

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12 & 13, 2022

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 14 - 20, 2022

11/14/22	Monday	NO MASS
11/15/22	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Janet Papach
11/16/22	Wednesday	NO MASS
11/17/22	Thursday	8:00 AM † Jeanette Guanella
11/18/22	Friday	8:00 AM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
11/19/22	Saturday	4:00 PM † People of St. Charles
11/20/22	Sunday	9:30 AM † Terry Pitzner

Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Nov. 19: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Nov. 20: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Nov. 19: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Nov. 20: 9:30 AM: Perpetua Mitchell;
Salvatori & Arianna Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Nov 20: 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. Nov. 19: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Nov. 20: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Nov. 14: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Mon. Nov. 21: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

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 November 5 & 6, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$2,826.00

Plate Offering \$ 187.00

Religious Education \$ 30.00

Support Our School \$ 20.00

Fellowship Sunday \$ 80.00

Total: \$3,143.00

From the Pastor's Desk The Mass: Our Greatest Work

Peace to you! This Sunday is our Pancake Breakfast at St. Charles School. Please come over and enjoy some fellowship and a good breakfast in support of our school. This past Friday, November 11th was Veterans Day and I thank all of you who have served in our country's Armed Forces. Know of our parish's support and prayers for you and your families, and our appreciation for your sacrifices and service. Next Saturday is the opening day of the gun deer hunting season in Wisconsin. Prayers for safety to all hunters and for success. Remember that if you give to God what is due to him (coming to church on the weekend) then He will help everything else in life to fall into place. St. Hubert, pray for us!

I am also looking forward to Thanksgiving and a couple of days to spend with family and to deer hunt myself. It has been a busy October and November around our parish! Finding a good work and rest balance is difficult in our culture which at the same time seems more and more frantic in the pursuit of "activities" but also tends towards the laziness of convenience and selfish pursuits/entertainment. For us as Christians, we recognize that work is a blessing from God which helps us to grow in holiness and virtue, but also that our ultimate purpose is not work, but that work helps us move toward our ultimate purpose, which is "rest" with God, that is, union with God. That is why we need to remember and work hard to maintain a "sabbath's rest" on Sundays. Six days did God give us for work, but on the seventh day He rested. How are you and your family doing with putting boundaries on your Sundays in order to make them a day of rest? "Rest" here does not just mean lounging around, but truly rejuvenating your spirit/soul. This includes primarily offering worship that is due to God, from Whom we receive everything. It also includes time to revive the human spirit, which includes things like strengthening our relationships, especially family relationships (and also the broader church family), culture, music, reading good literature or spiritual books, and other truly leisurely activities. We try to put aside all non-necessary menial tasks, not out of laziness, but in order to make time for "activities" which so easily get crowded out. In short, our Sundays should look vastly different than the other six days of the week. I think that one practice that helps people enter into a sabbath rest is to turn off all electronic devices on Sunday. This practice "forces" us to spend actual time to grow our human relationships, especially with our family. Keeping Sunday holy ("different") takes effort. But the effort is worth it.

St. Paul, in our second reading for this Sunday from his 2nd letter to the Thessalonians, reminded that Christian community of that he taught them that, "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." But to understand his point, we need to recall the context of this letter. In his first letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul wrote a lot about the end and the second coming of Christ. Because it seemed from his letter that this event was coming very soon, it led some in the community to basically quit their jobs and just wait around for Christ to come. Meanwhile, those who were not working were "minding the business" of those who kept working. And so, when St. Paul tells them to imitate his example, which was that he worked to support himself and buy his own food, he is telling them to also imitate the example of Jesus Himself, who worked as carpenter. The Christian life is the imitation of Christ. The motto of the Benedictine order is "Ora et Labora," "pray and work." Both are essential parts of the life of a Christian and they go together, because on one hand, prayer is a great work, a spiritual work, and on the other hand all of our daily work can and should be offered up as a prayer to God. As Peter Kreeft writes in his book, *Food for the Soul*, commenting on this passage, "On the one hand, the greatest of prayers, the Mass, is also the greatest of human works; and on the other hand, we should offer up to God every single morning of our lives, in our 'morning offering' all our 'prayers, works, joys, and sufferings' of each day. For *all* the good things of our life, not just some of them, come from God, our origin and Creator, and therefore *all* good things in our life should be offered up to God as our final end and purpose, our ultimate hope and happiness. God is not just the God of part of our lives, the prayer part or the Sunday part; but he is the God of all our lives. If he is not that, then he is not God to us; he is only one of many gods."

