

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18 & 19, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 20 - 26, 2025

01/20/25	Monday	NO MASS
01/21/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Terry Pitzner
01/22/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/23/25	Thursday	8:00 AM Consolation of Wells' Family
01/24/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Lynn Umberger
01/25/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Terry Pitzner
01/26/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Jan. 25: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Jan. 26: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Jan. 25: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 26: 9:30 AM Arianna Trussoni;
Ezio Olson & Emma Kendhammer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 26: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Feb. 03: 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 January 11 & 12, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need **\$7,032.69**

Adult Envelopes **\$3,692.00**

Plate Offering **\$215.00**

Solemnity of Mary **\$197.00**

Votive Lights **\$8.00**

Religious Education **\$30.00**

Total **\$4,142.00**

From the Pastor's Desk

Jubilee 2025

Peace to you! Thank for all your prayers this week as I was on retreat. They were felt and effective! Please note below the special opportunity to bring the candles that you burn in your home to church to be blessed on Sunday, February 2nd (or at the 4 pm Mass on Saturday Feb 1st), which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 40 days after Christmas day. This day is also called "Candlemas." I will write more about this tradition of our Catholic faith next weekend.

This year, 2025, is a Jubilee Year. What is a Jubilee Year and what does it mean for us? In the weeks ahead, I plan to go through both Bishop Battersby's decree on the Designation of Churches and Sacred Places for Pilgrimage for the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 and Pope Francis' Papal Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year and to offer my explanations. I hope it is helpful to you. Please find below the first paragraph from Pope Francis.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

SPES NON CONFUNDIT

Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

Francis, Bishop of Rome

Servant of the Servants of God

To all who read this letter, may hope fill your hearts

1. *SPES NON CONFUNDIT*. "Hope does not disappoint" (*Rom* 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those *pilgrims of hope* who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. *Jn* 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (*1 Tim* 1:1).

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome.

Source: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

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!

Christmas Flowers

If you choose, the Christmas flowers which your family donated to the church may be picked up and taken home after Mass this weekend or next weekend. If you choose to keep them in the church, we will use them to decorate the church until they fade or Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

Blessing of Candles – Feb 1st and 2nd

We have a unique opportunity this year, since February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, falls on a Sunday. Before the Masses that weekend, there will be a blessing of candles and short procession from the

back of the church. The candles blessed that day will be used for the blessing of throats after Mass (since the feast of St. Blaise, Feb. 3, falls on a Monday). If you have any candles from home that you would like me to bless and to take back home with you, please plan to bring them to Mass Feb 1st or Feb 2nd. Place them on the table in the back of church and make sure you have your name on a piece of paper under them (or in the bag with them).

Update! St. Charles Pilgrimage in 2025

I should be getting the contract this week and the detailed itinerary for the pilgrimage to Italy which will take place 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. The estimated cost is \$6,500 per person. If you are at all interested in going, please let me know ASAP so that I can keep you updated. – Fr. Sedlacek

St. Charles School News

Charity for Catholic Schools – Project Heifer

During Catholic Schools Week, Jan 26 – Feb 1st, our students are having a Penny War to raise money for Project Heifer (please see flyer enclosed). We would love to be able to add your donation to our total to benefit families and villages in needy countries. Just put your donation in the basket at Mass one of those two weekends. Please place it in a separate envelope that is marked “Project Heifer” and we'll add your total to the students'. The Student Council will meet to decide how to best spend the money. Thank you so much!

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.

Sip 'N Paint – Feb. 2nd

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 – Sat. Feb 22nd

Food and Drinks available at 5:30 pm. Trivia begins at 6:00 pm. Where: St. Charles School Gym, 707 Eagle St. Genoa, WI 54632. How much? \$10 per player. Teams can be 2-10 people. (\$5-10 lifelines available for purchase through the evening). Cash Prizes and 50/50 raffle. How to sign up? Call Mariette at the parish office 608-689-2642. Or email at mdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org No team? No problem. Sign up and we will find you a team.

Save the Dates! Future School/Parish Events

* **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.

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. Thank you to Second Hand Shack for partnering with St. Charles!

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.

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. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at tinyurl.com/ beholdprayer.

March for Life Prayer – La Crosse

In solidarity with the March for Life in Washington, D.C., there will be a local hour of prayer outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia St. in La Crosse, on Saturday, January 25, from 11 a.m. – noon. All are invited to join in this pro-life witness sponsored by La Crosse Life League.

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). 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)

Parish Events Calendar

Wed. Jan 22: Middle School and High School Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM
Sun. Jan 26: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass in the School
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