

**The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15 & 16, 2022**

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 17 - 23 , 2022

10/17/22	Monday	NO MASS
10/18/22	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Tom Venner, Sr.
10/19/22	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/20/22	Thursday	8:00 AM † Tom Venner, Sr.
10/21/22	Friday	8:00 AM † Charles Papach
10/22/22	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
10/23/22	Sunday	9:30 AM † Pauline Berra

Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Oct. 22: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Oct. 23: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Servers

Sat. Oct. 22: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Oct. 23: 9:30 AM: Felicity, Perpetua & Abigail
Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 23: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

*If you would like to participate as Lector, Server, or
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please
call Tom Jeffers at (608) 689-2683*

Rosary Leaders

Sat. Oct. 22: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Oct. 23: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Oct. 17: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

Mon. Oct. 24: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy
Stokke

Ushers (Month of October)

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse

Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

Sacraments and Prayers

Church Hours

The church is open every day from 7 AM - 7 PM.

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

1st Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

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
meetings 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.

Prayer Requests - Call 608-689-2642 - requests
will be passed to Father Sedlacek & the prayer
chain.

Sacrificial Giving October 8 & 9, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$5,669.00

Plate Offering \$ 22.00

Religious Education \$ 30.00

Support Our School \$ 171.00

Total: \$5,892.00

From the Pastor's Desk Walking with St. Wenceslaus

Peace to you! "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2). I wrote last week about my time in Bavaria and in witnessing the Passion Play. After that part of the trip (and after making a BRIEF stop at Oktoberfest in Munich), my sister and I went to Prague, Czech Republic, and stayed there for 2 ½ days. During that time we got to drive out to the tiny village where my great-great grandfather Sedlacek lived. The house is still "in the family," although the owner now lives in Prague. We could not contact the owner, and so we drove to the village and rang the doorbell of the next door neighbor (whom, I was told by a 2nd cousin of mine here in the States, was somehow also related). Well, the neighbor answered the door and after some initial confusion (she did not speak English and I don't know Czech), we communicated that we were family and she called her daughter (who spoke English). She also asked another neighbor who mows the lawn at the Sedlacek house if we could borrow the key, and so my sister and I got to go into the house where my great-great grandfather grew up. I don't think anything in it has changed much since then, other than running water. That was quite the unique experience!

That evening, my sister and I drove back to Prague and I had Mass at the Shrine of the Infant of Prague, which is a miraculous statue of the child Jesus specially venerated in Bohemia (the kingdom which preceded the modern-day country of Czech Republic). I will probably write about the Infant of Prague in the future. But it was very special for me to celebrate Mass there (and I offered it for my family and my parishioners). Later that evening, my sister and I went to Stara Boleslav, a small town about 20 miles from Prague. It is there, in 935 AD (some sources say 927 AD), where St. Wenceslaus, the ruler of Bohemia was killed by his brother Boleslaus on the doorsteps of the church of St. Cosmos and Damien on September 28th. The theories surrounding the motive for his murder all seem to stem around Wenceslaus' living and promoting of Christianity, while Boleslaus and Wenceslaus' mother, Drahomira, were allied with the pagan nobles. Drahomira, it is alleged, arranged the murder of St. Ludmilla, Wenceslaus' paternal grandmother and probably encouraged Boleslaus in the murder of his brother (and her son).

On the night of the 27th of September, a major relic of St. Wenceslaus (his skull, adorned with a kingly crown), is taken to the town of Stara Boleslav, and in a candlelight procession brought to the Basilica of St. Wenceslaus, which is built around the ancient church of Cosmas and Damian, where St. Wenceslaus was killed. The next day, his feast day, there was a large Mass in the town square. My sister and I participated in the procession and Mass while we were there! September 28th is a national holiday in the Czech Republic.

