

The Presentation of the Lord February 1 & 2, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 3 - 9, 2025

02/03/25	Monday	NO MASS
02/04/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Frex & Arla Furlano
02/05/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
02/06/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Sister Eileen Newman FSPA
02/07/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Arla Furlano
02/08/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Kay Kozelka
02/09/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Feb. 08: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. Feb. 09: 4:00 PM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Feb. 08: 9:30 AM: Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 09: 9:30 AM: William Mitchell; Henry & Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Feb. 02: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Feb. 04: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Mon. Feb. 10: Priscilla Martin; Marian Naegle; Linda Pedretti

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.

Sacrificial Giving January 25 & 26 2025

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$1,820.00

Plate Offering \$ 253.00

In Memory of Bonnie Venner \$ 40.00

Catholic Times \$ 60.00

Support Our School \$ 50.00

Total **\$2,223.00**

From the Pastor's Desk

A Light to the Nations

Peace to you! Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which marks the event when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus into the Temple 40 days after his birth (Feb. 2 is 40 days after Dec. 25). A major theme of prayer on this day was spoken by the holy man, Simeon, when He saw the infant Jesus. He said that Jesus is "a light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of Your people, Israel." And so, the tradition came about that on this day we bless candles, those means by which physical light is sustained.

Jesus is the light of "the nations" (which means everyone). He scatters the darkness of sin, ignorance, and evil. How interesting then that Jesus said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world." He says that we should not hide our light under a bushel basket, but set it on a lampstand so that the room will be filled with light. We are meant to be like a "candle" - our lives like the fuel needed for the light of Jesus to shine. One interesting thing about candles is that in order for the fire and the light to be maintained, the candle/wax has to be consumed. So too, when we follow Jesus and "let our light" shine, this is not without "cost." But it is a cost that is worth it! It is worth giving our entire lives to be with Jesus and to allow Him to bring the light of salvation to others. Because, as Jesus said, "In the measure that you give, you will receive." When we work for Jesus, we receive much more than we give, because we receive more fully the greatest gift of all: Christ Himself.

I believe that Jesus is calling us, our parish, to be a light to "all nations," a candle or a "community of candles" that receive the light of Christ and then bring it to others. This mission requires that we make sacrifices of our time, our resources, and our very selves. And so, I ask each parishioner to be praying daily for the next few weeks with the intention, "that the Holy Spirit to help us see how Jesus wants us to respond to His invitation."

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

St. Charles Parish News

Fellowship Today (Sunday)!

Come over to the School after Sunday Mass for fellowship after Mass Sunday.
As February is St. Valentine's Day month, let's show our love for each other with food and conversation on "Candlemas" Day.

Interested in Helping with Funeral Luncheons?

Funeral luncheons are now catered but we still need help setting up and cleanup after the event. If you are not able to work at the luncheons but would like to contribute, we also need people to make bars/deserts for a desert table. 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 bar/desert list). We are updating our worker list. If you are already on the list (please call to let us know that you want to remain on the list and any updates to your contact info). If you are not already on the list and want to be added to the worker and/or bar/desert list please give Carrol a call in the office at 608-689-2642 OR email office@stcharlesgenoa.org. Thank you so much for your support. For questions/concerns contact Diane Nickelatti at 608-689-3341 or dnickelatti@outlook.com.

St. Charles Pilgrimage in 2025

If you interested in taking a pilgrimage to Italy, Fr. Sedlacek will be leading one from 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 (including flights). If you are at all interested in going, please let me know ASAP so that I can keep you updated. – Fr. Sedlacek

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

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

On Feb. 22, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. At the end of the Mass, he will impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plenary indulgence. A Holy Hour will follow Mass, during which Bishop Battersby will offer a jubilee reflection on hope. Confessions will also be heard. The event will end with benediction at 7:00 p.m.

Future Jubilee Evenings of Hope with Bishop Battersby include:

- Saturday, May 31, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour, Confession, and 4:00 p.m. Mass (Bishop Battersby as celebrant) at Sacred Heart Church, Eau Claire; Speaker, Fr. Daniel Sedlacek (Coincides with the Jubilee of Families in Rome).
- Sunday, Oct. 12, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Confession at Resurrection Church, Wausau; Speaker, Fr. James Kurzynski (Coincides with the Jubilee of Marian Devotion in Rome).

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.*

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 any parishioners' donation to our total to benefit families and villages in needy countries. Please place your donation in a separate envelope that is marked "Project Heifer" in the collection basket at Mass or turn in to the parish office by Monday. We'll add your total to the students'. The Student Council will meet to decide how to donate the money to Project Heifer.

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.

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.

Spring Carnival – Donations Needed

St. Charles Spring Carnival will take place Sunday, April 27th at St. Charles School. We've got some great new games! We are collecting any donations/items etc. for the Jar game, bucket raffle and additional prizes. Drop off donated items anytime at school or church with it clearly labeled "Spring Carnival." We will still have the CAKE walk for anyone who loves to bake. We can't do this event 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.

2025-2026 Aquinas Catholic Schools Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open to **current AND new families!** Call (608) 784-8585 to schedule a tour! Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicsschools.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!

News from the Diocese and our Community

Catholic Schoolhouse – Homeschool Program

Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently seeking interested families for the 2025/2026 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. Please contact Jamie Thompson at lacrosecatholicschoolhouse@gmail.com if you'd like to receive additional information.

Celebrate the Feast of Blessed James Miller on Feb. 13

Blessed James Miller, FSC, is the first religious Brother from the United States to be beatified. Born in Stevens Point, WI, this local hero of faith is on the path to sainthood. You are invited to gather with others who support his cause for canonization on Feb. 13, for a graveside prayer service at St. Martin's Church Cemetery and a reception at Sacred Heart Church in Custer, WI. To learn more and to register, visit diolc.org/blessed-brother-james-miller.

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.

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.

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

Sun. Feb. 02: Open House at St. Charles School after the 9:30 AM Mass

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Wed. Feb. 5: Middle School and High School Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM

Sun. Feb 09: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass in the School

Wed. Feb. 12: Parish Finance Council Meeting 6:30 PM

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