

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 26 & 27, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 28 – May 4, 2025

04/28/25	Monday	NO MASS
04/29/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Mary Ellen McGuire
04/30/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
05/01/25	Thursday	NO MASS
05/02/26	Friday	NO MASS
05/03/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † James Ripp
05/04/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. May 03: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. May 04: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. May 03: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. May 04: 9:30 AM: William Mitchell; Henry & Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 04: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. April 28: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

Mon. May 05: Tom & Pam 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 & 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 April 12 & 13, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$10,490.00
Plate Offering	\$ 632.00
Good Friday	\$ 35.00
Support Our School	\$ 100.00
Catholic Times	\$ 20.00
Total	\$11,277.00

From the Pastor's Desk
Rest in Peace, Pope Francis

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Pope Francis' death and funeral this week certainly dominated my thoughts and prayers. As we celebrate the Divine Mercy of God this Sunday, let us continue to pray for his eternal repose during these nine official days of mourning after his funeral ("novemdialis"). After these nine days of mourning (between May 6-May 11), the conclave will begin that will elect the new Pope. Let us persevere in prayer and beseech God the Holy Spirit to send wisdom, understanding, and His many gifts to guide the Church of Jesus Christ. We also pray for our four 2nd graders who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9:30 AM Mass next Sunday!

If you are able to help with the planning of the Homecoming Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, July 6th, then please consider attending a planning meeting on Tuesday (April 29) at 6 PM in the School Gym. "Homecoming" is the biggest event each year at our parish, and has been happening almost every year since 1901! It includes a tasty chicken dinner with homemade risotto, raffles, games, kids games and activities, and more!

I will be going on my annual retreat this coming week. I am looking forward to the time of rest, quiet, and prayer. Please pray for the other 40+ priests from the Diocese who will be with me on retreat together. I hope to see many of you next Saturday, May 3rd at Trivia Night!

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

St. Charles Parish News

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions – Sunday, April 27

At the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 5250 Justin Rd, La Crosse, WI
2:30 pm – 4 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Divine Mercy Reflection & Consecration | Divine Mercy Chaplet | Benediction & Reposition | St. Faustina Relic Blessing and Veneration
-Confessions will be available from 12 PM until 4 PM. Carts will be available to bring guests to the Shrine Church. For more information, please call 877.799.4059. The Shrine will close at 5 p.m.

Congratulations!

Crystal Lavey and Dylan Flansburgh came into full communion with the Catholic Church and received Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil on Sat. April 19. Rosemary Lavey was baptized at the 8:30 AM Mass on Tuesday. And Kylee, Makenna, Grady, and Ben were confirmed at the Cathedral by Bishop Battersby on Wednesday evening. Congratulations to all of you!

Thank You to Kwik Trip Donors

A few parishioners designate their Kwik Trip rewards to be donated to St. Charles. This quarter, we received \$515.93 for our parish, which includes a \$149.24 donation from Kwik Trip. Thank you!

Homecoming Picnic Planning Meeting – Help NEEDED! Tuesday, Apr 29th at 6 PM

The July Homecoming Picnic is our parish's biggest event of the year. This will be our 122nd annual Homecoming Picnic, which will be on Sunday, July 6th (1st Sunday of July). There will be a Planning Meeting on Tuesday, April 29th at 6 PM in the School gym. All parishioners are welcome to come and help us plan and organize this amazing event.

Parish Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to *Still the Answer* Rally in Eau Claire

Wanting to go on a pilgrimage this jubilee year? Join Fr. Sedlacek and fellow parishioners on a pilgrimage to Eau Claire this August to attend the "Still the Answer" Eucharistic rally! The rally is Saturday, August 9th from 9am-5pm. Speakers include Bishop Gerard Battersby and Father Samuel Martin. Cost will be based on the size of our group, starting at \$20/person - additional cost if group size warrants a bus. Tickets are limited so please let Fr. Sedlacek or Carol in the office know if you are interested no later than **this weekend**. More details to come to those who are interested. What to Expect: **A river walk Eucharistic procession** through the streets of Eau Claire, **Mass with Bishop Battersby**, uniting us in worship and thanksgiving. **Dynamic speakers** who will inspire and challenge you to grow deeper in your faith. **Live music** from Luke Spehar to

uplift and energize your spirit. **Eucharistic adoration**—a sacred time to rest in the Real Presence of Jesus. A stop at Sacred Heart church in Eau Claire to obtain the Jubilee 2025 pilgrimage indulgence.

Mother's Day Weekend Rose Sale

Celebrate your Mom, wife, aunt, grandmother by purchasing a rose on Mother's Day after the weekend Masses on May 10th and 11th. Free will donation with all proceeds going to Wis. Right to Life.

Save the Date! Summer Vacation Bible School – June 29 - July 4

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will be returning this summer to put on a Summer Program for our children Grades K-8. They will be here the week of June 29 – July 4. Location will likely be at St. Mary's in Viroqua. Stay tuned for more details!

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.

Pilgrimage to Italy 2025

There is still time to join Fr. Sedlacek on an unforgettable Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Italy. The pilgrimage will be September 29-October 8, 2025. The pilgrimage includes Rome and going through the Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year, visiting Assisi, Milan, Orvieto and more. In Rome and Milan we will stop at sites significant in the life of St. Charles Borromeo, our parish patron. The cost is \$6,300 per person (including flights). If you are at all interested in going, please let me know ASAP so that I can keep you updated. – Fr. Sedlacek

St. Charles School News

Spring Carnival is THIS Sunday, April 27th!

