

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1 & 2, 2022

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 3-9, 2022

10/03/22	Monday	NO MASS
10/04/22	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Patricia Woodhouse
10/05/22	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/06/22	Thursday	NO MASS
10/07/22	Friday	8:00 AM † Joyce De Florian
10/08/22	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
10/09/22	Sunday	9:30 AM † Pauline Berra

Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Oct. 08: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Oct. 09: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Oct. 08: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Oct. 09: 9:30 AM: Felicity, Perpetua &
Abigail Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 09: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

*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. 08: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Oct. 09: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Oct. 03: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn
Umberger

Mon. Oct. 10: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

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 for
private prayer.

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 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
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 September 24 & 25, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$1,791.00

Plate Offering \$ 32.00

Total: \$1,848.00

From the Pastor's Desk

The Rosary and Life

Peace to you! Well, I will be just returning from Europe on Saturday evening and what a great trip it was. We kick off the month of October with Respect Life Sunday (**October 2**) and recall that October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, which is an incredibly powerful and ancient prayer. Please consider joining me in the Life Chain event up in La Crosse on Losey Boulevard from 2-3 PM today (Sunday **October 2**). This is a prayerful event whose purpose is to proclaim, via silent witness that abortion is wrong and that all human life is precious and worthy of protection.

I must admit, that although my family prayed the rosary together when I was growing up (every day during Lent), my devotion to Our Lady and to praying the rosary really did not take root until sometime in my latter seminary years and first couple years of priesthood. By "take root" I mean that it has become an important part of my daily life and my spiritual growth. I used to think that, since I did not "get much" out of praying the rosary, that I was just not "that type" of person. But, praise the Lord, I somehow stuck with it and kept trying. Eventually, something clicked for me. Actually, a few things:

1. The rosary is not just a "check the box" prayer, but a personal conversation with Our Lord and His Mother. Sometimes I approach times of prayer with a "let's just get this over with" attitude. But the more I've gotten to know Jesus and Mary, the more I desire to spend some time with them. I think that this is true for all types of prayer, not just the rosary.
2. Mary is my mother. I have always known this on an intellectual level, but it took quite some time for this to sink in on a personal, emotional, and spiritual level. That the Mother of God is also my mother who is not just a spectator of my life has been a game-changer. She walks with me daily with motherly concern.
3. The rosary helps to calm my mind and my soul. And I don't mean this in a self-help or therapeutic sort of way. The rosary is much deeper than that. When I pray it conscientiously, I bring all of the worries, struggles, and burdens of my life to Jesus and Mary. I have started to notice that, when I share myself with Jesus and Mary, then they have started to share themselves with me. That is, their earthly life has come to life for me. The events marked by the mysteries of the rosary (e.g. the birth of Jesus, the wedding at Cana, the crowning with thorns, the descent of the Holy Spirit, etc...) are becoming for me not just a story, but a real part of my life. It is similar to the way that a major event in the life of one of your friends impacts your own life. Their life is intertwined with yours. Jesus' and Mary's lives are becoming that for me. I am beginning to see them as real people with real feelings, thoughts, and desires. I find myself understanding Jesus and Mary. "What were you feeling, Mary, when there was no room in the inn?" and many similar thoughts come to mind now when I pray the rosary. I realize that Mary and Jesus are not far from me, either emotionally, experientially, or personally. And *that* calms my heart and mind in my daily frustrations and difficulties.

There is so much more to say about the rosary: How it has been a powerful spiritual weapon so many times in the Church's history (read about the Battle of Lepanto, probably the most important sea battle in European history, which took place on October 7, 1571), how it forms in us a habit of prayer, how it has converted thousands to the true faith, how God has poured forth countless graces upon His people through it, especially the grace of chastity, how it has helped a countless number of people break free from addictions, and the list goes on. In other words, I cannot recommend highly enough the daily praying of the rosary at least in a small part. Some practical and personal advice for doing this:

1. Start small and then build. Commit to praying one decade of the rosary every day. But try to pray more than that.
2. Build it into your routine. I often pray it in the car instead of listening to the radio. This also helps me stay calmer when encountering bad drivers!
3. Pray it in chunks. I rarely pray a whole rosary (5 decades) all at one time during the day. A couple decades here and there throughout the day helps me to remain in a spirit of prayer and relate my daily life to that of Jesus and Mary.
4. If you "fall off the bus," don't be too proud and just hop back on. Even now, although I desire to pray the rosary every day, sometimes I don't because I forget or I don't prioritize my day well or I am lazy. But I am learning to swallow my pride and recognize that I am still a "work-in-progress," loved by God.

