

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 22 & 23, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 24 – March 2, 2025

02/24/25	Monday	NO MASS
02/25/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Frex & Arla Furlano
02/26/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
02/27/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
02/28/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Tom & Bonnie Venner
03/01/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Michele Serwe
03/02/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Mar. 01: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Mar. 02: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Mar. 01: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Mar. 02: 9:30 AM: Easton & Dekker Eckes;
Emma Kendhammer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Mar. 02: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Mar. 03: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Ushers (March 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.

<u>Sacrificial Giving</u>	February 15 & 16, 2025
<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,789.00
Plate Offering	\$ 185.00
Total	\$1,974.00

From the Pastor's Desk
Jubilee 2025: The Jubilee Indulgence

Peace to you! Here is another installment of explaining Bishop Battersby's decree on the Jubilee Year 2025.

In his decree, Bishop Battersby explains that the Jubilee Indulgence can be obtained by going on a pious pilgrimage. Quoting Pope Francis, Bishop explains the conditions for receiving the Jubilee 2025 indulgence by going on pilgrimage: "During the Ordinary Jubilee 2025 the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory."

Bishop also explains other ways, other than going on pilgrimage, to obtain the indulgence. One: By receiving the Apostolic Blessing at the three Diocesan Jubilee Events: February 22 at Cathedral, May 31 at Sacred Heart in Eau Claire, and October 12 at Resurrection church in Wausau. These churches are also places of pilgrimage sites. Two: By putting into practice works of mercy and penance. Three: Practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Bishop Battersby says, "Each time one of more of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy are performed, the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence is gained."

On the second point, Bishop makes a specific request to all of us, "I ask all the men and women of this Diocese to rediscover the penitential nature of Friday by abstaining from futile distractions (e.g. media and/or social media), from superfluous consumption, as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor, by supporting works of a religious or social nature."

At the end of his decree, Bishop expresses his desire that "the priests, religious and lay leaders of our parishes encourage the faithful... to embrace with great humility and a deep trust this great Jubilee year, and encourage the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. May this Jubilee year be a time for us also to recommit to the Most Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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

St. Charles Parish News

Fellowship Sunday – March 2

As March 2 is the first Sunday in March, it's time for Fellowship after Mass. Hey, if you are giving up sweets for Lent, why not a last hurrah at Fellowship which is just ahead of Ash Wednesday? With Lent soon upon us, what better time to meet fellow parishioners. See you there.

Prepare for Lent!

Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the sacred fast of Lent. Please find a special Lent edition of *Restore the Roots* inserted in the bulletin. Hopefully it will help you to prepare to enter well into this holy season of spiritual renewal and preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays from 8:45-9:15 AM, Saturdays 3:15-3:45 PM. Thursday March 13th 6:00-7:00 PM, Monday, April 14th from 9 AM-5 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse; and after the Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18th.

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!

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.*

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The campaign will begin the weekend of February 22-23, 2025 and will conclude the weekend of March 22-23, 2025.

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.

UPDATE - St. Charles Pilgrimage in 2025

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). Please let Fr. Sedlacek know if you registered to go or if you are interested in registering and need more information.

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.

ATTENTION High School Seniors – Scholarship Opportunity

The St. Charles School PTO will provide two (2) \$250 scholarships - one to a former St. Charles School student who is a graduating senior, and another \$250 scholarship to a graduating senior of a St. Charles parishioner (whether or not they attended St. Charles School). If you know of anyone interested in filling out a scholarship application for a graduating high school senior, the application will be available in the school office and in the church vestibule. They may be returned to office when completed. Applications are due April 15!

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 – March 7, March 21, and April 4

Fridays of Lent: March 7, March 21, and April 4th! Eat in or get it to go. Serving from 5 pm - 7 pm or gone, in the cafeteria. Dinner includes - 3 pieces of cod fish, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans and a bun for \$15. Drinks and desserts sold separately. While you visit, play some games & enjoy the camaraderie!

Spring Carnival is April 27th, 2025!

New and exciting games for even more family fun! **Raffle tickets** are HERE and have some really great prizes again this year! *Thank you to all our donors!!* Get your tickets from any kid/parent/staff member of St. Charles School. **Donations:** 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

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.

St. John's University Concert – Mar. 7

On March 7th the Saint John's Men's Chorus will be offering a free choral concert at Roncalli Newman Parish in La Crosse at 6:30pm. It is free and open to the public. (Free will donations are accepted.)

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

There is Freedom in Forgiveness! 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. 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

You are Invited to Alliance Family Services' "Stories of Hope" on March 14

Come to an inspiring evening of delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts, fellowship and stories of what God is doing for women and families through Alliance

Family Services, which exists to protect life, proclaim the gospel and provide support in challenging circumstances. Whether it's a pregnancy test, ultrasound, STI testing, prenatal care, well-woman exam or mentoring in life skills, Alliance Family Services is there to provide free and confidential assistance. Join them for "Stories of Hope" on March 14, from 6:00-9:00 PM at First Free Church, 123 Mason Street, Onalaska, WI

To get tickets:

<https://www.alliancefamilyservices.org/events>

Pause Netflix, Try ALPHA – March 17

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. More details coming soon

Parish Events Calendar

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

Sat. Mar. 01: Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage at 9:00 AM.

Wed. Mar. 05: Ash Wednesday. Masses at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

Fri. Mar. 07: St. Charles School Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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