

The Second Sunday in Lent March 15 & 16, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 17-23, 2025

03/17/25	Monday	NO MASS
03/18/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM Wells Arneson's family & GG. Carrol
03/19/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
	Stations of the Cross	6:30 PM
03/20/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Shelly Haydysch
03/21/25	Friday	8:00 AM Mary
03/22/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Vivian Haydysch
03/23/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Mar. 22: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

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

Servers

Sat. Mar. 22: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Mar. 23: 9:30 AM: Perpetua & Abigail Mitchell; Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

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

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.

Sacrificial Giving

March 9 & 10, 2025

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$4,687.00
Plate Offering	\$ 188.00
Votive Candles	\$ 18.00
Total	\$4,893.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Lent: A Time for Repair

A blessed Second Sunday of Lent to you! How is your Lent going so far? Please note the opportunities during Lent to practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, such as special Confession times, Fish Fries, Stations of the Cross, Rice Bowl, and the Mass of Reparation at the Cathedral on March 27th at 10 AM. I ask that, if you are able, to please attend this special Mass.

Bishop explained to the priests why he is celebrating this Mass and is asking all the priests and any of the lay faithful to attend. "What does this Mass of reparation mean? It would be good for us to take a look at the actions of the Maccabee's on behalf of their slain who had placed their trust in idolatrous amulets and not on the Lord God: they prayed in supplication that the sinful deed would be fully blotted out (2 Maccabee's 12:42). All sin has a social dimension, that is the effect the rebellion from God's plan, that reaches out in a sense to all the Body of Christ. One can say that sin leaves a mark, and that grave sin unrepaired, can even shackle a person or people from receiving the bounty God has set apart for them. Some sins cry out to heaven, as Abel's blood did (cf. Genesis 4:10). They put an obstacle in the proclamation of the Gospel and the reception of the Good News until someone on behalf of those who by death cannot repent, repents. We will gather together to repent for those ways which our ancestors and even ourselves have mortgaged our future. We do so because it is right that God's laws be obeyed, it is right that we love our neighbor as ourselves, it is right that we say sorry when we offend, it is right that we trust in faith that the blood of the Lamb of God will take away the sins of our both our past and present, if we but repent and believe in the Gospel... We repair sins that we did not commit and we repair by our act of humility the sins which hold us back in becoming the priests and people whom the Holy Spirit desires to set ablaze with evangelical fervor. **I intend to grant a partial indulgence to those who will participate in this act of reparation either in person or by video.**"

Bishop Battersby wrote, "This Mass is open to all and I ask that you encourage some form of participation on the part of your parishioners... Please ask them to pray for the bishop, the priests, the deacons, religious and laity of the Diocese. I don't expect to mention every sin that needs repairing, I expect that together we will cast off our crowns and say as one, have mercy Lord for we have sinned."

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Easter Flowers for St. Charles Church

Check out the Easter Flower order form insert in the bulletin this weekend. Copies of this form are also in the vestibule. Please place this form in an envelope with your check OR cash in the collection basket OR at the parish office by Sunday, March 30th.

Lent Opportunities

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Except April 2nd, which will be Reconciliation and Adoration with the HS/MS Religious Education students (families and parishioners welcome too!).

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

Wednesday, April 2nd 6:30-7:30 PM (HS and MS Religious Ed)

Thursday, April 10th 6:00-7:00 PM; Monday, April 14th from 9 AM-5 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Friday, April 18th after the 1 PM Good Friday Service

Church Discipline for Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent

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. 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.

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign – Return Donations by next Sunday, 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 27th

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. 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.

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, miscarried, aborted) 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!

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events

Chrism Mass will be April 15, 2025 at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. This Mass is one of the highlights of the year when the Bishop blesses the oils used in the celebration of baptism and the anointing of the sick, and consecrates the sacred chrism used in the sacraments of confirmation and holy orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them.

