

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15 & 16, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 17-23, 2025

02/17/25	Monday	NO MASS
02/18/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Oscar Olson
02/19/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
02/20/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Frex & Arla Furlano
02/21/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Guthrie Larson
02/22/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Frex & Arla Furlano
02/23/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Feb. 22: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Feb. 23: 4:00 PM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. Feb. 22: 9:30 AM: Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 23: 9:30 AM: Ezio Olson, Abigail & Thomas Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Feb. 23: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Feb. 17: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. Feb. 24: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

Ushers (February 2025))

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse

Sunday: Conrad Kirby, Tom Urbanek & Chris Stokke

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.

<u>Sacrificial Giving</u>	February 8 & 9, 2025
<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,909.00
Plate Offering	\$ 183.00
Votive Lights	\$ 17.00
Total	\$2,109.00

From the Pastor's Desk
Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Peace to you! I am very grateful to God for the gift of being the pastor of so many amazing disciples of Jesus Christ. I am also grateful to finally have some beautiful winter snow. It brightens my day... even if the day is extremely frigid.

I had promised to look through Bishop Battersby decree on the Jubilee Year and to offer my comments on it. The Jubilee Year began on December 24th, 2024 and will continue until Jan. 6th, 2026. Our bishop, Gerard Battersby, issued a decree on Dec. 23rd, 2024 that designated some churches to be places of pilgrimage in our Diocese throughout the Jubilee Year.

Quoting Pope Francis, Bishop states, "Hope is, 'the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years.... Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, *pilgrims of hope* will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full.'"

In his decree, Bishop Battersby explains that the Jubilee Indulgence (more explanation about that next week!) can be obtained by going on a pious pilgrimage. The usual place of pilgrimage for a Jubilee year to obtain this indulgence is the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome. I am excited to offer that opportunity for those who are able to go this year. For those who cannot go to Rome this Jubilee, there are other places. I hope to be able to lead a group of parishioners on a more local Jubilee pilgrimage. Please stay tuned for that.

However, Bishop explains, the Pope gave each bishop the ability to designate places for pilgrimage in his own diocese. And so, our Bishop states in his decree, "Therefore, in communion with our Holy Father and in the spirit of pastoral solicitude for the Christian faithful entrusted to my care, I, Gerard William Battersby, Bishop of La Crosse, in accordance with the Papal Bull for the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, designate the following church and holy places as places of pilgrimage: The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Eau Claire, Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church in Wausau, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Nekoosa."

These churches then are places of pilgrimage. I will explain more about the conditions for receiving the spiritual benefits of a Jubilee indulgence by going on pilgrimage next week.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Family Game Day - February 16

Bring your family and friends to St. Charles to play games with the community! Sunday, Feb. 16th from 10:30 AM until ?. There will be games for all ages, indoor and out (weather permitting) - Board games, cards, puzzles, team games, and more. Feel free to bring games you enjoy and would like to share for the day. Potluck style food available – feel free to contribute a dish if you can. Open to the public and all ages. We hope to have Game Day once a month. See you there!

Women's Book Club – Feb 26

The next book for women's book club will be 'Hail, Holy Queen' by Scott Hahn. We will be meeting at St. Charles in the Lello Room on Wednesday, February 26th at 6pm. All women are welcome! Please contact the parish office to RSVP or with any questions!

Evening of Hope | Feb. 22, 2025 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse

The Jubilee Year of 2025 ("Pilgrims of Hope") is underway worldwide, and the first big event in our Diocese will be an Evening of Hope with Bishop Battersby at the Cathedral in La Crosse. This will be next week Saturday, February 22nd.

4:30 PM – Holy Mass with Papal Blessing – Main Cathedral Church
5:30 PM – Adoration with Jubilee Reflection by: Bishop Battersby – Main Cathedral Church
5:30 PM – 7 PM – Confessions – Main Cathedral Church
7:00 PM – Benediction – Main Cathedral Church

Healing Service - Monday, March 3, 2025

You are invited to a Healing Service on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cashton, WI. This special evening offers an opportunity to experience God's grace through prayer, worship, and individual prayer ministry. All are welcome to attend. 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.*

Interested in Helping with Funeral Luncheons?

Funeral luncheons are now catered but we still need help setting up and cleanup after the event. You would not be committed to every funeral. There will be two different lists, you can sign up for one or both (worker list and/or dessert list). If you need to update your info or want to be added to the worker and/or dessert list please contact Diane Nickelatti by emailing or calling the parish office 608-689-2642. Thank you so much for your support.