I hope that you too can experience the countless blessings and graces that I and millions of others have received from praying the rosary every day. I especially desire that you will come to know and love Our Lord and our Blessed Mother personally. Her intercession is powerful, and so we ask that she pray for us and help our world embrace a culture of life.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Help Needed for Middle School and High School Religious Education

We are planning to host Middle School and Confirmation religious education classes on **Wednesday evenings**, 6:30-8 PM once a month. Father Sedlacek NEEDS at least one other adult to be present in order to have these groups. Could you help on Wednesday evenings, make and drop off snacks, or help in some other way (volunteer as a mentor or small group leader? Organize events or teach a lesson? Donate time or money for resources?)? If you have any questions how you can support Religious Education in some way, please contact Fr. Sedlacek. frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com

Fellowship Sunday after 9:30 AM Mass Sunday, October 2

There will be coffee (milk, juice) and donuts after Sunday Mass today (**October 2**) in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to come over! Thank you to the school PTO for sponsoring this month's Fellowship Sunday.

Religious Education and CCD begins Sunday, October 2nd (Confirmation on Oct 5, MS on Oct 12)

Registration will be on Sunday, **October 2nd** at 8:00-9:00 AM at St. Charles School. It will also be the first day of classes for 1st-5th grades. 1st-5th grade classes will take place on Sundays from 8:15-9:15 AM. The first Confirmation preparation class (with parents) will be Wednesday, **October 5th** at 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Charles school cafeteria. The first Middle School group meeting will be on Wednesday, **October 12th** at 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Charles school cafeteria. For more information or questions, contact Father Sedlacek.

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Reminder: There will be NO MASS on Thursday, **October 6th** at St. Charles. Fr. Sedlacek has a retreat with the Aquinas students that day.

St. Charles Catholic Women's Group Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to come to the meeting on **October 6th** at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

Quilters will meet from 5 – 8:30 PM tonight (**October 2**),

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, **October 6th**. Come for an hour or however much time you can spare (even 5 minutes!). Confession will be available as well.

RCIA next Sunday, October 9th after Mass

Curious about the Catholic Faith and want to learn more? Thinking about becoming Catholic? Were never Confirmed? Come to the school gym after Mass next Sunday, **October 9th** to get more information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and/or to sign up.

St. Charles School News

Butter Braids: The butter braids will be delivered to the St. Charles School on Wednesday, October 12th between 2:45-3 PM. Please be there to pick up your order.

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 mjrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

Other News from the Diocese and our Community

La Crosse Life Chain 2022: Sun. October 2nd

The La Crosse Life Chain will be on Sunday, **October 2nd**, which is Respect Life Sunday. The Life Chain will start at the corner of La Crosse St. and Losey Blvd. and proceed south. It begins at 2 PM and ends at 3 PM. There will be volunteers with signs and donation buckets at each corner. Suggested donation is \$1 per family. Join in the effort to witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death with a prayerful silence, praying for the end of abortion.

Rummage Sale October 7-8

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, **October 7**, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 8, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale: Sun Oct0ber 9

Sunday, **October 9th** at St. Mary's Parish, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley. Serving from 7:30 AM-Noon. Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, and under 5 Free. All you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, and a beverage. Dine in or carry out.

Annual Sauerkraut Supper: Wed. October. 12

St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge. W697 Hwy 33, Rockland, WI. Serving 3:30-7:30 PM. Church-made Kraut and Pork Ribs, Polish Sausage, glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and gravy, home-made pies. Carry out Only. \$15. Raw kraut (2.5 lbs) available for \$5.

Holy Trinity Parish Chicken-Q and Bake Sale

Holy Trinity Parish, 13th and Park Ave, La Crosse) will hold a Chicken-Q & Bake Sale on Thursday, **October 13** from 11 AM to 5:30 PM. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun \$10. Carry Out, Drive Through or Delivery. For Delivery, call 608-782-2028 Ext. 2

10th Annual Pins and Pirouettes 2PM October 16

This 10th Annual Pins & Pirouettes Fundraiser at 2 PM on **October 16th** at Aquinas High School goes

towards supporting Aquinas High School Dance and Wrestling programs. More information will be available in the near future.

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.

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!

Catholic Charities: Pregnancy Resource

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse provides social services to strengthen families and individuals. Through their Adoption, Pregnancy Support, Post Adoption, and St. Lawrence Community Service Programs, they work to assist women and girls during pregnancy and after the birth of a child. They offer a 24/7 helpline to women and girls needing to talk to a trained social worker, offering free and confidential services. Free, Confidential Help Available 24/7: 1-888-212-HELP (4357) or Text 715-600-6391. For a list of the Pregnancy Resource Centers around the diocese, visit www.dioc.org/respect-life and click on "Pregnancy Help."

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Oct. 2: Religious Education (CCD) Registration 8-9 AM; 1st-5th grade classes: 8:15-9:15 AM.
Sun. Oct. 2. Quilters meet in the Lello Room 5-8:30 PM
Tues. Oct. 4: PTO meets 6 PM
Wed. Oct. 5: Confirmation meeting (parents and students) 6:30-8 PM.
Thurs. Oct. 6: Parish "Hour of Power" with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession opportunity 6-7 PM
Thurs. Oct. 6: Women's Group meets at 6:30 PM in Cafeteria
Wed. Oct. 12: Butter Braid Orders delivered between 2:45-3 PM at St. Charles School
Wed. Oct. 12: Middle School youth group night 6:30-8 PM.