

# The Ascension of the Lord

## May 31 – June 1, 2025

### **St. Charles Borromeo Parish**

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 2 – June 8, 2025**

<b>06/02/25</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
06/03/25	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
06/04/25	Wednesday	8:00 AM † August Guanella
06/05/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
06/06/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
06/07/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Terry Pitzner
06/08/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lector**

Sat. June 07: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. June 08: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

#### **Servers**

Sat. June 07: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. June 08: 9:30 AM: Easton & Dekker Eckes:

Perpetua Mitchell & Lorenzo Trussoni

#### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. June 08: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. June 2: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Mon. June 9: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

#### **Ushers (June 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

May 24 & 25, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$1,330.00

Plate Offering \$ 250.00

**Total \$1,580.00**

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Will the Real Pope Leo Please Stand Up?

Peace to you! Happy Feast of the Ascension of the Lord! Please find the June edition of *Restore the Roots* in this weekend's bulletin. This is a great resource put together by a friend of mine to help families (and individuals) live out our Catholic faith in their homes and families. If you haven't looked at one of these inserts yet, I encourage you to do so now.

The past few weeks have been filled with activity on my part, with the ending of the school year at both St. Charles School and Aquinas High School. And so, I have not been able to keep up with all the news and homilies and speeches of our new Pope. In this age of Artificial Intelligence and other technologies that can easily create videos and other content which are fake, it seems that this has already affected our new Pope. When people say that they saw a video online or an article, my sarcastic response is, "Well, if it is on the internet, it **MUST** be true!" Of course, I am being sarcastic. We must test everything that comes to us via the internet, TV, or even the newspaper.

I received a mass email this week from John Rogers who works for a Catholic Social Media company which our diocese and parish utilize sometimes for social media content (like our Facebook page). The email is titled, "How to Spot Fake Pope Leo Content on the Internet". I thought it would be helpful to share with you some parts of that email for your awareness and learning and so we will be able to come to know the real Pope Leo.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

#### Email by John Rogers at *Prenger Solutions* (a Catholic social media group)

"It all started with a text chain. The head of my men's Rosary group forwarded on a speech, supposedly by Pope Leo, which included the line, "I, too, was angry with God...there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo..." Something about it seemed a bit off. It didn't read like something a Catholic cleric would say. It seemed a little too slick, edgy, and canned. So I started digging. The factchecking site Pressone was already on it, in addition to Snopes. Here are some other statements those sites have already debunked as fake:

Pope Leo stated, "You cannot follow both Christ and the cruelty of kings."

Pope Leo told Vice President Vance, "You've turned religion into a factory for manufacturing votes."

Pope Leo played jazz trombone under an assumed name.

These fake statements aren't the end of it, however. Earlier this month, a new YouTube channel popped up, @leoxivsermons, which was full of deepfaked statements, often with accompanying video generated by AI tools. The channel gained more than 17,500 followers and one million views before YouTube took it down. But the damage had been done, as copies of those fake sermons and speeches proliferated across the Internet. The BBC and Vatican News have already reported on the problem.

So, what does this mean for us? No matter who is behind these faked statements, the path forward is clear. Here are five things you can do to make sure that the clear voice of our Holy Father is heard:

1. Stick with trusted sources: Whether you're reading Pope Leo's speeches on the Vatican website, skimming reports from Catholic News Agency, or using material from your diocesan outlets, you're relying on trusted outlets for news on the Holy Father. That's incredible!
2. Avoid meme-sharing groups for now: Generally, these groups have always been full of questionable content, but even more so now. Take a break and put those groups on mute until the dust settles a bit.
3. Wait a minute: You may see something GREAT online, attributed to the pope, and immediately want to put it in a parish newsletter or click the "share" button. Do yourself a favor – walk away for a moment and think about it. Then do a little research, and, if you can't find the origin point of the quote or video, move on with your day.
4. Gently correct errors: You're likely getting all kind of things forwarded to you by parishioners or well-meaning Catholics. If you receive something that's clearly fake, point it out in charity.
5. Stay the course: As Jesus said in Matthew 24, "Many will come in my name...and they will deceive many." That's not a cause for despair, but for rejoicing – because we also know that "...the one who perseveres to the end will be saved." Moments like this may lead us to doubt ourselves, but we can

trust that the Lord has truly called us all to “preach the Gospel to all creation” (Mk 16:15). We can be sure that the Way, the Truth, and the Life will win out in the end!

In some ways, this should be an encouraging moment for all of us who use the Internet to proclaim the love of Jesus for the world. When the bad content is so obvious, it really lights a fire in the belly to be “...wise as serpents and innocent as doves” ourselves (Mt 10:16).”

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Pentecost Novena – May 30 – June 7**

Pick up a copy of the original “novena” at the back of church to take home and pray during the next week. The Pentecost novena is the nine days of prayer that the Apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the other disciples did after Jesus ascended into heaven and told them to “stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Promise of the Father (the Holy Spirit, who descended on them at Pentecost).” The nine days between Ascension and Pentecost are special days of prayer as we ask the Father and Jesus again to send forth the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and the Church. This year’s Pentecost Novena begins on Friday, May 30 and ends on Saturday, June 7, the Vigil of Pentecost. There are various versions, but you can find one version here: <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-pentecost-novena-heres-how-to-pray-the-first-novena/>

### **Homecoming Picnic Committee**

The Homecoming Picnic Committee will meet at 6 PM **Monday, June 2** at the school – all are welcome.