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. We're ready with new and exciting games for even more family fun! **Raffle tickets:** If you have *Raffle tickets* (sold or unsold) please return them with money to the school office by Saturday, April 26 at Noon. **Thank you to all our donors!!** Volunteers welcome! If you are wanting to help with prizes, bucket raffle baskets, bars, cookies or desserts please have them there no later than 12 pm on Saturday (unless baked goods they can be 9 am Sunday). Please let Jessie know if you have any questions (608-780-1148)

Trivia Night – Saturday, May 3 COME ONE! COME ALL!! TRIVIA NIGHT IS HERE!!!

Who? Anyone can play.

What? Show your smarts.

Where? St. Charles School Gym

When? Saturday, May 3. Doors open at 5:30, and the games begin at 6.

Why? It's fun! It builds community! It helps our school!

Come and show what you know - and you DO know a lot! Teams can be as small as 2 players or as big as 10. The cost is \$10/player. You can buy a simple supper, snacks and drinks all evening. Lifelines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10, so come prepared! Please email Mariette Donovan at mdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org or call the school office at (608) 689-2642 with your team's name, number of players on your team, and contact person's name and phone number. It would help us with planning if you could let us know by Thursday, May 1st. Thank you! Hope to see you there for a night of fun!

Bump-Up and 4K Shadow Day – Monday, May 5

On Monday, May 5th at St. Charles School our students will "bump-up" to the next grade level for the morning and experience lessons and teaching styles they'll encounter next Fall. We welcome anyone who would enter 4K next year to come anytime from 8 AM to Noon to experience what it is like to go to school this fall at St. Charles. If you know of anyone entering 4K-6th grade next year who would like to join us on that day to check out our wonderful school, please contact our school office, 608-689-2642 or Mary Kate Donovan at mkdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org.

St. Charles School Fine Arts Night – May 13

Please come and enjoy a night of Fine Arts at St. Charles School on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. The children will be singing about friendship and kindness, and they will also entertain you with their instruments: bells, glockenspiel, and recorders! Make time to come early so you can walk the hallway and enjoy their beautiful artwork beforehand. They've been hardworking and very creative!

RedLou Library – May 13 Soup Event

Event Details: **Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025. **Time:** 5:00 PM. **Location:** Second Nature at Reads Creek.
Cost: \$5.00/meal

RedLou Library has opened a small library in our Music Room at school which allows the students to check out and read many different kinds of books. Please consider supporting them at the Soup Event, for which they have been selected by the Viroqua Chamber of Commerce as one of the presenters for the May Soup Event. For those of you who have not attended a soup night please consider checking it out. They are lots of fun. We will be at Second Nature. A gorgeous setting to have an outdoor meal. Four local groups give a 4 minute presentation. At the end of the evening all those who paid for soup will vote on who they think should receive all the proceeds raised that evening. I hope you will attend and support RedLou Library. Here is a link to check out full details on the event: <https://www.viroquachamber.com/events/chamber-events/soup/>

News from the Diocese and our Community

Chaseburg Area Cancer Walk and Pancake

Breakfast – May 3

At the Chaseburg Village Hall from 7 AM-11 AM. Free Will Offering. Bake Sale. Team and Event information available. Vendors from 7 AM – 1 PM. Village-wide rummage sales. Proceeds go to the 20th annual Chaseburg area Cancer Walk Event on Sept 20th, 2025. All donations used locally. For more information or to donate or join a team, go to www.cacwho.org

Aquinas Chicken-Q – Wed. May 7

Aquinas Booster Club Chicken Q. The annual Chicken Q will be held in the Cass Street parking lot at Aquinas High School on Wednesday, May 7th, serving from 11 a.m. until gone. Delicious chicken and fixings for \$12 per plate. All proceeds support student-athletes at Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School. If you would like to preorder tickets, please call Aquinas at 784-0287 ext 4113 and speak with Denise Knutson.

Genoa Lion's Club Fish Fry – May 9

The Genoa Lions Club helped support our Parish fish fries this Lent, and we appreciate their work and the good they do for our community!. They are hosting a Fish Fry Friday May 9th @4pm at Genoa Park. If you are interested in knowing more about the Lions Club or would like to join you can reach out to Tom Jeffers, Arnie Trussoni, Pat Cina, Buck Oliver, Martin or any other members

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

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.

"Footsteps of Padre Jose Pilgrimage" - Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, Lurin, Peru, September 8-18, 2025

This unique spiritual journey follows the missionary footsteps of Fr. Joseph Walijewski from the place where he began his work in Peru to the orphanage he founded. The cost is \$2,000 and includes: airfare, meals, lodging and transportation in Peru. There are only 11 spots still available so register today at frjoesguild.org/events/ If you have any questions, feel free to call 608-791-2677.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Apr. 27: Spring Carnival at St. Charles School

Tues. Apr. 29: Homecoming Picnic Planning Meeting 6 PM in the School Gym

Sat. May 03: Trivia Night. 5:30 pm food is served, 6:00 trivia begins!

Sun. May 04: First Holy Communion at the 9:30 AM Mass

Mon. May 05: 4K Shadow Day at St. Charles School 8 AM – Noon.

Wed. May 07: Family Fun Night for CCD, Middle School and High School Religious Ed – 6:30-7:30 PM

Sun. July 06: 122nd Homecoming Picnic