

The Fourth Sunday in Advent December 22, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for December 23 - 29, 2024

12/23/24	Monday	NO MASS
12/24/24	Tuesday (Christmas Eve)	4:00 PM † Lynn Umberger
12/25/24	Wednesday (Christmas Day)	9:30 AM People of St. Charles
12/26/24	Thursday	NO MASS
12/27/24	Friday	NO MASS
12/28/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Dec. Fam. Mbrs (J/P Cina)
12/29/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Tue. Dec. 24: 4:00 PM: Tim Gillespie
Wed. Dec. 25: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn
Sat. Dec. 28: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers
Sun. Dec. 29: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Tue. Dec. 24: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay
Wed. Dec. 25: 9:30 AM: Salvatori, Arianna & Lorenzo Trussoni; Ezio Olson
Sat. Dec. 28: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Dec. 29: 9:30 AM: Felicity, William & Thomas Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Tue. Dec. 24: 4:00 PM: Marj Gillespie
Wed. Dec. 25: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn
Sun. Dec. 29: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Dec. 30: Priscilla Martin; Marian Naegle; Linda Pedretti
Mon. Jan. 06: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Ushers (January 2025)

Saturday: Steve Woodhouse; Larry Kelsey
Sunday: Keith Magnuson; Arnie Trussoni & Tim Gianoli

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 December 14 & 15, 2024

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$3,245.00
Plate Offering	\$ 106.00
Total	\$3,351.00
In Memory of Arlene (Arla) Furlano	\$3,995.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Year of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Peace to you! We are just a couple days away from Christmas Day! I hope that you have been able to spiritually prepare for this celebration by prayer, sacrifice, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to everyone who stayed after Sunday Mass to help decorate the church for Christmas and to participate in our parish Advent Mission, with the talk by Dominic Carstens.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica to inaugurate the Jubilee year of 2025, which will close on Jan. 6th, 2026. It is a momentous occasion, a year set aside for the forgiveness of sin, conversion, and joyful celebration. Pope Boniface VIII called the first jubilee in the year 1300 and thousands of pilgrims made their way to Rome to visit the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul.

Years of jubilee originally come from the Old Testament and the people of Israel. The word "jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which refers to the ram's horn used to announce a jubilee year. God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves and the forgiveness of debts. "*This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, every one to his own family estate*" (Lev. 25:10). Like the sabbath, which took place on the seventh day of each week, the jubilee was a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another.

Since 1300 AD, the intervals between the Christian jubilee years have shortened, from the biblical 50 years to every 25 years at present. This year's Jubilee marks the first 25 years of this millennium since Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Great Jubilee in 2000. It is an opportunity to review the last 25 years and to pray for renewal.

Pope Francis has called this 2025 jubilee a "Year of Evangelization" with the motto "Pilgrims of Hope". In his decree for the Holy Year, Pope Francis wrote, "The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 25).

What are some of the hallmarks of a Jubilee year? The first would be the Jubilee Indulgence. The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence – remission of all temporal punishment (time in Purgatory) for sin– by meeting the normal conditions (confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the pope's intentions, and no attachment to sin) and by participating in one of the following activities:

- Pilgrimage: The four major basilicas in Rome are the main pilgrimage destinations, but pilgrims may also go to the Holy Land, their diocesan cathedral or other officially designated locations. Each of the four major basilicas in Rome have a "Holy Door", which is a door that is only opened during a Holy Year. The pope opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the beginning of each jubilee year. Passing through the holy doors symbolizes the pilgrim's journey of conversion.
- Pious visits to sacred places: At these locations, the faithful are to engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, among other spiritual practices.
- Works of mercy and penance: The faithful are to perform the spiritual or corporal works of mercy or carry out works of penance, such as abstaining from meat on Fridays.

The Year of Jubilee offers the chance of a new beginning. The faithful who are able to go on pilgrimage to Rome will experience something which Christians have done for millenia, visiting the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul and ask for the grace of deeper conversion. Even if one cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome, we can bring the Jubilee to our own parish through prayer and pilgrimage to another closer holy site. When Pope Francis opens the Holy Door, he invites us all to step through with renewed hope in Our Lord Jesus Christ and His promise to be with us always to help us bring His Gospel and hope to all people.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Advent Parish Mission: 65 Days with Christ

Please join us this Sunday, December 22nd after the 9:30 AM Mass for a time of reflection and prayer. Mr. Dominic Carstens will give a talk after Mass and there will be a time for prayer. Dominic Carstens, from Soldiers Grove, WI, is a faithful young man who was blessed to be able to participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Revival. He is excited to share some stories and lessons learned from walking with Jesus for 65 days! Expect to hear moving stories and insightful lessons on our Eucharistic Lord and the work He accomplished this past summer!