St. Charles Pilgrimage in 2025

If you mentioned to Father Sedlacek that you were interested in the pilgrimage to Italy, Father Sedlacek should have emailed you on Saturday the detailed itinerary and how to sign up. The pilgrimage will be September 29-October 8, 2025. The pilgrimage includes Rome and going through the Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year, visiting Assisi, Milan, Orvieto and more. In Rome and Milan we will stop at sites significant in the life of St. Charles Borromeo, our parish patron. The cost is \$6,300 per person (including flights). If you are at all interested in going, please let me know ASAP so that I can keep you updated. – Fr. Sedlacek

Men's Service Group

St. Charles is a great parish! We have thrived because of the generosity and volunteer spirit of our parish families. Continuing that tradition, we are now looking for a group of men to come together and create an informal work group. The objective is to identify various improvement projects for our church, school, rectory, and grounds. We can then use the gifts that God has granted each of us to collectively take care of our parish. If you are interested, please call or email Dylan Flansburgh and Conrad Kirby via Fr. Sedlacek or the Parish Office.

Remembering our Children

St. Charles installed the Frances Garden section for babies and children in our cemetery six years ago. There are spaces for burial for babies and infants (stillborn and miscarried) and a memorial stone for all our parish children who were called home at such a young age. If you or someone you know who may want to add a name to the memorial stone this year, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Beth Mitchell via the Parish Office. We will have a memorial/prayer service for all on our memorial stone on Sunday, July 6th.

St. Charles School News

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.

Fish Fry Dates - Mark your calendars!

Fridays of Lent: March 7, March 21, and April 4th! Eat in or get it to go. While you visit, play some games & enjoy the camaraderie!

Spring Carnival is April 27th, 2025!

New and exciting games for even more family fun!

Do you have items you want to donate for games, prizes, bucket raffle, kitchen goodies, ect please either drop off labeled "Spring Carnival" or contact Jessie, or another parent/staff at school or back of church.

VOLUNTEERS: We can't do it without you! Sign up will be coming out closer to but if you know where or what let Jessie Cina know now by contacting the Parish Office. Thank you so much!

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!

News from the Diocese and our Community

Healing the Whole Person 8 Week Series

Discover transformational freedom in Christ! Engage your story with honesty, discover Jesus's presence even in fear, doubt or pain, accept His invitation to make you whole, live in His freedom and transform the world. Learn from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland what is taught and experienced at the conference brought here locally in this 8-week video series. Sessions will be held at Mary Mother of the Church Parish starting on February 20 and running for 8 consecutive weeks from 6:30-8 pm (with optional offerings some nights after the session is over.) There is no charge to attend. Registration is required and limited. For questions or to register, email Natalie. NatalieElskamp@gmail.com

Cabin Feverfest – March 2

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Middle Ridge (Rockland) is holding their annual Euchre tournament and Soup Luncheon on Sunday March 2nd. Doors open at 12:00 noon and card games will begin at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch and entry into the tournament. Call the parish office at 608-452-4680 with any questions.

Men of the Cross “Freedom in Forgiveness” | Mar. 8, 2025 | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse

There is Freedom in Forgiveness! Maybe you have been carrying around the same burden for a long time. Maybe you really don't understand forgiveness, how to forgive others, or how to forgive yourself. You may have forgotten what it feels like to be free. Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, allowing them to help other men break the chains that

bind them so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us. Details:

Who: All men (High School students who attend with a parent or guardian are free.)

When: Mar. 8, 2025

Where: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, La Crosse, WI

Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch!)

Registration: menofthecross.org

Speakers: Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby

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.

“Still the Answer” Eucharistic Rally – Aug 9

“Be still and know that I am God” (Ps. 46). Saturday, August 9th, 2025 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire. Are you ready for a renewed encounter with Jesus, truly present in the holy Eucharist? Gather with people from around the diocese for “Still the Answer” including a eucharistic procession and Mass with Bishop Battersby, compelling speakers, music and more. Be inspired to keep Jesus' Eucharistic presence at the center of your life. More details coming soon!

Parish Events Calendar

Wed. Feb. 19: Middle School and High School Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM

Sat. Feb. 22: Trivia Night. 6 PM at St. Charles School

Sun. Feb. 23: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass in the School

Wed. Feb. 26: Women's Book Club 6 PM. Lello Room St. Charles School

Fri. Mar. 07: St. Charles School Fish Fry