

The Baptism of the Lord January 11 & 12, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 13 - 19, 2025

01/13/25	Monday	NO MASS
01/14/25	Tuesday	NO MASS
01/15/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/16/25	Thursday	NO MASS
01/17/25	Friday	8:00 AM Consolation of Wells' family
01/18/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Arla Furlano
01/19/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Jan. 18: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Jan. 19: 9:30 AM: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Jan. 18: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Jan. 19: 9:30 AM: Easton & Dekker Eckes;
Salvatori Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 19: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Jan. 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

Mon. Jan. 27: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy
Stokke

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 January 4 & 5, 2025

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$3,960.00
Plate Offering	\$ 277.75
In Memory	\$ 25.00
Total	\$4,262.75

From the Pastor's Desk
The Child Jesus, Infant of Prague

Peace to you! We pray for all the victims of and those in danger from the wildfires in the Los Angeles area. I have been surprised with how many people I know who have family or friends affected by the fire. I have been watching closely, since I too have friends who are Carmelite Sisters in Alhambra. I have been there twice and love visiting them!

Every Friday I have "Time with Father" at our school, during which I visit each of the classrooms and teach a little lesson to our parish children, often related to our Catholic Faith. Since January 14th is the feast of the Feast of the Infant of Prague, and I am somewhat proud of my Bohemian/Czech heritage, I felt the pull to tell them the story about the Infant of Prague.

Devotion to the Infant of Prague began in the 17th century in Prague, Bohemia, with the religious order called the Carmelites. An invading army had laid siege to Prague, and in the aftermath, the Carmelite church where the original statue of the Child Jesus (which was a gift from the princess of Bohemia) was ransacked. Father Cyril, a Carmelite Priest, discovered the priceless statue in a pile of rubble and garbage. He took the statue back into the church and noticed that the hands had been broken off. Unable to locate the missing hands, he began to pray and as he was meditating on the Incarnation of Our Lord, he sensed these words coming from the statue: "Have mercy on Me, and I will have mercy on you. Give Me hands, and I will give you peace. The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you."

Fr. Cyril found someone who repaired the statue and replaced the hands, and since then, and throughout the centuries, a tremendous number of blessings have come to those who invoke the Infant of Prague, such as the restoration of good health, spiritual gifts of mental peace and healing, and the resolution of financial difficulties. The original statue of the Infant of Prague resides in the Carmelite church of Our Lady Victorious in Prague to this day. I have been able to visit Prague and see the Infant three times.

When visiting the classrooms, I brought with me a "show and tell" item – our parish has a statue of the Infant of Prague which was in our church for some years, starting around 1938. I now have it in the parish rectory. It was given "in memory of Stephen Pedretti." I am wondering if anyone knows more information about this statue.

During the end of this Christmas season, let us continue to meditate on the first years of Jesus' life. And let us ask our Blessed Mother and our patron, St. Charles Borromeo, to intercede for us to the Child Jesus in all our needs and especially that many graces be bestowed upon our diocese, our parish, and our families.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Snow Shovellers NEEDED

We need some men of the parish to help with snow removal at St. Charles this winter. This would entail coming early (around 5:45 AM) on school days to help shovel or snow-blow the sidewalk in front of the school and church. Father Sedlacek can train you. Thank you!

Women's Book Club

The women's book club will be reading 'The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis for our next book. All women are welcome! We will be meeting Wednesday, January 15th at 6pm in the Lello Room and discussing chapters 1-5. Please contact Tessa if you are interested in joining at 401-487-8406.

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St. Charles Parish Pilgrimage in 2025

I am planning on leading a pilgrimage to Italy in the Fall of 2025, during the Holy Year. Dates: September 29-October 8, 2025. The pilgrimage includes Rome and going through the Holy Doors, Assisi, and Milan. In Rome and Milan we will stop at sites significant in the life of St. Charles Borromeo, our parish patron. We are trying to keep the cost somewhere around \$6,000 per person. If you are at all interested in going, please let me know ASAP so that I can proceed with the planning process. – Fr. Sedlacek

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!

St. Charles School News

Thank You!

We appreciated all those who came out last Sunday for Bingo and to support our school. It was very fun!

