

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 17 & 18, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 19-25, 2025

05/19/25	Monday	NO MASS
05/20/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Father Bob Monti
05/21/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
05/22/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Shirley Olson & Louis Muentner
05/23/25	Friday	10:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
05/24/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
05/25/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lector

Sat. May 24: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. May 25: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. May 24: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. May 25: 9:30 AM: Easton and Dekker Eckes;

Salvatori Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 25: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Tue. May 27: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

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 10 & 11, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,232.00
Plate Offering	\$ 202.00
Support Our School	\$ 70.00
Votive Lights	\$ 25.00
Total	\$1,529.00
Cemetery	\$ 170.00
Total	\$1,699.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Mary's Month

Peace to you! Happy May! Spring is in full bloom and summer is right around the corner. Many blessings to all of our teachers and students as they finish up the school year in the next week or two. And many blessings to our high school, college, and St. Charles School 6th grade graduates!

As I wrote about last week, Pope Leo's first words to the Church were the words of our Risen Lord to the apostles, "Peace be with you!" He then so beautifully concluded his initial address with these beautiful words that invited us to ask for Mary's intercession and then led us in praying the Hail Mary: "Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love. So let us pray together for the mission, and for all the Church and for peace in the world. We ask for this special grace from Mary, our Mother. Hail Mary, full of grace..."

May is the month that we Catholics dedicate to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. I have very recently, during my annual retreat a couple of weeks ago, grown just a little closer to Mary. I made the Consecration to Jesus through Mary, as explained by St. Louis de Montfort, on April 28, 2008. This was right at the time I was graduating from High School and making the decision to enter seminary to begin formation for the priesthood. The first day of the retreat this year was April 28th, the 17th anniversary of my first consecration. That morning, I received the call from the Bishop, and that evening I renewed my consecration to Mary.


The theme of the priest retreat was "Behold, Your Mother," which are one of the final words that Jesus spoke to St. John the Apostle as He hung on the cross. He gave His own mother, Mary, to be not only the mother of John the Apostle, but also, through him, to be the mother of the whole Church (all of us!). There were many times during my 5 days of retreat that I asked Mary to help me open my heart more to Jesus and His love for me. And she delivered on those prayers! There were a couple moments during the retreat when I sensed Mary draw close to me and showed her love and compassion for me.

I have discovered that many people, including Catholics, have difficulties with Mary. They have difficulties with trusting her, loving her, or talking to her. These difficulties have many sources, including wounds that we receive from our earthly mothers, not understanding well Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, not recognizing our need for a mother like her, and not believing that she can love us in those ways that we need.

Everyone needs a mother's love, but not all of us receive it. And no one receives the fullest extent of a mother's love from their earthly mothers. No matter how good or holy our earthly mothers are, they are also fellow sinners with their own wounds and "baggage". Thank God that He does not expect mothers to be perfect! And so Jesus gives us His own mother to each of us. Through her deep and unique union with God, she is able to give each of us the mother's love that we all need and desire.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek



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What is Summer with the Saints?

- Every week of summer (beginning of June to end of August), receive an email containing a Formed video pertaining to a saint from that week.
- Two options to opt-in to: Adults and Kids
- Each week's email will include suggestions for families to implement what they watched through an activity to keep the summer fun and faith-filled.

Learn more at our website!





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.

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!

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

End of School Year

We will be completing our 119th school year at St. Charles this coming Friday, May 23. Congratulations to our two graduates this year, Arianna Trussoni and Celia Venner! Mass on Friday will be a 10 AM this week with celebrations following Mass of the end of another great year and of our graduates.

THANK YOU to all volunteers and parishioners!

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who helped with donations, volunteering, supporting etc. any of our school efforts and fundraisers this year! Thank you for those who came to our Fine Arts Night on Tuesday. It was great to show our appreciation for you on Friday at our Volunteer luncheon. We appreciate you so much and hope you have a great summer!

News from the Diocese and our Community

Holy Trinity Chicken-Que / 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 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.

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.

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, 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.

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

Upcoming Aquinas Catholic Schools Events

Baccalaureate Mass

Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 pm
St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Aquinas High School Graduation
Saturday, May 24, 12:00 pm, Aquinas High School

Aquinas Middle School Commencement
Tuesday, May 27, 9:15 am, Aquinas High School

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

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 for a job description. Applications are preferred by June 2. This position begins before Sept. 2, 2025.

Parish Events Calendar

Sat/Sun May 17/18: Blessing of Field Crosses and Seeds at weekend Masses
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
June 30-July 4: Vacation Bible School with the Dominican Sisters at St. Mary's, Viroqua.
Sun. July 06: 122nd Homecoming Picnic

Prayer to St. Isidore the Farmer

Good Saint Isidore, we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain for us, we pray, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can. Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in heaven. Amen.