

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8 & 9, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 10 - 16, 2025

02/10/25	Monday	NO MASS
02/11/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM Consolation of the Wells family
02/12/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
02/13/25	Thursday	NO MASS
02/14/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Bonnie Venner
02/15/25	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
02/16/25	Sunday	9:30 AM † Barry Haydysch

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Feb. 15: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Feb. 16: 4:00 PM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Feb. 15: 9:30 AM: Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 16: 9:30 AM: Arianna & Lorenzo

Trussoni & Emma Kendhammer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Feb. 16: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

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

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.

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

February 1 & 2, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$3,140.00
Plate Offering	\$ 268.00
In Memory of Bonnie Venner	\$ 425.00
Catholic Times	\$ 80.00
Religious Ed	\$ 30.00
Total	\$3,943.00

Sacraments and Prayer

From the Pastor's Desk

Fishers of Men

Peace to you! There is so much going on in our parish community that I have very little space in the bulletin to write a reflection. Jesus says to Simon Peter in the Gospel this Sunday, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." What fears do we have that prevent us from following Jesus and going out to "catch" more people to follow Him.

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!

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 the parish office or email Dylan Flansburgh and Conrad Kirby. Kirby7377@gmail.com

Women's Group Meeting

Women's Group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13th from 6:30-8:00 PM at the School. All women are welcome to attend. Please join us for Adoration from 6-6:30 in the church before going to the school for the meeting.

Women's Book Club

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!

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 give Carrol a call in the office at 608-689-2642 OR email Diane Nickelatti at dnickelatti@outlook.com. 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

Evenings 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 will be:

- 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.*

Thank you – Kwik Trip Rebate Donors

Thank you to everyone who elect to contribute their Kwik Trip rebates to St. Charles! We received \$570.12 the last quarter of 2024. Thank you!

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 happymitchell04@gmail.com. We will have a memorial/prayer service for all on our memorial stone on Sunday, July 6th.

St. Charles School News

Project Heifer - Thank You

With your generous donations, plus the money we earned in the penny war, \$468 was collected for Project Heifer during Catholic Schools Week! The St. Charles Student Council has decided to purchase: 2 bio-gas stoves, a share of a water buffalo, 2 flocks of chicks, 2 hives of bees, and we will be able to send a girl to school. Thank you so much for sharing your treasure with those in need.

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.

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

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.

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!

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 lacrossecatholicschoolhouse@gmail.com if you'd like to receive additional information.

Parish Events Calendar

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

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

Thur. Feb 13: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. 6:00-7:00 PM. Women's Group meeting, 6:30 PM

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