

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 22 & 23, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 24 - 30, 2025

03/24/25	Monday	NO MASS
03/25/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Chet & Mary Bente
03/26/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
	Stations of the Cross	6:30 PM
03/27/25	Thursday	8:00 AM Mary
03/28/25	Friday	8:00 AM Mary
03/29/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Frex & Arla Furlano
03/30/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Mar. 29: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers
Sun. Mar. 30: 9:30 AM: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Mar. 29: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Mar. 30: 9:30 AM: Dekker Eckes; Arianne & Lorenzo Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Mar. 30: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Mar. 24: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke
Mon. Mar. 31: Priscilla Martin; Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

Ushers (April 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

March 15 & 16, 2025

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$4,051.00
Plate Offering	\$ 252.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 100.00
Catholic Life	\$ 60.00
Contribution (Education/School)	\$ 50.00
Total	\$4,513.00

From the Pastor's Desk
March 25th - The Annunciation

A blessed Third Sunday of Lent to you! I am looking forward to the Mass of Reparation at the Cathedral on Thursday this coming week at 10 am. If you can attend, I encourage you to do so. We desire to ask forgiveness for our sins and those of all our fellow Catholics throughout our diocese's history. We trust that Jesus will forgive us and help us to repair the damage done. We look forward in hope and trust to the future.

This Tuesday, March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. A "solemnity" is the highest level of feast day in the Church's calendar, and so this day is like a Sunday in the celebration of Mass. This feast celebrates the event when the Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of God. She said, "yes" and God the Son, who was to be named "Jesus", was conceived in her by the power of the Holy Spirit and became man. Note that this date is nine months before Christmas day, the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Easter Flowers for St. Charles Church

There are copies of an Easter Flower order form in the vestibule. If you would like to contribute to our Easter flowers for church in memory of someone, then please place this form in an envelope with your check/cash in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office by next Sunday, March 30th.

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign – Return Donations this weekend

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 concludes this weekend of March 22-23, 2025. Return any baby bottles to the box in the vestibule or return your envelopes in the collection basket.

Lenten 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

Reminder: No Meat on Fridays of Lent

Schedule for the Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 17th Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 18th Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:00 PM

Easter Vigil Mass and Renewal of Baptismal Promises, April 19th 9:00 PM

Easter Sunday Mass 9:30 AM

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.

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 is when the Bishop blesses the oils used in the celebration of the sacraments. Priests also renew their promises that they made at their ordinations and the people 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.

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.

St. Charles School News

Open House at St. Charles School – Sunday, April 6th

There will be an open house at St. Charles School from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 6th. Open to all guests and parishioners, even if you do not have school-age children. Come to tour our school, see the classrooms, and meet our teachers! This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about what our school has to offer! Light refreshments provided. Spread the word to your family and friends.

St. Charles Fish Fry – April 4th

Friday April 4th is our last Fish Fry of the Lenten season! 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!

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!

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.

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.

National Defund Planned Parenthood Protest

When: Wednesday, April 2, 4:00 p.m.

Where: Planned Parenthood-La Crosse, 1201 Caledonia Street, La Crosse, WI

More Info: Contact Marie Allen at 608-799-9196

Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion chain, but their political influence is waning, and now

they're in danger of losing their taxpayer funding. Want to do your part to make sure Planned Parenthood's \$700 million dollar subsidy comes to an end? Join thousands of pro-lifers across the country, gathering peacefully at Planned Parenthood facilities to educate our communities about their true agenda, speak out for our unborn brothers and sisters, and call on state and federal governments to defund the abortion giant.

Aquinas Booster Club Auction – April 5

Saturday, April 5 at 5:00 pm. The Auction features live and silent auction items, a Golden Ticket raffle, a Tuition raffle, and more! Enjoy fun, food, and fellowship while raising money to help support our student athletes! Golden Ticket Raffle: Tickets for the Golden Ticket Raffle are on sale NOW! What is the Golden Ticket Raffle? The winner of the Golden Ticket Raffle will get to choose one of the 16 exclusive live auction items before the auction goes live! How to purchase a Golden Ticket: Contact Denise Knutson by calling Aquinas High School. Cost: \$100 / ticket. Attendance is not required to win!

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 – April 25-27

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

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

Wed. Mar. 26: Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM. HS/MS Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM

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

Sun. Apr. 06: Open House for St. Charles School 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Fellowship Sunday after Mass.