

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 29 & 30, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 31 – April 6, 2025

03/31/25	Monday	NO MASS
04/01/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM Mary
04/02/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
	Reconciliation	6:30 PM
04/03/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Judy Johnson
04/04/25	Friday	NO MASS
04/05/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Francis Thayer
04/06/25	Sunday	9:30 AM Mary

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Apr. 05: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Apr. 06: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. Apr. 05: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Apr. 06: 9:30 AM: Salvatori Trussoni;
Henry & Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Apr. 06: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Mar. 31: Priscilla Martin; Marian Naegle
& Linda Pedretti
Mon/ April 07: Tom & Pamela Jeffers; Carolyn
Umberger

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.

<u>Sacrificial Giving</u>	March 22 & 23, 2025
<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,359.00
Plate Offering	\$ 212.00
Flowers	\$ 372.00
Total	\$1,943.00

From the Pastor's Desk

A blessed Fourth Sunday of Lent to you! Laetare ("lay-tar-ray")! Rejoice! One of the many highlights of this past week for me was the Mass of Reparation on Thursday morning at the Cathedral. I was asked to be one of the 7 priests of our diocese to lay prostrate (face down) on the floor with the Bishop as we asked for the Lord's forgiveness for our sins and those of our forebearers. It was a powerful experience and I was so happy to see an almost full Cathedral with almost all of the priests of the diocese present as well as many lay faithful from Genoa, Altoona, and Marshfield who I have come to know in my almost 9 years of priesthood. Bishop's homily was powerful in its call for us to trust whole-heartedly in the mercy and love of Jesus and to believe that He can break any chain that binds us and heal every wound from our sins and the sins of others. We rejoice in hope that Jesus desires to heal us from the past and send us on mission to bring His healing grace to the world!

This coming week, remember to vote on Tuesday and to let our Catholic Faith influence our voting more than our party allegiances. It is not always easy task for us to figure out which candidates are the best, but it is something that we are obliged to do as citizens of this nation and citizens of the kingdom of heaven. The lives of many thousands of preborn Wisconsinites may be at stake with the Supreme Court election.

I am looking forward to next weekend, when I will lead about 27 high school students from Aquinas High School and Regis High School (Eau Claire) on a Kairos retreat. It is a powerful 4-day retreat which has helped many young people to grow in virtue and in their relationship to Jesus Christ. Please pray for the spiritual "success" of the retreat!

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

St. Charles Parish News

Fellowship Sunday

Next Sunday, April 6th is the First Sunday in April, and so another Fellowship Sunday. It is also the 5th Sunday of Lent. What better way of marking our Lenten progress than enjoying each other's company at Fellowship. The Holy Spirit may even guide you to meeting a parishioner you have seen in church, but never met. What a great Lenten gift that would be.

Easter Flowers Orders Due!

Easter Flower orders are due this Sunday! Please place your completed order form in an envelope with your check/cash in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office by Sunday, March 30th.

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

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.

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 Deceased Children

Last call for any names of babies and children from our parish who have been lost through stillbirth or miscarriage. We would like their names, even if that is only "Baby (Last name)" on the memorial stone for all our parish children in the Frances Garden of our cemetery. 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 need the names now so that they can be added before our annual prayer service 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!

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.

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

Please plan to attend the annual Aquinas Booster Club Auction on Saturday, April 5 at 5 p.m. at Aquinas High School. The event raises money to support student-athletes and features a silent and live auction, Golden Ticket raffle (your choice of any live auction item), a raffle for \$1,000 off Aquinas tuition, food and beverages. If you cannot attend in person, you can participate in the silent auction and make donations after 5pm on March 28. Auction is live and can be found at

events.readysetauction.com/acs/bcauction2025,

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 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 Diocese. 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

Catholic Infertility Conference – April 25-26

Join us on April 25th and 26th, 2025 for the Catholic Infertility Conference, a supportive gathering dedicated to families navigating the complex journey of infertility. Hosted at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, this event will provide a safe space to engage with faith, hope, and community. Attendees will hear from experts in reproductive health, clergy, and fellow Catholics who share their personal experiences and insights. With opportunities for prayer, reflection, and healing, this conference aims to help attendees with knowledge and support, reinforcing the belief that they are not alone in their experience. Join us and find encouragement, guidance, and hope as you navigate this path. 5-8 pm on Friday, 8am-4pm on Saturday. Register at:

https://catholiclife.org/?mc_cid=eab92abe10&mc_eid=1e7578e537

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.

La Crosse Jail Ministry Fundraisers

Jesus says that when we visit those in prison, we are visiting Jesus' own self (Matt 25). How can you support those who visit the inmates in our La Crosse jail? Sign up for a three hour shift to cook brats & raise money for La Crosse Jail Ministries at Festival's Brat Barn. Saturday Shifts occur at: (1) 9 am to noon (2) noon to 3:30 pm and (3) 3:30 pm - 7 pm on May 17th, June 14th, or July 19th. If you'd like to sign up for a shift, email the President of La Crosse Jail Ministries, Chris Magnuson (president@lacrossejailministry.org), or Pastor Laura (laura@firstcongolax.org) with the times you can volunteer and note a way that we can contact you.

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. Apr. 02: Sacrament of Reconciliation and HS/MS Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM
PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in the Music Room

Fri. Apr. 04: St. Charles 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.

Thur. Apr. 10: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Sun. Apr. 13: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass in the School