

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 10 & 11, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 12 - 19, 2025

05/12/25	Monday	NO MASS
05/13/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † John Cina
05/14/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
05/15/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Bonnie Venner
05/16/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Bonnie Venner
05/17/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † John Cina
05/18/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lector

Sat. May 17: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. May 18: 9:30 AM: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. May 17: 4:00 PM: Kanoa, Nalani & Keilana
Rodgers

Sun. May 18: 9:30 AM: Perpetua, Abigail &
Thomas Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 18: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. May 12: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle &
Linda Pedretti

Mon. May 19: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

Ushers (May 2025)

Saturday: Larry Kelsey & Tom Urbanek

Sunday: Keith Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni &
Tim Gianoli

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

May 3 & 4, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$5,787.00

Plate Offering \$ 357.00

Total \$6,144.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Habemus Papam! We have a Pope!

Peace to you! What a very exciting week for us as Catholics with the conclave and the election of a new Holy Father! I was out of town this week in Milwaukee for a prayer ministry training conference. That was an amazing and transformative experience for me. I hope to share more with you all about that experience, but for this weekend, I will focus on the shared experience of receiving a new Pope for the Universal Church.

Very often for me the end of something familiar and the beginning of something new often brings anxiety along with excitement. The election of a new Pope definitely brought that. "Who will be Pope? What will he be like? What will he say and do? How will he lead, what will be his focus?" All of that is perfectly normal. And I am further aware that many of you are perhaps pondering questions like this with regards to the change of pastor at St. Charles parish. If you did not yet hear, the bishop has asked me to become the pastor of Notre Dame and Holy Ghost parishes in Chippewa Falls, and St. Bridgit's parish in Springfield (countryside outside of Chippewa). Fr. Timothy Reither is appointed the parochial administrator of St. Charles. Both of these appointments are effective July 1, 2025. As I move from here to Chippewa Falls and start my new assignment on July 1, I want to make sure you all know that I am still here for you until then. And after July 1, you will continue to be in my heart and in my prayers.

Turning back to our new Pope, Leo XIV, I was struck by a couple of things when he was announced and when he came out on the balcony of St. Peter's in Rome: 1) That he is an American, and a Midwesterner! Who would have ever thought? I was shocked. I told many people that there will never be an American pope, not in my lifetime. And yet, here we are! God is full of surprises. 2) That he is an Augustinian, which means he belongs to a religious order that lives according to the rule of St. Augustine, who is a personal favorite Saint of mine. I was so excited when he quoted one of my favorite quotes of St. Augustine during his first address: "With you I am a Christian, and for you I am a bishop." St. Augustine spoke these words to the Christians in the North African diocese of Hippo in the 400's. He was speaking to them about the responsibility of the office of bishop, but reminding his people that he, their bishop, also was simply a disciple of Jesus Christ, a Christian. He too was, in himself, a Christian who needed to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd. And so, there is an equality in Christ. Whether a lay person or a priest, or a bishop, or even pope, we all are followers of Jesus. He is the Head, we are His members. The office of bishop, with which St. Augustine was entrusted, is to be *for* the service of Jesus Christ and his fellow Christians.

Pope Leo XIV echoes this truth during the first moments of his pontificate: "I am an Augustinian, a son of Saint Augustine, who once said, "With you I am a Christian, and for you I am a bishop." In this sense, all of us can journey together toward the homeland that God has prepared for us."

My last initial thought about Pope Leo's first address was the focus on mission, on being sent by Jesus Christ to bring Jesus and His light and Gospel to the whole world. Some examples: "I also thank my brother Cardinals, who have chosen me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a Church, united, ever pursuing peace and justice, ever seeking to act as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, in order to proclaim the Gospel without fear, to be missionaries." And, "Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love." And, "We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love."

As the whole Church moves into the days ahead under the guidance of Jesus Christ through Pope Leo, and as St. Charles parish also moves into a new chapter under Bishop Battersby and its new pastor, Fr. Reither, may the first words of Pope Leo help us to always remain close to Jesus Christ and to remain in His peace, "Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you!"

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

St. Charles Parish News

Homecoming Picnic Committee

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

Dear Parish (from Mrs. Patti Hytry)

We applied for the Bishop's Education Endowment Trust (BEET) grant earlier this year. The BEET grant is made possible through the support of the parish and its members. It's a pleasure to let you know that we have been awarded the grant which, along with monies from the St. Charles Women's Group, will help cover the cost of purchasing a few replacement laptops and chrome books for our students and staff. Thank you so much! May God bless you for your generosity. – Mrs. Hytry, Headteacher

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 and Events

THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes out to all who participated in our 4 Trivia Nights this year! We appreciate your support for our school all throughout the year. We hope you had fun at our community get-togethers, and we hope to see you all again in the fall when we start up again!

THANK YOU!

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who helped with donations, volunteering, supporting etc. any of our school fundraisers this year! We appreciate you so much and hope you have a great summer!

St. Charles School Fine Arts Night – May 13

Our St. Charles School children invite you to our night of Fine Arts on **Tuesday, May 13 at 7 PM**. They will be singing about friendship and kindness, and they will also entertain you with their bells, glockenspiel, and recorders! Make time to come early so you can walk the hallway and enjoy their beautiful artwork also. They've been very creative!

Volunteer Luncheon

To show our tremendous gratitude for all the volunteers we have in our parish and school in what you do for us, we are planning a Recognition Luncheon on **Friday, May 16 at 11:30 PM in the school cafeteria**. Invitations are in the vestibule OR call 608-689-2642. Feel free to share with other parish, school, and/or community volunteers.

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

Grow your garden and help support a young woman in need!

Saturday, May 17th from 8am - 1pm Blessed Sacrament's Women's Club will be sponsoring a Plant Sale in the BSP parking lot. Proceeds from your purchase go directly to fund the education, housing and safety of a young woman living at Hosea's Heart in eSwatini. Learn more about Hosea's Heart and donate at hoseasheart.org.

Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale – May 21

Wed. May 21 at 13th & Park Ave; Serving 11 AM-5:30 PM. \$12 (1/2 Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans & roll. Dine in, Carryout, Drive Through. Pre-sales - Call Chicken Line 608-782-2028 Ext. 2. Bake sale in Leo Hall.

Healing Service – Friday, June 13 at Sacred Heart in Cashton

Come experience God's supernatural love! The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration, 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. Sacred Heart Parish, 1223 Front St., Cashton, WI.

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 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

Aquinas Catholic Schools needs a Girls Golf Head Coach – contact AHS Athletic Director Pam Donarski (pam.donarski@aquinasschools.org); St. Patrick Elementary Band & Orchestra Concert Tues. May 1 & Vocal Concert Thu. May 15,

"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 608-791-267

Parish Events Calendar

Tue. May 13: Spring Concert/Art Show at 7 PM
Thu. May 15: Memorial of St. Isidore the Farmer
Fri. May 16: Volunteer Luncheon 11:30 AM (School Gym)
Sat/Sun May 17/18: Blessing of Field Crosses and Seeds at weekend Masses
Mon. June 02: Homecoming Picnic Committee Meeting 6 PM (School Gym)
Sun. July 06: 122nd Homecoming Picnic