

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 14 & 15, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 16 - 22, 2025

06/16/25	Monday	NO MASS
06/17/25	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Terry Pitzner
06/18/25	Wednesday	8:00 AM † Don Curti
06/19/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Mary Ellen McQuire
06/20/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
06/21/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Terry Pitzner
06/22/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lector

Sat. June 21: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. June 22: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. June 21: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. June 22: 9:30 AM: Felicity, William & Thomas Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. June 22: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Tue. June 17: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith Magnuson

Mon. June 23: Arnie & Diane Pedretti' Dorothy Stokke

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

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; June 7 & 8, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,891.00
Plate Offering	\$ 335.00
Votive Candles	\$ 21.00
Total	\$2,247.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Eucharistic Processions

Peace to you! Happy Trinity Sunday! This is the last day of the Easter Season and the first day of time after Pentecost. The next two Sundays will be celebrating some big feast days - the Body and Blood of the Lord ("Corpus Christi") and the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Please note the special events after the Sunday Mass on Sunday, June 22, namely, the Eucharistic Procession after Mass and the potluck farewell reception for me. I am looking forward to the Procession. It seems, from what I have heard from parishioners, that this is the first time that St. Charles is doing a Eucharistic Procession for at least 60 years. If any of you have a memory of a Eucharistic procession taking place here, please let me know.

The following is a little explanation of the Corpus Christi procession written by Chris Carstens.

Corpus Christi is celebrated each year on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. It is customary in many places that after the Mass, a procession – something like a prayerful parade - with the Blessed Sacrament is held. What does "Corpus Christi" mean? The words "Corpus Christi" means "Body of Christ" and is another name for the "Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ" celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. This solemnity marks with particular emphasis the doctrine of Christ's real presence—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in the Eucharist.

What is a Corpus Christi procession? The Corpus Christi procession, most often held on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, is a "public witness of faith and devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament" (Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass [HCWEMOM], 101). Founded upon the Church's belief that Jesus becomes substantially present to us in the Eucharist at Mass, the Corpus Christi procession is one of the ways that we express our devotion to Christ (Eucharistic adoration, 40 Hours devotions, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament are other forms). A Corpus Christi procession usually begins after the celebration of Mass, at which the host for the procession is consecrated. Placed in a monstrance (a sacred vessel that displays the sacred host to the faithful), the Blessed Sacrament is then carried out of the church and through the streets of the city or neighborhood accompanied by the songs and prayers of the people. Often there are altars decorated along the route where the monstrance is placed and the people are blessed. In this way the Church shows that Christ, here among us, walks with us on our pilgrimage to heaven.

What are the origins of the Corpus Christi procession? The Corpus Christi procession and many of the other Eucharistic devotions seem to have begun in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. These devotions responded to a multitude of factors, among which were a greater appreciation and understanding of Christ's Eucharistic presence and a desire to express this truth outwardly. Influencing the rise in Eucharistic devotions were the visions of an Augustinian nun, Juliana of Liège, in 1209 that indicated an annual celebration devoted to the Body of Christ should be added to the Church's calendar. In 1264, Pope Urban IV, who had resided in Liège prior to his becoming Pope and was familiar with Juliana's visions, established the feast of the Body of Christ for the entire Church. St. Thomas Aquinas (d.1274) is said to have composed the liturgical texts for this new feast, as well as the hymns *O Salutaris Hostia* and *Tantum Ergo* (which are the last two stanzas of the hymn *Pange Lingua*) which are still sung today.

What is the relationship of the Corpus Christi procession to the Mass? The Magisterium today is adamant that the Corpus Christi procession and all other Eucharistic devotions be understood as being rooted in the celebration of the Mass. One basic principle for every Eucharistic devotion is that they "must have an intrinsic reference to the Eucharistic Sacrifice, or dispose the faithful for its celebration, or prolong the worship which is essential to that Sacrifice" (Directory on Popular Piety, 161). The celebration of the Eucharist, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration" (Sacramentum Caritatis, 66). Seen in this way, Eucharistic devotions and the Mass complement one another and are not in competition with each other.

Why should we participate in the Corpus Christi procession? The annual procession on the feast of Corpus Christi "holds particular importance and significance in the pastoral life of the parish or city.... In processions in which the Eucharist is carried through the streets in a solemn rite with singing, the Christian people bear public witness of faith and devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament" (HCWEMOM, 101, 102). Says Pope John Paul II, "The devout participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic procession on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is a grace from the Lord which yearly brings joy to those who take part in it" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 10). He continues: "In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into the body and blood, Christ walks

beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope" (62).

