

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22 & 23, 2022

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 24 – October 30 , 2022

10/24/22	Monday	NO MASS
10/25/22	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Janie Cina
10/26/22	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/27/22	Thursday	8:00 AM † Tom Venner, Sr.
10/28/22	Friday	8:00 AM † Tom Venner, Sr.
10/29/22	Saturday	4:00 PM † Joseph Haydysch
10/30/22	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Oct. 29: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Oct.30: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Oct. 29: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Oct. 30: 9:30 AM: Salvatori & Arianna
Trussoni; Abigail Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 30: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

*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. 29: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

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

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Oct. 31: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Ushers (Month of November)

Saturday: Steve Woodhouse & Larry Kelsey

Sunday: Keith Magnuson & Arnie Trussoni

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 15 & 16, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$1,930.00

Plate Offering \$ 163.00

Total: \$2,099.00

From the Pastor's Desk In the Footsteps of the Apostles

Peace to you! In our second reading this week from St. Paul's Letter to Timothy, St. Paul writes, "I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." St. Paul is writing from prison in Rome, where he will shortly be executed by beheading for being a leader of the Christians. I was very privileged in my most recent travels at the end of September after visiting Germany and the Czech Republic, to spend two days in Rome. I did my theology studies there, and so lived there for 4 years. I said it then and I say it whenever I return to Rome, "It is good to be back 'home.'" It was a short stay, but one filled with joyful event, namely ordination to the diaconate of a couple dozen seminarians from the North American College (my alma mater), including two from our diocese of La Crosse, Deacon Jared Clements and Deacon Isaac Pecha. Bishop Callahan and Fr. Kuhn were also there. What a joy to remember the memory of my diaconate ordination 7 years ago, at that same place just yards from the tomb of St. Peter.

I advise that every Catholic should, at least once in their life, make a pilgrimage to Rome (as well as the Holy Land). Yes, there is a lot of history there, since Rome was the center of a world-wide empire that lasted for something like 600+ years. But that part of Rome is all in ruins. What remains are the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and the home of Peter's successor, the Pope. The Church has remained. Ancient Rome is gone. The Caesars are all dead, the visible head of Christ's Church remains. Although many Christians and Pope were martyred those first few centuries, Rome could not kill faith in Jesus Christ. Catholics experience a connection to the Universal Church when they go to Rome. They feel a tangible connection to the Apostles and the first Christians, the very people who knew Christ personally, when they pray in at their tombs or in the catacombs.

So, while in Rome, I was able to concelebrate the Mass of Ordination at St. Peter's Basilica, near the tomb of St. Peter. Then next day, Deacon Isaac served at Mass as a deacon for the first time and preached his first homily at the church of St. Bartholomew, where the relics of that Apostle are kept. Then later that morning, I concelebrated a second Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul, and prayed at the tomb of St. Paul the Apostle. So, in less than 24 hours I visited the tombs of 3 Apostles! And yet, here I was at these holy places with Bishop Callahan and Cardinal James Harvey (a bishop who grew up in Milwaukee and is now rector of the Basilica of St. Paul). As Catholic bishops, they are successors of the Apostles, ordained in an unbroken line from Peter and Paul all the way down to our day. Our bishop has the task of preaching the Gospel to people in our corner of the world, just as Peter and Paul were tasked to bring the Gospel to the city of Rome (Peter going there willingly at first, Paul by being arrested). And I, as a priest, have been tasked by the Bishop to preach the Gospel on his behalf to Genoa, Stoddard, De Soto, Ferryville, and even Romance... the whole territory of St. Charles Parish.

And so, it was a great trip that my sister and I were blessed to experience. As we journeyed back here to Genoa, I reflected on the fact that our whole life is a journey, a pilgrimage to our heavenly home. We are not created to remain in this world. We are citizens of heaven. As St. Paul described to Timothy, this life is a competition, a fight between good and evil. It is a race to the finish line of holiness. There are points in a race when we feel like we can't go on and are tempted to give up. May we be able to persevere in "keeping the faith" by finishing the race of this life and fighting the good fight. May we compete well, knowing that life and the forces of evil will land a few blows from time to time on us. We may sometimes feel like giving up on God or prayer or coming to receive the Sacraments, or the Church or religion altogether. But if we persevere, we will win the crown of glory that Christ has prepared for us, because we too will have walked in His footsteps up the hill of Calvary. And if we endure the sufferings of this life out of love for Christ, then we have certain hope that we will follow His footsteps out of the tomb on the Last Day.

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

St. Charles Parish News

World Mission Sunday collection

This weekend we will have a collection for World Mission Sunday. Envelopes will be available at the ends of the pews. Joining Catholics worldwide this Sunday, we offer our prayers and financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the Pope's missions. When you contribute to the World Mission

Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Pope to provide mission support to: 844,000 catechists teaching the faith, 258,540 Religious Sisters caring for children and families, 38,140 seminarians preparing for the priesthood, 26 million children in primary schools, 12,000 clinics caring for the sick and dying, 8,750 homes for orphaned children and the elderly. In our diocese we had an increase of 41.4% from 2020 to 2021 in our World Mission Sunday collection, from \$118,034 to \$166,957! Thank you for your generosity!

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.

November 1st All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation

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

Mon., Oct. 31: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass at Blessed Sacrament, La Crosse
6:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. Mary's, Viroqua

Tuesday, November 1:

6:30 AM Cathedral	5:10 PM Cathedral
8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament	5:15 PM Roncalli Newman
8:30 AM St. Joseph, New Albin, Iowa	5:15 PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Holmen
Noon Mary, Mother of the Church	5:30 PM Mary, Mother of the Church
Noon Roncalli Newman	5:30 PM St. Joseph Parish - St. Joseph Ridge
12:10 PM Cathedral	6:30 PM St. Mary's, Coon Valley
12:10 PM St. Mary's, Viroqua	6:30 PM St. Teresa of Kolkata, West Salem
	6:30 PM St. Ann-St. Joseph, Harpers Ferry

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.

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

Moving Sale: Greg & Evie Furlano

Date: Friday, October 28 (8 AM – 4 PM) & Saturday, October 29 (8 AM – whenever(?) at 118 Main Street in Genoa. Items: Household, Holiday, Wood Working, Dinnerware, and much, much more.

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 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.

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.

St. James & Providence Academy: 56th Annual Holly Berry Fair

WHEN: Saturday, November 12, 2022, 9am-4pm
WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James.
WHAT: Booths include Bakery, Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Visit Santa's Winter Wonderland for face painting & pictures with Santa! Lunch & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Advent Christmas Fair "From our Heart and Home to Yours"

Saturday November 19, 2022 From 8am – 2pm
130 Losey Blvd South, La Crosse

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 collection

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

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

Thur. Nov. 3: Women's Group meeting 6 PM Adoration, 6:30 PM meeting.

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