Open House at St. Charles 4K-6th Grades – Feb. 2nd

Please join us after Mass (10:30-Noon) on Sunday, February 2, to view the classrooms, meet our teachers, see what our school is about, and get your questions answered. Please grab a brochure in the back of church and pass the word along to anyone who might consider enrolling their children at our school.

Save the Dates! Future School/Community Events

* **Sip 'n Paint will be Sunday, Feb 2nd** from 1-3 pm in the school gym. Adults and kids are welcome. Watch for flyer with more details to come next week.

* **Trivia Night - Saturday, Feb 22nd** starts at 6 pm. Get working on your team! Flyer coming with more details!

* **Fish Fry!** We plan to host 3 this year during Lent. More information will come out in February

* **Spring Carnival is on Sunday, April 27th, 2025** and we've got some great new games! We will be working on collecting any donations/items etc. for the Jar game, bucket raffle and additional prizes. We will still have the CAKE walk for anyone who loves to bake. We can't do it without our great Volunteers, so please consider helping us in any way you can. If you are interested in helping, please let Jessie Cina know. Drop off donated items anytime at school or church with it clearly labeled "Spring Carnival."

2025-2026 Aquinas Catholic Schools Enrollment

Enrollment for Aquinas Middle School, and Aquinas High School opens soon: Current family re-enrollment begins Monday, January 6, 2025. NEW student enrollment opens Monday, January 20, 2025 Call (608) 784-8585 to schedule a tour! Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment to get started. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

Open House at Aquinas Middle School and High School – Wed. Jan. 15

Wednesday, January 15, 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Commons Area. Tours of the school and paperwork for families new to Aquinas Middle or High School. Learn about student organizations. Meet Aquinas Middle and High school faculty and staff. All potential and current Aquinas families welcome to learn more about our school.

Box Tops for Education

We can support our School by buying Box Tops products, scanning our receipts, and turning them in via the Box Tops App. There are other ways to send in your earnings as well. Find more information in the church vestibule. Little by little, we can make a big difference!

Gift Cards to Support our School!

You can earn money for St. Charles School by purchasing gift cards (both physical and electronic) on the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with any questions. Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

News from the Diocese and our Community

“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.

Join Tens of Thousands at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Sign up for the Pilgrimage for Life, Jan. 22-26, our diocesan participation in the national March for Life in our nation’s Capital. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults, families, and young people to bear witness to the sanctity of human life. To learn more, visit diolc.org/pilgrimageforlife

Making Saints: UW-L Newman Parish Campus Ministry Fundraiser

Our young Church is alive! Christ is moving on La Crosse college campuses, and we want to share these stories with you. You’re invited to join us Saturday, February 1st at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for an evening including dinner, student testimonies, a silent and dessert auction, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Billy Dodge of course). Dinner Registration Open Now. Registration details can be found by visiting www.roncallinewmancenter.com/making-saints-2025 Registration closes January 24th. If you have any questions or are interested in donating an item to our silent auction, please contact Adele at media@newmanlc.org. Hope to see you there!

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

Will be held March 8, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. We are excited to have Bob Kroll as our keynote speaker and Mass with Bishop Battersby. More information is coming soon!

Pause Netflix, Try ALPHA

Jesus’ first words in his public ministry were “Come and see”. Mary, Mother of the Church parish invites you to bring your friends, family, co-workers or anyone else who wants to explore the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

ALPHA is a series of interactive sessions that will take place on Mondays from March 17 – June 9 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Dinner is provided each night! There are 11 sessions in the Parish Hall and a weekend away. To sign up please email Kimberly Krejchik at alpha@mmoclacrosse.org. Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse.

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)

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Jan 12: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass in the School
Wed. Jan 22: Middle School and High School Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM
Jan 26-Feb 1: Catholic Schools Week
Sat. Feb. 01: 1st Saturday Mass at St. Mary’s Hermitage 9 AM
Sun. Feb. 02: Open House at St. Charles School after the 9:30 AM Mass
Sun. Feb. 02: Sip n’ Paint from 1-3 pm at St. Charles School
Sat. Feb. 22: Trivia Night. 6 PM at St. Charles School