

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 24 & 25, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 26 – June 1, 2025

05/26/25	Monday	NO MASS
05/27/25	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Terry Pitzner
05/28/25	Wednesday	8:00 AM † Bonnie Verner
05/29/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Janie Cina
05/30/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
05/31/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
06/01/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lector

Sat. May 31: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. June 01: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. May 31: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. June 01: 9:30 AM: Felicity & Abigail Mitchell;
Ezio Olson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. June 01: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

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

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 17 & 18, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,327.39
Plate Offering	\$ 179.00
Total	\$1,506.39

From the Pastor's Desk

Papal Symbols from Pope Leo XIV's Inaugural Mass

Peace to you! St. Charles School completed the 2024-2025 school year on Friday. What a great blessing this past school year has been! I give thanks to God for our dedicated staff and teachers, parents and families, and all the parishioners who do so much to support our little school with a big heart! Many blessings to our St. Charles School 6th grade graduates, Arianna Trussoni and Celia Venner. We also had a parishioner graduate from Aquinas High School on Saturday, Mr. Zachary Malin. We had two parishioners graduate from De Soto High School on Friday evening: Chelsea Pedretti and Callie Gilman. **Congratulations!**

Last Sunday was Pope Leo's Inaugural Mass. I have not had time to watch it yet, but I have heard some good things. We live in an exciting time in the history of the Church! Below is a explanation of the various symbols of the Pope's office which are incorporated in a Pope's Inaugural Mass. This explanation was written by a friend of mine who gave me permission to use it in our bulletin.

The Ring of the Fisherman

This ring is also known as the Piscatory Ring is an official part of the regalia worn by the Pope. It symbolically ties the Pope as head of the Catholic Church to St. Peter who was a fisherman by trade. It was originally used to seal official documents but is now only used ceremonially. Historically, upon the death of a pope the Fisherman's ring is destroyed using a hammer in the presence of the College of Cardinals. This was originally meant to prevent the issuance of forged documents during the period between the death of one pope and the election of another. A new ring is cast for each pope, and the design features an image of Saint Peter along with an inscription of the pope's name in Latin.

The Pectoral Cross of Leo XIV

The pectoral cross worn by Pope Leo XIV carries a powerful message of episcopal holiness. Given to him by the Augustinian order on the occasion of his being created a cardinal, it is embedded with fragments of bone from saints deeply connected to the Augustinian tradition – witnesses to the faith whose lives reflect fidelity, reform, service, and martyrdom. At the center of the cross is a relic of Saint Augustine, the great Church Father. Alongside this relic are fragments from four other saints: Monica, Thomas of Villanova, Blessed Anselmo Polanco, and Venerable Giuseppe Bartolomeo Menochi. The pectoral cross is a visible sign of faith and a reflection of pastoral commitment.

The Pallium

The Pallium is a vestment from antiquity. It is symbolic of the role of the pontiff as the good shepherd. You may have seen a lamb being carried by Jesus over his shoulders in some artwork. The pallium is woven by Benedictine Nuns from the wool of lambs that were raised by Trappist monks and specifically consecrated for this purpose. It is decorated with six crosses. one near each end and four spaced out along the neck loop. When presented, it is doubled up and pinned with three stickpins symbolizing the Holy Trinity.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek



The banner features the 'formed' logo at the top left. The main title 'summer WITH THE saints' is prominently displayed in blue and orange. Below it, a quote reads: 'Walk with the saints this summer—faith-filled stories for the whole family on Formed.' To the right, under the heading 'What is Summer with the Saints?', a bulleted list describes the program: weekly emails from June to August with saint-themed videos, opt-in options for adults and kids, and family activities. A QR code is provided for more information. At the bottom, a row of video thumbnails shows various saints, including St. John Vianney, St. Anthony, St. Martin, Mary, St. Peter, St. Joseph, and St. Luke.

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Forming Catholics for Life

summer WITH THE saints

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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!



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
The Virgin Mary
SAINT ANTHONY
MARY
SAINT PETER
SAINT JOSEPH
LUKAS
SAINT ANTHONY

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!

Fire Night - Friday, May 30

Prepare for Pentecost with Adoration, Praise and Worship, and Prayer Teams. 7:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church parish, 2006 Weston St. La Crosse.

Pentecost Novena – May 30 – June 7

The original “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/>

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!

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 completed our 119th school year at St. Charles this past Friday, May 23. Congratulations to our two graduates this year, Arianna Trussoni and Celia Venner! Congratulations to all on the end of another great year. Thank you to our parents for sending your kids to our school!

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! We appreciate you so much and hope you have a great summer!

News from the Diocese and our Community

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.

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!

La Crosse Jail Ministry Brat Barn 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 **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.

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

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,

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

127 11th 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.

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

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