

Third Sunday of Easter

May 3 & 4, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 5 – 11, 2025

05/05/25	Monday	NO MASS
05/06/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM Mary
05/07/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
05/08/25	Thursday	8:00 AM The Kirby Grandchildren
05/09/26	Friday	NO MASS
05/10/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
05/11/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lector

Sat. May 10: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. May 11: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. May 10: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. May 11: 9:30 AM: Arianna & Lorenzo

Trussoni; Emma Kendhammer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 011: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Tues. May 06: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

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

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 April 12 & 13, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$2,077.00
Plate Offering	\$ 161.25
Holy Easter	\$ 50.00
Good Friday	\$ 20.00
Religious Education	\$ 50.00
Total	\$2,358.25

From the Pastor's Desk

The Holy Eucharist

Peace to you! We are praying for and very excited for our four 2nd graders who will be receiving / have received their First Holy Communion at the 9:30 AM Mass this Sunday! Congratulations!

At the time of writing this (Monday) I am preparing to go on my annual spiritual retreat. Thank you for your prayers this past week and for your ongoing prayers for our bishop and our priests. They surely are not wasted! Since I won't be back from retreat until Friday (and after the deadline for the publication of this bulletin), I will leave you with a little reflection from an ancient catechetical teaching called the *Jerusalem Catecheses* which explains the Holy Eucharist to the newly baptized. Below that, I have a part of an article by Dr. Jared Staudt, with some practical advice about making our receiving the Holy Eucharist more efficacious in our spiritual lives. Since we are celebrating First Communion this weekend, these are good reminders for all of us about the meaning and importance of "these Sacred Mysteries".

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

From the *Jerusalem Catecheses*

"On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: 'Take, eat: this is my body.' He took the cup, gave thanks and said: 'Take, drink: this is my blood.' Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, This is my blood, who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood?..."

Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith. You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the body and the blood of Christ. You know also how David referred to this long ago when he sang: *Bread gives strength to man's heart and makes his face shine with the oil of gladness*. Strengthen your heart, then, by receiving this bread as spiritual bread, and bring joy to the face of your soul."

By Dr. Jared Staudt, from <https://thosecatholicmen.com/articles/how-to-receive-the-eucharist-worthily/>

"Pius X gives some practical advice on this topic of preparation: "Since, however, the Sacraments of the New Law, though they produce their effect *ex opere operato*, nevertheless, produce a great effect in proportion as the dispositions of the recipient are better, therefore, one should take care that Holy Communion be preceded by careful preparation, and followed by an appropriate thanksgiving, according to each one's strength, circumstances and duties." I'll unpack this a little more with the following suggestions:

1. You must have faith.

First, to approach Christ in the Eucharist we must have faith in His true presence. To receive without belief is the ultimate sacrilege and prevents us from recognizing and receiving the grace Christ wants to give us. Unfortunately, many polls have shown that a large number of Catholics who attend Mass do not believe in the Real Presence.

2. You need to confess before receiving.

The Church requires us to go to Confession at least once a year, but we are prohibited from receiving Communion in a state of mortal sin. If we do so, we commit another grave sin. Beyond that, we need to confess more regularly to break sinful habits and our attachment even to venial sin (as St. Francis de Sales recommends). Part of the problem here is that parishes need to make Confession more available, especially on Sunday when people are already at church.

3. Be intentional.

We should make a deliberate choice to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, breaking out of any routine complacency. Although it is good to receive Communion frequently, it can be helpful to remember that we are only required to receive once a year. If we are not properly prepared or need to go to Confession, it may be better to wait to receive. Sometimes the waiting can increase our "appetite" for this Divine Gift, and break the cycle of complacency.

4. Prepare.

If we do make the choice to receive the Eucharist, we should prepare through prayer and removing ourselves from distractions. Saturday traditionally has been a day of preparation for the Lord's Day and it would help to

say some extra prayers and to avoid things that would pull our mind and heart away from Christ. We should pray for the grace to make a good Communion when we wake up the day we are going to Mass and should say a prayer before Mass. There are beautiful prayers written to help us prepare to receive, such as the prayers of St. Ambrose and St. Thomas Aquinas found in most traditional prayer books.

5. Follow up.

We should follow up from receiving our Lord by staying recollected after Communion and making a thanksgiving right after Mass. There are also beautiful prayers written for after Mass. We should try to keep the Lord's presence in us by continuing to pray throughout the day and making a spiritual communion on other days throughout the week. In this way we are living the teaching of the Church that the Christian life comes from and is oriented toward the Holy Eucharist.

Jesus offers us the greatest gift imaginable by entering into us with His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We need to make sure we are not taking this gift for granted or even putting up obstacles to it in our life. Making a conscious effort to receive Jesus worthily will make an enormous difference in our spiritual lives and will bring us into a deeper communion with Him."

St. Charles Parish News

Thank You!

A huge thank you to the mulching crew who worked Saturday morning, April 26th. Those folks that were kind enough to help spread bark were Zach Malin, Grady Nicklay, Reid Nicklay, Peter White, Dan Kaczmarowski, Steph Nicklay, Carol Paulsrud, and Lowell Monroe. Thanks again! Cathy and Cindy

Homecoming Picnic Committee

The Homecoming Picnic Committee will meet at 6 PM Monday, May 5 at the school. Please consider attending. We need more input. Also, contact Fr. Sedlacek if you would like to be on the raffle ticket. It will be finalized May 5.

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

Thank You! Spring Carnival

Thank you to everyone who helped make our School's Spring Carnival a great success this year! A special

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

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

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

Mon. May 05: Homecoming Picnic Committee 6 PM at the school.

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