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

St. Charles Parish News

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

Sunday, June 22nd is the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord ("Corpus Christi"). After the 9:30 AM Mass, we are having 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 world." For those who cannot physically walk in the procession, they can remain in the church for prayer until the procession returns for the final Benediction. After the Procession, there will be a potluck Farewell Reception for Fr. Sedlacek in the School. Ham and buns will be provided by the women's group. We will have a sign-up board in the back of church. Please drop your food items off before Mass so that the women's group can set up during Mass. Even if you are not able to bring a dish to pass, please come!

Summer Vacation Bible School – June 29 - July 4

I am excited that St. Charles will be partnering with St. Mary's parish in Viroqua to put on a Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer! It will be put on by two Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist (from Ann Arbor, Michigan) and will take place at St. Mary's church, 400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, on Monday-Thursday, June 30th-July 3rd from 8 AM – Noon. This day program is for all kids entering or completing Grades K-6th. To register for the day program, please fill out this [Google Form](#) or email or call the Parish Office by Tuesday, June 24. office@stcharlesgenoa.org. (608) 689-2642. Cost: Free Will Offering. If you are able to help in any way, we would be grateful for any of the following: Adult Volunteers (all day), Help providing Lunch for the two Sisters on any of those days, and Teen Volunteers for any or all of those days. If you want to help or have any questions please contact Tessa Ledoux. tessaledoux1011@gmail.com The Sisters will also be offering some evening programs for any MS/HS teens and adult parishioners at various area parishes where they will tell their story and do a Q&A. More details coming soon about these opportunities.

Homecoming Picnic – Volunteer Sign Up!

The Homecoming Picnic Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, June 23, at the school. All are welcome. Please sign up to volunteer at the event by clicking on this link: [Homecoming Committee: Homecoming Picnic 2025](#). Mary Kate Donovan will also be available after Mass this Sunday to help people sign up.

122nd Homecoming Picnic – Sunday, July 6

The 122nd St. Charles Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 6th. The annual event is held on the first Sunday in July. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each meal includes Pogy's grilled chicken and sides, as well as a serving of homemade risotto, which is a cheesy rice delicacy passed down through generations of Italian immigrants who settled in the area. Raffle drawings will begin at 3 p.m. Most events will be held outdoors, with dining options available inside the adjacent school. Entry is free and open to the public. Meals cost \$15 each, smaller hot dog plates available for younger attendees for \$6. For more information, visit St. Charles School and Parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSchoolGenoa>.

Footsteps of St. Charles Pilgrimage to Italy 2025

This pilgrimage is still happening and Fr. Sedlacek is still going! There is time to join us on an unforgettable Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Italy on **September 29-October 8, 2025**. The pilgrimage includes Rome and going through the Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year, visiting Assisi, Milan, 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 (price includes flights, transportation, housing, and most meals). For more information, email Fr. Sedlacek or pilgrimage coordinator, Vincenzo, at vincenzo@vincenzoinrome.com

"Still the Answer" Eucharistic Rally 2025 – August 9

You are invited to join faithful from across the diocese on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire for a new opportunity to pause, reflect and renew our love of the gift of the Eucharist, as Jesus continues to give us His body and blood, strengthening us through life's joy, sorrows and challenges. The day's events will include a river walk procession, Mass, engaging speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. Take this

time to remember how much you need Jesus - and that He is *Still the Answer* for you, for your family, for your parish and for the world. To join a group from St. Charles that is planning to attend, please contact Jessica Flansburgh by calling or emailing the parish office.

St. Charles School News and Events

Can Tabs Collection

Our school is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. This worthy cause provides a place for parents to spend the night at a reasonable price while their children are receiving treatment in a hospital. If you would like to save can tabs for us, we would surely appreciate it! They can be placed in the jars in school and at the back of the church. Thank you!

SCRIP Gift Cards

Earn money back for St. Charles Parish by purchasing gift cards. If you missed the deadline for ordering physical gift cards, you can still purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with questions: Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

The Second-Hand Shack

The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street, La Crosse. Sarah Studinger is the owner/operator and is passionate about supporting the community by donating a portion of her profits to local non-profits, including St. Charles PTO. Parishioners can drop off clean, gently used items. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact Sarah for donation times, acceptance and exclusions. Thank you to Sarah Studinger for partnering with the St. Charles PTO!

News from the Diocese and our Community

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 Fundraiser

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 **July 19th**. If you'd like to sign up for a shift, email Chris Magnuson (president@lacrossejailministry.org), or Pastor Laura (laura@firstcongolax.org) with the times you can volunteer.

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.

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

Healing Your Marriage – Aug. 15-17

Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) or visit website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org . Fully Confidential and affordable. The next program begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area, August 15-17, 2025.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. June 22: Corpus Christi Procession after the 9:30 AM Mass. Farewell luncheon for Fr. Sedlacek after.
Mon. June 23: Homecoming Picnic Committee Meeting 6 PM in the School Gym
June 30-July 4: Vacation Bible School with the Dominican Sisters at St. Mary's, Viroqua.
Sun. July 06: 122nd Homecoming Picnic