

# The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 1 & 2, 2025

## **St. Charles Borromeo Parish**

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## **Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 3 - 9, 2025**

<b>03/03/25</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>03/04/25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>03/05/25</b>	<b>Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> † Frex & Arla Furlano <b>7:00 PM</b> † Bonnie Venner
03/06/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Frex & Arla Furlano
03/07/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Guthrie Larson
03/08/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Frex & Arla Furlano
03/09/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Wed. Mar. 05: 7:00 PM: Travis Klinkner

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

Sun. Mar. 09: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

#### **Servers**

Wed. Mar. 05: 7:00 PM: Salvatori, Arianna & Lorenzo Trussoni

Sat. Mar. 08: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Mar. 09: 9:30 AM: Felicity, William & Thomas Mitchell

#### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Mar. 09: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

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

Mon. Mar. 10: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle Linda Pedretti

#### **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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 22 & 23, 2025

<b>Estimated Weekly Need</b>	<b>\$7,032.69</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$11,779.50
Plate Offering	\$ 225.00
Support Our School	\$ 370.00
Religious Education	\$ 320.00
Endowment	\$ 2,000.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 50.00
Rice Bow (Propagation of Faith)	\$ 50.00
Human Development	\$ 50.00
Mission Coop	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,894.50</b>

## From the Pastor's Desk Jubilee 2025: Media Fasting

Peace to you! Ash Wednesday and Lent is upon us! Please note the special Mass times on Ash Wednesday and some of the opportunities during Lent this year at our parish, such as Confession times, Fish Fries, and Stations of the Cross, Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services. Please pick up a Rice Bowl after Mass today and bring it back with alms before or at Easter.

I really was intrigued at Bishop Battersby's unique request of us in his decree on the Jubilee Year: "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."

Why do we fast? Why would it be good to deliberately deny ourselves something good that we want? It is good for us to fast because by it we remember that "man does not live by bread alone, but by every word from the mouth of God." We remember our dependency on God and our desire to be more attached to Him than to the things of this world. By fasting from media, we are reminding ourselves that the most important connection, information, and communication possible is that to God. How much more time we would have for prayer and works of mercy if we unplugged more from TV and our screens?

Bishop cites the penitential nature of Friday. Every Friday, we remember what Jesus did for us on Good Friday, and in love we unite our penances and sacrifices to His suffering and death. This is spiritually powerful, and prepares us for the ultimate union of hearts in suffering at the hour of our death. As we are united to Jesus in His suffering, so we hope to be united in His resurrection and victory over death. I hope that you will be able to come up with a plan for spiritual growth and put them into practice on Wednesday.

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

### St. Charles Parish News

#### Fellowship Sunday and Welcoming New Parishioners!

This Sunday is the first Sunday in March and so there will be Fellowship after 9:30 AM Mass. All are welcome, parishioners and guests!. We will especially be welcoming 11 new parishioners that have joined our parish in 2025. Plan to introduce yourself to our new parishioners and welcome them to our parish!

Timothy Gianoli

Mason and Madelyn Miller, kids Annie and Blayne

Kallin Lenz

Henry Phillips

Marsha Stross

DonnaMarie Ostricki

Tricia and Timothy Foster

Richard VanDerGeest

#### Condolences

We remember in our prayers James (Jim) Ripp, a parishioner who passed from this life on Wednesday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. We extend our condolences to his family and friends. Funeral will be at a later date. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

#### Prepare for Lent!

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the sacred fast of Lent. Please find a special Lent edition of *Restore the Roots* in the vestibule of the church to help you prepare.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sundays from 8:45-9:15 AM, Saturdays 3:15-3:45 PM.

Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 PM, Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-5 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse; and after the Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Church Discipline for Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent

Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18, 2025) are days of **fasting** for us as Catholics (Ages 18-59, except for medical exemption). "Fasting" = Eating only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary and if together do not amount to a full 2<sup>nd</sup> meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for all Catholics ages 14 and older. Meat includes all beast and fowl flesh (beef, pork, chicken, duck, etc...), but not fish or seafood.

These are days of solidarity for us as Catholics, who are walking together through this Lent. And so, as a worldwide Catholic family, we have common Lenten practices of fasting by which we lift our hearts up to God in prayer and love.

### **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 – Return Donations by March 23**

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 has begun and will conclude the weekend of March 22-23, 2025.

### **Mass of Reparation for Whole Diocese – March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Bishop Battersby invites all our clergy and the lay faithful to attend the **Mass of Reparation** at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse on Thursday, March 27 at 10:00 AM. What is this Mass about? Bishop plans to precede the Mass with prayers seeking reparation for any and all grave harm perpetrated in our diocese during our 157 year history, including harm caused by our priests and bishops. None of us can undo that harm, but we can call on Jesus to remove the barriers to his love that we have imposed, with confidence that He is eager to unleash the fire of his love throughout our diocese. With humility and repentance, we give Him full permission to do what only He can do.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **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**

### **Fish Fry Dates – March 7, March 21, and April 4**

Fridays of Lent: March 7, March 21, and April 4<sup>th</sup>! 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!

### **Thank You! - Trivia Night**

THANK YOU for supporting our school by coming to Trivia Night last Saturday and the other 4 nights we've held them. It has been a lot of fun for people - getting together, laughing with friends and family, and showing what you know. And many of you know a LOT, so don't stay home thinking you "don't know anything." The game is very simple and you are never put on the spot. It's not about speed; it's about answering 10 different questions in 10 minutes. Our next Trivia Night will be **Saturday, May 3 at 6 pm**. Please get a team together and come give it a try. We think you'll have fun!

### **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!

## **News from the Diocese and our Community**

### **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.)

### **Amara Rose Chili Cook-Off – March 8**

March 8 is the 3rd annual Chili Cook Off for the Amara Rose Foundation at the Viroqua Eagles Club in Viroqua, WI. The top competition kicks off at 1:00. We have basket raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction with baked goods. Music by Dan Sebranek and Mary! Check our website [www.AmaraRosefoundation.org](http://www.AmaraRosefoundation.org) for details and to register your chili! If you are entering a baked goods' item, please email us at [info@amararosefoundation.org](mailto:info@amararosefoundation.org) to let us know what you're bringing.

### **Men of the Cross Conference - Mar. 8, 2025**

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. 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](http://menofthecross.org) Speakers: Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby

### **MMOC Fish Fry – March 14 and 28**

Fish Fry Fridays at MMOC will be on March 14 and March 28 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Dine-in or Carry-Out. Choose from Baked or Fried Cod served with coleslaw, baked potato or fries, and a roll. A two piece dinner is \$13 and three piece dinner is \$16. Kids Menu is grilled cheese, fries and fruit for \$5. Beer, wine and dessert will be available at dine-in for an additional cost.

### **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](mailto: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

### **Coaches Needed – Aquinas Catholic Schools**

- High School Boys Varsity Head Soccer Coach
  - High School Boys Varsity Tennis Coach
  - Middle School Softball Head 7th Grade & Head 8th Grade Coaches
  - Middle School Track & Field Assistant Coaches
- Interested? Email ACS Athletic Director Pam Donarski at [pam.donarski@aquinasschools.org](mailto:pam.donarski@aquinasschools.org)

## **Parish Events Calendar**

Sat. Mar. 01: Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage at 9:00 AM.  
Sun. Mar. 02: Fellowship Sunday and Welcoming New Parishioners  
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  
Sun. Mar. 09: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass in the School  
Wed. Mar. 12: Women's Book Club 6-8 PM. Lello Room St. Charles School