### **St. Charles Women’s Group**

The St. Charles Women’s Group will meet on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the school.

### **Eucharistic Procession and Farewell Reception for Fr. Sedlacek – June 22**

Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord (“Corpus Christi”). After the 9:30 AM Mass, we are planning to have a Eucharistic Procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the village of Genoa. That day is the closing of the 3-year National Eucharistic Revival, and our parish wants to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist by “bringing Christ to the streets.” After the Procession returns to St. Charles, there will be a Farewell Reception for Fr. Sedlacek in the School. His last day at St. Charles will be Sunday, June 29.

### **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 be at St. Mary’s in Viroqua. The day program will be in the mornings and run about 8 AM - Noon. Stay tuned for more details!

### **Pew Cushions**

There is a bin at the entrance of the church with brown colored cushions which you can sit on in the pews at Mass. Thank you, Hospitality Ministry for purchasing those for our parish!

### **FORMED “Summer with the Saints” Challenge for Families**

Join Formed’s Summer with the Saints, starting this Sunday! This free challenge offers weekly opportunities to celebrate saints’ feast days with movies and shows on Formed, accompanied by family activities that kids of all ages will enjoy. When you sign up, you’ll receive a calendar that includes the saint for each week of the summer, titles for the accompanying movies and shows on Formed, and an overview of activity ideas so you can plan ahead. You’ll also have a chance to win prizes along the way and be entered in a grand prize drawing for a huge collection of kids’ books and other items from Catholic Market. [Sign up Link](#)

### **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 and Events**

## **News from the Diocese and our Community**

### **Support the La Crosse Jail Ministry – June 2**

On Monday, June 2nd from 4 to 9 pm Pizza Ranch in La Crosse/Onalaska and the La Crosse Jail Ministry are partnering to fundraise for the Jail Ministry. Take the evening off from cooking and enjoy the buffet at Pizza Ranch! If you don't feel like pizza, their salad bar and chicken are fantastic! Any small donations are appreciated!

### **Healing Service – Friday, June 13 at St. Mary's in Viroqua**

Come experience God's supernatural love! The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation available, followed by 5:30 PM Mass, corporate prayer for healing, and individual healing ministry. All are welcome—come for part or all of the evening. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary church, 400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, WI.

### **March for Life Wisconsin – June 14**

The 2025 March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, June 14, 2025 will for the first time be hosted by all four major pro-life forces in the state – the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life, and Wisconsin Family Council. Buses to the March, which will be held starting at 2:00 PM at the Capitol in Madison, will travel from around the state, including from Chippewa Falls, Onalaska, and Sparta. Cost is \$15/person or \$45/family and you may register at [marchforlifewisconsin.org](https://marchforlifewisconsin.org), or scan the QR code to the right. Come bear witness to the sanctity of human life as we march around the Capitol building and hear from inspiring speakers! Pro-life signs will be provided.

### **JohnCinaSeven 11th Annual Pumpkinball Tourney**

June 27-29th @Genoa Park. Chicken Q tickets are available. Do you want to volunteer, donate, play etc. or maybe you know of a need? Check out our website: <https://www.johncinaseven.com/> for more details and fun for the whole family! Feel free to connect with Jessie Cina at 608-780-1148.

### **La Crosse Jail Ministry Brat Barn Fundraisers**

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 **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](mailto:president@lacrossejailministry.org)), or Pastor Laura ([laura@firstcongolax.org](mailto:laura@firstcongolax.org)) with the times you can volunteer.

### **St. Patrick's Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale – July 25-26**

127 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Onalaska, WI  
Friday, July 25, 7:30 am - 4 pm  
Saturday, July 26, 7:30 am - 3 pm  
Holiday items, Collectors corner with antiques and unique items, household items, furniture, bikes, toys, bedding, jewelry, baked goods, and so much more! Donations for the [St. Patrick Rummage Sale](#) will be accepted starting June 25. Contact the parish office for drop-off times and information at 608.783.5535, ext. 2.

### **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](mailto:HTLaCrosseWI@gmail.com)

### **Director of Youth Faith Formation**

A full-time position is available with principal responsibilities involving middle school and high school religious education, faith formation, youth ministry opportunities, and Confirmation preparation which serves the collaboration of Mary, Mother of the Church, Blessed Sacrament, and Roncalli Newman. Please visit [mmoclacrosse.org](https://mmoclacrosse.org) for a job description. Applications are preferred by June 2. This position begins before Sept. 2, 2025.

### **Parish Events Calendar**

Mon. June 02: Homecoming Picnic Committee Meeting 6 PM in the School Gym  
Wed. June 04: Parish Finance Council Meeting. 6:30 PM in the Lello Room  
Thu. June 05: St. Charles Women's Group Meeting. 6:30 PM in School Gym  
Sun. June 22: Corpus Christi Procession after the 9:30 AM Mass. Farewell luncheon for Fr. Sedlacek after.  
June 30-July 4: Vacation Bible School with the Dominican Sisters at St. Mary's, Viroqua.  
Sun. July 06: 122<sup>nd</sup> Homecoming Picnic