

The Epiphany of the Lord January 4 & 5, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 6 – 12, 2025

01/06/25	Monday	NO MASS
01/07/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Jill Birkenholz
01/08/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/09/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Mary Lou Roe
01/10/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Fr. John Moser
01/11/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Sr. Rosalie Bauer FSPS
01/12/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Jan. 11: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. Jan. 12: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Jan. 11: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 12: 9:30 AM: Felicity, Abigail &
William Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 12: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Jan. 13: Priscilla Martin; Marian Naegle;
Linda Pedretti

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

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 28 & 29, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need \$ 7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$ 8,878.00

Adult (Christmas Envelopes) \$ 5,585.00

Adult (Solemnity of Mary) \$ 100.00

Votive Candles \$ 11.00

Plate Offering \$ 690.00

Total \$15,264.00

From the Pastor's Desk
Updates on Inspired by the Spirit

Peace to you! I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and Happy start of the New Year. Remember that Christmas season continues officially until Sunday, January 12th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally, the Christmas season continues until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which is 40 days after Christmas day.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed and who continue to give to the *Inspired by the Spirit* Capital Campaign. We are just over a year and a half into our 5-year campaign, which runs from June 2023-June 2028. In this short amount of time, we have already accomplished so much! Recall that the campaign goes to both needs at our parish and at the Diocese.

Goal: \$215,000
Total Pledged: \$242,566.25 (112.82% of Goal)
Total Received (as of Jan. 3, 2025): \$147,578.69 (68.64% of total pledged)
Total Collected for St. Charles Parish projects: \$87,683.49

Early summer 2024, we tackled our first parish project for the Inspired Campaign and repaired the bell tower and put metal fascia all the way around the church's eaves. We estimated that the cost of that project would be about \$25,000. Our bills came in at \$24,568.

Last summer, we also took measures to work on the water leaking into the church basement. Without tapping into our Campaign account at the diocese, we managed to put up new gutters (and gutter covers) on the north side of the church and the west side of the school. This cut down the amount of water flowing around the north and east side of the church and had a significant impact.

A group of volunteers also took a day to gut the very decrepit interior walls that were in the church basement, and to remove a lot of extra items which needed to go away. It was hard work, but it opened up the church basement into one large room and allows us to now see all the of rock walls. This has helped us monitor the water leaking, which seems to be the worst on the south side (parking lot side). With all of these measures, the water problems in the basement has been drastically reduced this past year.

This year's (2024-June 2025) Diocesan Annual Appeal is off to the best start since I have been pastor here. With 41 donors, we are already at 95% of our goal of \$23,310 with \$22,300 pledged/received. Remember that any money collected for the Diocesan Annual Appeal that is over our goal comes back to our parish 100% and "tax-free", that is, it is not calculated in our annual quota to the diocese. (The diocesan "quota" is calculated from a percentage of the giving to our parish).

Thank you so much to everyone who gives so much to support our parish and school, not only with "treasure" but also with your time and talents! I am truly amazed at the generosity of our parish family and that God is blessing us with growing vitality and vibrancy in our faith. It is a blessing to be your pastor.

I am excited to lead a Parish pilgrimage to Rome and Milan during the 2025 Jubilee year. Please let me know if you are interested in coming on such a trip and continue to check for updates in the bulletin.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Fellowship and Bingo Today (Sunday)

On Sunday, January 5th we have our first fellowship gathering of 2025 after the 9:30 AM Mass. A great way to start the new year is to stop in and meet some new friends and enjoy the company of old friends; and support each other as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There will also be Bingo from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm after Fellowship. Donations will benefit St. Charles School. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out to have fun while supporting a good cause!

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.

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!

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

St. Charles School News

Bingo Sunday, January 5th

Bingo will be played on Sunday, January 5th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm after Fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors to come!

Thank You!

The teachers and staff at St. Charles School want to thank the anonymous donor for the Christmas gift as well as the Finance Council and Parish for the Christmas bonus for all school staff. Thank you for supporting us and our school!

Next PTO meeting

Tuesday Jan. 7th at 5:30 pm in the school gym.

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. Mitrussoni@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

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 January 13 - March 24 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Dinner is provided each night! There are 11 sessions in the Parish Hall and a weekend away February 28 & March 1, 2025. To sign up please email Kimberly Krejchik at alpha@mmoclacrosse.org. Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse.

"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 Benefit Dinner

You're invited! Join us for Roncalli Newman Center's Annual Campus Ministry Banquet on

Saturday, February 1st, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 130 Losey Boulevard S, La Crosse, WI Itinerary:

Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish 4:30pm
Social Hour & Silent Auction 5:30pm
Dinner & Program 6:30pm. Swing Dance to follow. (with lessons from Fr. Billy Dodge!)

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!

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 05: Fellowship after 9:30 AM Mass. Bingo to benefit the School after Fellowship.

Tues. Jan 07: School PTO meeting in the gym. 5:30 PM

Wed. Jan 08: Middle School and High School Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM

Thur. Jan 09: Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction 7:00-8:00 PM. Sacrament of Reconciliation as well.

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