I know that for many people that going to Mass on Sunday is just "one of many things" that we "should do," and that it is tempting to treat it like other things that we "should do," such as cleaning the house, visiting grandma, or raking the leaves in our yard. But it is not just one thing we should do, but THE thing we should do, because it is the greatest thing we can do in this life. What is greater or more important than worshiping God in the way He asks us to do it ("Do *this* in memory of Me")? What "should" is greater than the greatest commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:29)?

All of that said, I recognize that our world today does not support or incentivize going to Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings). It is constantly encroaching and demanding of our time, thoughts, efforts, and allegiance. The “reasons” for not going to Mass are as many as there are people and possible activities. But what is the point of all these activities? What is the goal of life? What makes life make sense? And, on a more practical level, why is it that in study after study, people who go and worship God together as a community on Sundays are happier and healthier than those who do not? The answer is because that is how God made us, and we can only live contrary to our nature for so long without severe consequences. If I don’t sleep for a day or two, there are severe consequences. If I don’t pray or go to Mass, there are severe consequences. If I don’t worship God or dedicate time to “rest” with Him, there are severe consequences.

And so, when the topic of “do I have to go to church on Sunday?” comes up in conversations, I usually answer, “No one is making you. Just like no one is making you eat three meals a day. You are free to choose. But there will be negative spiritual consequences if you don’t. That is why the Church, as a mother, tells us that the minimum requirement for following God’s commandment to ‘keep holy the sabbath day,’ it to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Note that receiving Communion every time you go to Mass is not required, but simply attending). It hurts your soul to disobey your actual mother. Just so, to disobey the Bride of Christ (the Church) also hurts your soul.” That is one side of the question, “Why do we go to Mass on Sundays?” The other side is that what happens at Mass is so amazing and so profound (the greatest thing that we can do in this life) that once a person truly understands what happens there, it would be crazy to not come. But that is for a bulletin article some other time.

In the meantime, I encourage all of you to go online (just this once this Sunday) and search “The Veil Removed,” and on the home page of www.theveilremoved.com, click “watch the film.” It is a short 7-minute film which depicts what truly happens at every Mass, even Mass in the most ordinary looking place and with the most ordinary of people. I encourage you to watch it with your family, and let me know what you think.

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

St. Charles Parish News

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.

Praying for Our Beloved Deceased

During this month of November, let us remember those who have died this past year in our prayers and pray for the consolation of their families: Guthrie Larson, Marie Berra, Pauline M. Berra, Ronald R. Phillips, Paul Hammes, Patricia Jean Pedretti, Patricia E. Woodhouse, Joyce Dorothea DeFlorian, Cindy Sue McDowell, Thomas E. Venner, Bernard J. Domke, James Victor Pedretti, Jr., William George Pedretti, Kristine Delores Vento.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord! And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace! Amen.

Pick up for Christmas Wreath and Maple Syrup

Christmas Wreaths will be available for pick up Nov. 19 & 20 and Nov. 26 & 27 after Mass at the parish garage. Maple Syrup will be sold after the weekend Masses.

RCIA Wednesday, November 30th

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 Wed. November 30th 6:30-8 PM in the school. For more information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or to sign up, contact Fr. Sedlacek.

Church Cleaning Day, Sat. Dec. 3rd

St. Charles Catholic Women’s Group will be cleaning the church on Dec. 3rd at 1:30 pm. We invite others to help us clean before the holidays. Dusting, wax removal from the carpets, and cleaning the pews. Supplies provided just bring a bucket.

Save the Date! School Fundraiser and Bingo Night, Saturday December 10th

More details coming soon.

St. Charles School News

Students sing at Creamery Creek in Stoddard

The school children in grades 3-6 brought music and lots of joy to the residents at Creamery Creek Assisted Living in Stoddard this past Tuesday, November 8. They shared songs from our church hymnals and others they have learned in music class.

Accepting Donations for Santa Sale

If anyone is interested in donating any new or slightly used items for the Santa Sale, please drop them off at school by Dec. 7th. The Santa Sale is an opportunity for our students to shop for gifts to give to their families.

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

La Crosse Warming Center

Doors opened on November 1st. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please consider volunteering. Warming Center location: 413 3rd St S, La Crosse

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 church.

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

Cookie Walk & Craft Sale: Dec. 10th

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 10, at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

Parish Events Calendar

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

Wed. Nov. 16: Middle School Group 6:30-8 PM

Thur. Nov. 17: Education Committee meeting 6 PM

Wed. Nov 30: RCIA Group 6:30-8 PM

Thurs. Dec 1: Parish Holy Hour with Adoration and Confessions 6-7 PM

Thurs. Dec 1: Women's Group Meeting 6:30 PM

Wed. Dec. 7: Confirmation Preparation Group (Parents and Students) 6:30-8 PM

Thurs. Dec. 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 8:30 AM and 7 PM

Sat. Dec. 10: St. Charles School Fundraiser and Bingo Night