Many may think that it is very strange (or even gross) that there was a procession with someone's skull. It was in a glass case, so quite visible to all. Why do Catholics venerate the relics (bones, etc...) of the Saints? From my own experience, it is a reminder of an important doctrine of our Faith. We believe in the Communion of Saints. We believe that the Church is not just the living on earth now, but mostly those who have already been saved by Christ and have entered their heavenly homeland. The Saints are members of the Church, our older brothers and sisters in Christ. And so, when we have relics of the Saints on or near the altars of our churches, we are reminded that the Saints are near to us, they "surround us" and they give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are not dead, but alive in Christ. They are "asleep," and are waiting for the resurrection of the body on the last day. We wait with them in joyful expectation. And when we pray, especially at Mass, they join us in praise from their heavenly thrones.

I think it is a very normal human impulse to honor the body or possessions of those whom we hold dear. It is likely why my sister and I wanted to visit the house of my great-great grandfather. We desire and "sense" a

connection to those who have gone before us when we encounter places associated with them, their possessions (think of family heirlooms), and their graves and bodies. Another reason why we have relics (usually small parts of the bones of the Saints) in churches is because the first places where Christians celebrated the Mass was at the tombs of the martyrs, particularly those of the Apostles or first Christians martyrs. It was a sign of our hope in the resurrection and our real union with the Saints within the Body of Christ. We are “surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses” who help us to keep our eyes on Christ, and whose prayers in heaven help us to persevere in running the race and entering the victory of Christ in which they already are participating.

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

St. Charles Parish News

New Parish Directories are here!

Our new parish directories have arrived! Thank you to Priscilla Martin for all the work that she did since March to make this a reality. It had been 7 or 8 years since our last directory. Everyone who sat for a photo session gets a free copy. You can pick up your copy at the parish office during office hours or after the weekend Masses this weekend. We have a few extra copies as well. If you are interested in purchasing one, please ask Priscilla.

Women’s Group Wreath, Apple Pie, and Maple Syrup fundraisers

St. Charles Women's Group will be selling Christmas Wreaths, “Take and Bake” homemade Apple Pies, and Maple Syrup. Order forms are in the vestibule. Orders are due Oct 31st. \$20 for a 24-inch wreath. \$15 for an Apple Pie. These are the best apple pies Fr. Sedlacek has ever tasted, so order soon! Pick up for Apple Pies will be Nov. 12 & 13 after Mass in the school. Christmas Wreaths and Maple Syrup will be available for pick up Nov. 19 & 20 and Nov. 26 & 27 after Mass at the parish garage.

Save the Date! Pancake Breakfast Sunday Nov. 13th

Plain and Pumpkin Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sliced Ham, Applesauce, Coffee, juice, milk. Bake Sale also! Serving 10 am – 11:30 am on Sunday, Nov. 13th in St. Charles School. Free will donation. Put on by the St. Charles School PTO.

Tues. November 1st All Saints Day and Holy Day of Obligation

St. Charles will have Holy Day Masses at 8:30 AM and 7 PM. Here are some Mass times from local parishes.

Mon., Oct. 31: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass at Blessed Sacrament, La Crosse
5:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. James the Less, La Crosse

Tuesday, November 1

6:30 AM Cathedral	5:10 PM Cathedral	5:30 PM St. Joseph Parish -
8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament	5:15 PM Roncalli Newman	St. Joseph Ridge
Noon Mary, Mother of the	5:15 PM St. Elizabeth Ann	6:30 PM St. Teresa of
Church	Seton, Holmen	Kolkata, West Salem
Noon Roncalli Newman	5:30 PM Mary, Mother of the	
12:10 PM Cathedral	Church	

RCIA Sunday, October 30th after Mass

Curious about the Catholic Faith and want to learn more? Thinking about becoming Catholic? Never have been Confirmed? Consider joining RCIA. Our next meeting will be after Mass on Sunday, **October 30th**. For more information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and/or to sign up, contact Fr. Sedlacek.

