

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8 & 9, 2022

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October , 2022

10/10/22	Monday	NO MASS
10/11/22	Tuesday	NO MASS (Father at Fall Clergy Conference)
10/12/22	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/13/22	Thursday	8:00 AM † Kathryn Papach
10/14/22	Friday	8:30 AM † Sophia Haydysch
10/15/22	Saturday	4:00 PM † James & Patricia Pedretti, Sr.
10/16/22	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Oct. 15: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Oct. 16: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Servers

Sat. Oct. 15: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Oct. 16: 9:30 AM: Arianna Trussoni; Kanoa
& Nalani Rodgers

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 16: 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. 15: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Oct. 16: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

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

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

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 1 & 2, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$2,116.00

Plate Offering \$ 86.00

Religious Education \$ 65.00

Support Our School \$ 30.00

Total: \$2,097.00

From the Pastor's Desk Holy Week in September

Peace to you! "For God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Christ... [We are] always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body" (2 Cor 4:6 and 10). These verses come to my mind as I continue to unpack the events of my travels and get my feet back on the ground here at St. Charles. As you may have heard, I was away in Europe for about 10 days. The three principal reasons for the trip with my younger sister were to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, be in Prague for the feast of St. Wenceslaus (September 28), and attend the ordination in Rome of two new transitional deacons for our Diocese (Jared Clements and Isaac Pecha).

My sister and I had heard about the Passion Play when we were kids. In 1633, during the Thirty Years War and a bout of the plague which caused numerous deaths in their town, the people of Oberammergau (southern Germany) made a promise to enact a "play of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. After making the vow, no one else died of the plague and the people of this village have been fulfilling their promise to God ever since. The 42nd Passion Play was scheduled to take place in 2020, but was postponed. My sister and I had bought our tickets back in January or February 2019. When it was postponed, we talked and both said, "Well, we still want to go. Let's go in 2022." The Passion Play ran from May until the end of September, with the townspeople putting on 103 performances, each of which is over 5 hours long (plus a long intermission). The estimated number of people who viewed the play this year was around 450,000 from all over the world.

My sister and I were in the audience for the September 24th play. Only people from the town of Oberammergau are allowed to participate (you have to be a resident of the town for over 20 years before you are eligible to be in the play). Over 2,400 of the approximately 5,000 citizens of the town participated this year in the play as amateur actors, instrumentalists for the orchestra, and singers. The Play covers the last days of Jesus' life, Holy Week, starting at the entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and ending with the angel announcing to the women at the tomb, "He is not here, He is risen."

My experience of the Play was that it was powerful. Not because it was "impressive," although it was, considering that the entire production was the result of non-professionals, but because it was "real." What I mean is that the "actors" who were ordinary citizens of this very ordinary town in the foothills of the Alps put their heart and emotions into the play. And when I think that my sister and I watched something like their 98th performance of the same play since May, I am more impressed. The message of the Play was simply the message of the Gospel, but put into "ordinary people" language, not high theological-technical language. In a word, it was an experience of the heart. It was moving. It was sincere. And it was prayerful. As the program of the Play explained, "The people of Oberammergau... know their duty. They keep the vow of their ancestors in a way that fulfills the aim of the promise at that time, namely, to strengthen confidence and faith for the future. So the play is not a 'popular theater of bygone times.' It is a 'theater of the people for the people' that seeks to convey hope."

I think the fact that this performance was delayed due to a pandemic made it unique. A similar event plus the faith of ordinary Christians brought this play into existence. Now, almost 400 years later, more ordinary Christians (or curiosity-seekers) came seeking hope in the love of Christ, proven not only by His words, but by His Saving actions of His sufferings and death. The performance ended with the Apostles and holy women on the stage with lit candles; an image of the Easter Vigil Mass, where the light from the Easter Candle is shared and spread to all in the church. It is a sign of Christ, who is the Light of the world, the only true hope of all mankind. It was good to live out and reflect upon these events of Holy Week on a chilly evening in September in Bavaria. I hope that my humble reflections here also bring you some hope and light wherever you may be

experiencing darkness or helplessness. May the words of Mary Magdalen (in the show) echo in your heart, "He was condemned, shunned by people, a man in pain. But God freed him from the sorrow of death and raised him up. I know that my Savior lives! He is with us every day until the end of the world! Hallelujah! He is risen!"

May we carry in your minds, hearts, and bodies the suffering and dying of Jesus (proofs of His love) so that the life of Jesus, eternal life, may always be manifested in us, and bring His light to the world.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Congratulations!

Aiden Travis Klinkner, son of Travis and Krista, will be baptized at the Sunday Mass on October 9th. Many blessings and prayers for you and your family as you begin a life of Christ's grace!

Religious Education and CCD has begun!

There is still time to register for Religious Education at St. Charles. 1st-5th grade classes will take place on **Sundays from 8:15-9:15 AM**. The first Middle School group meeting will be on Wednesday, **October 12th** at 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Charles school cafeteria. The next Confirmation preparation class will be Wednesday, **October 26th** at 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Charles school cafeteria. For more information or questions, contact Father Sedlacek. frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com

Reminder: There will be no Mass at St. Charles on Tuesday, **October 11th** at St. Charles. Fr. Sedlacek will be attending the Diocese's Fall Clergy Conference with all the other priests and deacons.

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.

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

Butter Braids: The butter braids will be delivered to 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 mjtrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

Other News from the Diocese and our Community

Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

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 13th** 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.

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.

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. It has been said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Throughout recent history, Catholic men, in general, have been suffering from this very issue. 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

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

Sun. Oct. 23: World Mission Sunday

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

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

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