Congratulations!

Our 2nd grade parishioners received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this past Sunday. What a blessing to be cleansed from sins and receive God's loving forgiveness!

Opportunities to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Charles

Every Saturday from 3:15-3:45 pm

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

St. Charles Parish Pilgrimage in 2025

I am looking into leading a Parish pilgrimage to Italy in the Fall of 2025, during the Holy Year. I am looking at the dates September 29-October 8, 2025. The pilgrimage would include Rome and going through the Holy Doors, Assisi, and Milan. In Rome and Milan we would stop at sites significant in the life of St. Charles Borromeo, our parish patron. I would like to get a sense of how many people would be interested in such a pilgrimage. If you are at all interested in going, please let me know ASAP so that I can proceed with the planning process. – Fr. Sedlacek

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

This retreat is for young adults aged 18-35 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.

Coming January 1st: The Rosary in a Year Podcast!

Ascension Press is launching a new Podcast from Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR: *The Rosary in a Year*. If you've ever struggled to build a habit of prayer, this podcast is for you. In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world. Listen to discover....

-How to build a daily habit of prayer

-How to form a relationship with Jesus and Mary

-The Biblical foundations of the Rosary

-How to meditate with sacred art (visio divina), saint writings, and scripture (lectio divina)

-The power of Mary's influence in your life...and more.

Go to the following website to sign up and to receive the prayer plan that Fr. Mark-Mary will be following for the podcast. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/riy-signup>

St. Charles School News

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated for our school Santa Sale and for all the contributions to the giving tree at the entrance to the school which will go to families in need.

Save the Date! Bingo January 5th

Bingo will be played on Sunday, January 5th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm after Fellowship - food and drinks available.

Gift Cards to Support our School!

Orders for physical gift cards were due back to the Parish Office on December 13th. Although you may have missed the deadline, you can still earn money back for St. Charles School by purchasing electronic gift cards on the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with any questions. Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

Donations Needed! Second Hand Shack

The Secondhand Shack are in need of donations – clean items in good condition. The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street, La Crosse. Our School's Parent-Teacher Organization benefits from your purchases, volunteer hours, and donations at Second Hand Shack. Sarah Studinger is the owner/operator and is passionate about supporting the community by donating a portion of her profits to local non-profits. Thank you to Second Hand Shack for partnering with St. Charles!

News from the Diocese and our Community

Annual Ukrainian Christmas Dinner - Jan. 11

You are invited to a delicious multi-course Ukrainian Christmas dinner hosted by Valentyna Pavsyukova and her Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine. The annual fundraiser will feature special guest Vitalii Kryvytskyi, Bishop of Kiev, who will speak about the current situation in Ukraine. Valentyna will also share about the work of Chalice of Mercy, which has delivered over \$80 million worth of medical and humanitarian supplies to her suffering homeland. Don't miss this colorful, faith-filled evening of live Ukrainian music, delicious food, and servers in traditional garb, on Saturday evening, January 11, at the Lilydale Dance Hall & Event Center in Chippewa Falls. For complete details, visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy

Upcoming Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program – Feb 14-16

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins with a weekend stay in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration call: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at HelpOurMarriage.org.

Save the Date! Men of the Cross: Forgiveness and Freedom – March 8, 2025

Our diocesan men's conference will be held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Bob Kroll will be the keynote speaker and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Battersby. More information is coming soon!

After-Care Workers Needed

Blessed Sacrament Elementary School is looking for After-Care Workers, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm (hours are flexible). Interested? Contact Kate Moll (kate.moll@aquinasschools.org / 608-782-5564)

This Christmas, Help Catholic Charities Love our Neighbors in Need

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst (especially in winter) to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Especially in this holy season of Christmas, find out how you can help by visiting cclse.org, or by scanning the QR code to the right.

La Crosse Jail Ministry

Chaplain Ann Wales hopes that you can help the ministry this holiday season with a donation of money or supplies to the La Crosse Jail Ministry. Information on giving or our needed supplies can be found on their website: <https://lacrossejailministry.org/support-us/>.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Dec. 22: Advent Parish Mission. After 9:30 AM Mass

Tue. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Mass. 4:00 PM

Wed. Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass. 9:30 AM

Wed. Jan 01: Holy Day of Obligation: Mary, Mother of God. Mass at 8:30 AM and 7 PM

Sat. Jan. 04: Mass at St. Mary's hermitage. 9:00 AM