

Our “Santa Sale” will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please send any good (new or used) items you no longer want that can be used as gifts. The kids purchase items for family members' gifts. Please send items to school labeled "Santa Sale" by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, any Christmas gift bags are appreciated!

### **Gift Card Orders for Christmas to Support our School!**

The holidays are fast approaching! From finding the perfect gift to taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, there's a gift card for every need. Earn money back for St. Charles School by purchasing gift cards. There are updated order forms for physical gift cards in the vestibule of the church. **Orders are due back to the Parish Office by December 13<sup>th</sup>.** The cards will arrive before Christmas. There is also an option to purchase and use electronic gift cards by using the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with any questions. [Mjtrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:Mjtrussoni@gmail.com) or 608-385-7815.

## **News from the Diocese and our Community**

### **Stuff the Pack N Play – Nov 29-Dec 14**

Mayo La Crosse Auxiliary and Aquinas Impact are collecting diapers, baby wipes, infant clothing, and other baby essentials from November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off your donations at Moka on West Avenue in La Crosse, Mayo Clinic La Crosse Cafeteria entrance or the lobby in the Mayo La Crosse Hospital. All donations will be distributed to local families through Catholic Charities in La Crosse.

### **Cathedral Christmas Bazaar – Dec 7**

The Cathedral (530 Main Street, La Crosse) annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 am - 2 pm in the church undercroft. There will be a wonderful selection of unique gift items, Christmas decor, hand-made greeting cards and religious items. The bake sale will feature a fabulous selection of cookies, cakes, breads and candy.

### **St. Mary's Annual Craft Show ~ Dec 7**

Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website: [www.stmarycv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

### **Karuna Inc. Gala – Dec. 7**

Karuna Inc. has been working to address the urgent issue of inadequate housing, providing a safe and stable environment for individuals experiencing homelessness. Save the date for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the La Crosse Country Club for our first annual *Home for the Holidays* Gala supporting Karuna House. Join us for a special evening featuring dinner, music, auctions, and more. Visit <https://www.karunahousing.org/gala> to purchase tickets, sponsor, or donate. Or contact Kristine Hall at [krishall3@outlook.com](mailto:krishall3@outlook.com) or 612-803-3684.

### **Cookie Walk and Craft Sale – Dec. 14**

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls) and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes every half hour.

### **Holy Trinity Cookie Walk - Sat, Dec. 14, 8:00 am-1:00 pm**

Large assortment of Christmas Cookies. Basket raffle drawing at 11 (need not be present to win). ATTENTION CRAFTERS - there are still some tables available for crafters to rent during the Holy Trinity Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th. Email us at [htstannes@gmail.com](mailto:htstannes@gmail.com) for information!!

### **Advent Evening Prayer**

Your friends at St. Patrick's Parish, 1031 Main Street, Onalaska, invite you to join us for the *Advent Evening Prayer*, where we will gather in anticipation and reflection for the Advent Season. *Advent Evening Prayer* includes psalms, scripture reading, a brief reflection, along with beautiful music to prepare you for a meaningful Christmas. Join Deacon Frank Abnet for this

devotion, which will take place from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm on Mondays throughout the Advent season, December 2, 9, 16, and 23.

### **St. Pat's Calendar Raffle**

The St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska is excited to announce the start of the Adesse Calendar Raffle for 2025. Each ticket costs \$25 and a winner is picked for each day of the year, with prizes ranging from \$30 to \$500 awarded on each date. Winning tickets are put back into the drawing so that you have multiple chances to win. Adesse Tickets make for a great gift and are also a vital fundraiser for St. Patrick Parish. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Joan at 608.783.5535, ext. 2, or [secretary@stpatsonalaska.com](mailto:secretary@stpatsonalaska.com).

### **Catholic Charities Christmas Program**

We need your help! There are many ways you can help out: Sponsor a family; Donate local gift cards to be distributed to families for purchasing food and gifts; Volunteer to help distribute gifts at your local office (dependent on individual office need); Make a donation online, [www.cclse.org](http://www.cclse.org), and all proceeds will go to purchasing gifts for families in need. If you would like to sponsor a family, please contact Shannon ASAP at 608-519-8011. If you would like to donate gift cards to local stores, please drop them off at your local Catholic Charities (La Crosse-508 5th Ave. S) by December 2nd. Thank you!

## **Parish Events Calendar**

Thu. Dec. 05: Women's Group Meeting 6:30 PM in the School  
Fri. Dec. 06: Trivia Night! 5:30 PM food. 6:00 PM Trivia begins  
Thu. Dec. 12: Eucharistic Adoration for our Parish 6:00-7:00 PM. Reconciliation available throughout.  
Sat. Dec. 14: Mass at St. Mary's hermitage. 9:00 AM

### **Prayer of the Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*To be prayed daily from December 3 to December 12, 2024.*

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.