Parish Holy “Hour of Power” on 1st Thursdays of Each Month

Please join us in prayer and Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, **November 3rd**. Come for an hour or however much time you can spare (even 5 minutes!). Confession will be available during this time.

St. Charles School News

RootinCrown Consignment Store

RootinCrown is taking donations between 10 AM and 4 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Appointments are still required for gently used furniture consignment. St. Charles earns a 60% share on clean and gently used furniture valued over \$50. To qualify for this offer, make an appointment with Mary Jo at 608-519-9500. Encourage family, neighbors and friends/social contacts to support our school by shopping at the RootinCrown and liking them

on Facebook. www.rootincrown.com

School Shop Scrip Program

Thanks to everyone who have been using the Scrip program. If you haven't already, it is easy to join and start earning money for our school. Either create an account on Raiseright.com/shop or download the RaiseRight app. You can use the app or website to immediately buy and use eGift cards. More information to come when we place the next order for physical gift cards. Please reach out to Megan Olson with any questions at 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

Other News from the Diocese and our Community

Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan

Join us Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. The keynote presenter, Father Paul Check, Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak on: "Witnessing to Life, Truth and Love in a Hostile World." Schedule: 6 p.m. – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7 p.m. – Banquet; 7:45 p.m. – Presentation. \$20/person, \$10/students, teachers & school administrators. For more information and to register, visit www.dioc.org/gospel-of-life

Turkey Dinner St. Mary's, Viroqua: Wed. Oct 19th

This is an annual fundraiser for our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW). The money made from this fund raiser goes to many good causes, both locally and worldwide. 4-7 PM. Adults: \$15 Under 10: \$10 Carry outs available.

Holy Day of Prayer and Meditation for Women

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Invite You for a day of prayer on Saturday, **October 29, 2022**, from 9 AM to 5 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This day is free, including lunch. It is our gift to the first 200 women in the Diocese who RSVP to LDCCW Vice President Candace, candymcgrath@yahoo.com or call 608-647-0400.

La Crosse Warming Center

Doors Open November 1st. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Past, present, and future volunteers, please join La Crosse warming center staff for a non-mandatory but highly useful question and answer session where we will help familiarize you with what's new for the 2022-23 winter season! Sessions will take place October 18th and 20th from 6 to 7pm at 413 3rd St S, La Crosse (Warming Center location).

Fr. Walijewski Guild Benefit for Casa Hogar

Please join us for the annual Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Dinner benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, **November 4** at Blessed Sacrament Church in La Crosse. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will provide an update on the last year at Casa Hogar and the legacy of Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski that lives on still today. Cost is only \$70 per person or \$525 for a table of 8. Register online at www.homeajpm.org/events or call 715.297.5139 to register or with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Save the date! Men of the Cross Catholic Men's Conference: "Sons of the Father"

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

La Crosse Center | 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse
Cost: \$40 per person; After Oct. 24, 2022, \$45 per person. Mass attendance is down, prayer lives are mediocre at best, and men being spiritual leaders in their families has been substituted by achieving worldly success. Come to the Men of the Cross Conference to reignite and reaffirm your identity as a son of the Father! Gather your family members, best buds, men at your parish and even acquaintances, and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse. Go to www.menofthecross.org for more information and to register.

Sign Up for 40 Days for Life, La Crosse

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. This year we will stand in prayerful witness outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia St. in La Crosse, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sept. 28-Nov. 3. Sign up for vigil hours at www.40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse Questions? Call Marie Allen at 608.784.5189.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Oct. 23: World Mission Sunday

Wed. Oct. 26: Confirmation preparation 6:30-8 PM

Sun. Oct. 30: RCIA Group 10:30-Noon.

Tues. Nov. 1: All Saints Day. Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 8:30 AM and 7 PM.

Wed. Nov. 2: PTO Meeting 6 PM.

Wed. Nov. 2: All Souls Day. 7 PM Mass in remembrance of deceased parishioners from this past year

Sun. Nov. 13: St. Charles School Pancake Breakfast 10-11:30 AM.