Confirmation Mass for our St. Charles students will be on Wednesday, April 23rd at the Cathedral. Please pray for those who are preparing from our parish: Grady Nicklay, Benjamin Penchi, Makenna Gilman, Kylee Venner.

Ordination to the Priesthood will be on Saturday, June 28th in the morning at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. Please pray for our three deacons who are preparing to be ordained priests for our diocese.

St. Charles School News

St. Charles Fish Fry – March 21 and April 4

Fridays 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!

Trivia Night – May 3

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! You know a lot more than you think, 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 and having loads of laughs with friends.

News from the Diocese and our Community

Holy Trinity Soup Suppers - Tuesdays

Holy Trinity Parish, 13th St and Park Ave. will have Mass at 5:30 p.m. on the five Tuesdays during Lent followed by a Soup Supper in Leo Hall - Free will offering. Hosted by St. Anne's Ladies and Holy Trinity Men's Club. All are welcome.

Pause Netflix, Try ALPHA – March 17

Mary, Mother of the Church parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, 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 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.

MMOC Fish Fry – March 28

Fish Fry Fridays at MMOC will be on 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.

St. Mary's Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner

The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on March 29, 2025 from 4-7 PM at St. Mary's Church, 900 Central Ave, Coon Valley. \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk, and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Morning of Reflection Women's Event - April 5

Sponsored by the La Crosse Deanery Council of Catholic Women and Catholic Daughters of America, Court 1183. Saturday, April 5th at Cathedral, 8 a.m. Mass, Breakfast, then a talk. Speaker this year is Kelly Wahlquist, a dynamic and inspiring Catholic speaker whose gift of weaving personal stories and Scripture together with practical advice allows her audience to enter more fully into being witnesses of our faith and part of the New Evangelization. Please call and let us know you are coming; Kay Kesler 608-780-0485 (text is o.k.) Email: kay@pmcmgmt.com

Pork Chop Dinner – April 12

Join us for Wheatland Fire and Rescue's Annual Pork Chop Dinner on April 12, 4:30-8:30 pm, featuring a Pie Auction/Raffle to support our volunteer fire/ems department. We invite local bakers, church groups, school clubs, and civic organizations to contribute pies and ensure the event's success.

April 26 - "Faith & Recovery: Catholic Keys to Freedom from Substance Abuse"

This inspiring morning program at Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse is a collaborative effort of the Catholic Medical Association La Crosse Guilds and the Diocesan Office for Ministries and Social

Concerns. All are invited to a breakfast program featuring two extraordinary speakers:

- Joe McGivney – A lifelong alcoholic whose brain was so damaged it led to his being institutionalized with an incurable psychosis, until one morning he woke up suddenly and completely healed.
 - Keaton Douglas – Executive Director of the iTHRIST initiative and creator of the iThirst Spiritual Companionship Training certified by Seton Hall University, which forms lay leaders and clergy for the mission of accompaniment of those suffering from substance use disorders and their families.
- For more details and to register, visit www.dioc.org/faith-recovery

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - call now. Contact Denise and Greg – 563.920.9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates: April 25-27 in Epworth, IA and September 12-14 in Dubuque, IA.

Mission Trip | July 11-19, 2025 | Augusta, GA

Holy Family Parish in Prairie du Chien has three spots open for high school age youth to attend the mission trip to Augusta, GA to help with hurricane relief. The cost is \$400. If you are interested, please contact Mary Stoeffler immediately at 563.329.0149 to get signed up.

Holy Trinity Parish "All School Reunion and Parish Picnic"

on Saturday, August 2. Anyone with any ties to the school and/or parish are welcome. Please mark your calendars and spread the word! Details are available on the Alumni Facebook page (Holy Trinity School Alumni), or email us HTLaCrosseWI@gmail.com

"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

Wed. Mar. 19: Stations of the Cross 6:30-7 PM in the church

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

Fri. Mar. 21: St. Charles School Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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

Thur. Mar. 27: Mass of Reparation. 10 AM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse

Fri. Apr. 04: St. Charles School Fish Fry 5:00 – 7:00 PM