

The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 5 & 6, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 7 - 13, 2025

04/07/25	Monday	NO MASS
04/08/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
04/09/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
	Stations of the Cross	6:30 PM
04/10/25	Thursday	8:00 AM Mary
04/11/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Matthew Keenan
04/12/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Vivian Walleser
04/13/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Apr. 12: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski;
Tom Jeffers

Sun. Apr. 13: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson; Travis
Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Apr. 12: 4:00 PM: Grady Nicklay, Kanoa,
Nalani & Keilana Rodgers

Sun. Apr. 13: 9:30 AM: Felicity, Abigail, William &
Thomas Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Apr. 13: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. April 07: Tom & Pamela Jeffers; Carolyn
Umberger

Mon. April 14: 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 & over 20 "prayer warriors" on 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 29 & 30, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$1,647.00

Plate Offering \$ 171.00

Flowers \$ 335.00

Votive Candles \$ 9.00

Total **\$2,162.00**

From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Thursday

A blessed Fifth Sunday of Lent to you! I am out of town this weekend to direct a retreat for high school students. I appreciate the support and prayers for the spiritual "success" of the retreat. While we are on the topic of prayer, I would like to remind you to pray for our OCIA candidates who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church and be confirmed at the Easter Vigil: Dylan and Crystal.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week of the year for us as Catholic Christians! Here is just a sample of what happened during the first Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem
- Monday of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip
- Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives
- Spy Wednesday, Jesus is betrayed by Judas
- Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested
- Good Friday, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross
- Holy Saturday, Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell
- Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead

What did Jesus do on his final night before His death? Jesus gathered together his closest friends for the Last Supper. Holy Thursday is the first day of the Easter Triduum, the most sacred days of the Catholic faith. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover. It's not a Holy Day of Obligation, but many Catholics attend Mass. During this Mass, the priest washes the feet of some members of the parish in memory of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

But perhaps the most significant thing that happened on Holy Thursday was that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In the words of Saint Luke, "And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, 'I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.' And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And likewise, the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'" (Luke 22:14-16; 19-20) Jesus was clear. "This is my Body. Eat it." And "This is my Blood. Drink it." "Do this in memory of me." It's not a symbol or a metaphor. It's a clear and direct command. Jesus impresses upon his disciples that this is a sacred meal of his Body and Blood and that they should continue this after he is gone. For over two thousand years, Catholics have taken Jesus at his word and obeyed the command he gave on his final night through the sacred ritual of the Mass.

Holy Thursday also celebrates Jesus' institution of the priesthood of the new covenant. It is a very special day for us ordained priests, when we recognize that Jesus made His Twelve Apostles priests on that night when He commanded them to "Do this in memory of me." No priest, no Mass and no Holy Eucharist! When I was a teenager, I was struck by this line spoken by another priest, "Who will bring the sacraments to the next generation?" I felt a stirring in my heart. I knew that the priesthood was important, but was afraid to step up and volunteer myself for this most extraordinary calling. Please pray for young men to have the courage to answer God's call to be His priests for the next generation, so that they may have access to the Bread of Life.

A great time to pray is on Holy Thursday after the 7 pm Mass. We will have a Eucharistic Procession from the church into the school, where there will be what is called an altar of repose. It is a sort of spiritual entering into the Garden of Gethsemane with Jesus. We will have prayer from 8 PM until Midnight. I ask that you consider signing up for a time of prayer so that someone will be praying with Jesus in the Eucharist that whole evening.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

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

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Fellowship Sunday

This Sunday, April 6th is the First Sunday in April, and so another Fellowship Sunday. 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.

Lenten Opportunities

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

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

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

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.

Catch the Fire of the Spirit, Grow in your Faith—Join Lay Formation!

Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation Institute cycle that begins in the fall of 2025.

Deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a community of learners, catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and let Him make you a contagious witness to Christ! See the complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with Fr. Sedlacek and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at

ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.

St. Charles School News

Open House at St. Charles School – THIS SUNDAY

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.

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.

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.

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. Apr. 06: Open House for St. Charles School 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Fellowship Sunday after Mass.
Wed. Apr. 09: Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM
Thur. Apr. 10: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6:00 – 7:00 PM.
Women's Group meeting 6:30 pm.
Sun. Apr. 13: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass in the School
Tues. Apr. 15: Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. 10:30 AM
Wed. Apr. 16: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm.
High School and Middle School Religious Education 6:30-8 PM
Sun. Apr. 27: Spring Carnival