

# The Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday November 19 & 20, 2022

## **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish**

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## **Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 21-27, 2022**

<b>11/21/22</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
11/22/22	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Delores Heinemann
<b>11/23/22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
11/24/22	Thanksgiving Day	8:00 AM † For Carly Gerbig's Healing
<b>11/25/22</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Father takes intention with him</b> † James Pedretti, Sr.
11/26/22	Saturday	4:00 PM † Marie Berra
11/27/22	Sunday	9:30 AM † People of St. Charles

### **Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Thu. Nov. 24: 8:00 AM: Kathy Pedretti  
Sat. Nov. 26: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti  
Sun. Nov. 27: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

#### **Servers**

Thu. Nov. 24: 8:00 AM: Felicity, Perpetua & Abigail Mitchell  
Sat. Nov. 26: 4:00 PM: Volunteers  
Sun. Nov. 27: 9:30 AM: Salvatori & Arianna Trussoni

#### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Nov 27: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

*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. 26: 4:00 PM: Volunteer  
Sun. Nov. 27: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Nov. 21: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson  
Mon. Nov. 28: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

#### **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  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 12 & 13, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$4,537.00
Plate Offering	\$ 90.00
Votive Candles	\$ 30.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,657.00</b>

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Giving Thanks

Peace to you! I hope you all had time to watch "The Veil Removed," video on [www.theveilremoved.com](http://www.theveilremoved.com). What did you think of it? I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts. This weekend begins the 9-day gun deer hunting season in Wisconsin. Let's pray for safety to all hunters and for a successful hunt. St. Hubert, pray for us!

I do love Thanksgiving and that our country (for now anyway) still has this civic holiday which has its origin in our Christian heritage. When I lived in Italy, I realized the uniqueness of our country's celebration (although I think that Canada might also have a day of thanksgiving). The Europeans I encountered thought that having a day to give thanks was very cool and said that they wished their countries had a similar holiday.

The topic of Thanksgiving brings up a simple but important point. When someone is grateful or thankful, they "give thanks." But if you are giving thanks, you have to give that thanks to someone or something. There is no way to be grateful to nothing. The idea of "being thankful" or having a grateful heart simply means that a person has the character or virtue of being able to give thanks to someone or something for the gifts, blessings, or help they have received. In the Romance languages (stemming from Latin), if you use the verb "to thank" you include some form of the verb "give" with it. In Latin "gratias ago," in Italian, "ringraziare," in French, "remercier." The main point of all of this is to simply say that if someone is thankful or grateful, they have to be thankful to someone or something.

But who or what are we thanking? Of course, in the United States which has a historically Christian culture, we are giving thanks to God. For those who do not believe in God (or some sort of divine being), it seems that the concept of gratitude is more difficult. How deeply can one be grateful to blind chance? Or to "fate"? Or to "science" or "the Earth"? Or to the random events and reasons which result in my having life, health, food, shelter, family, love, a good community, a nation which is free, etc...? I would think it would be difficult to be thankful for these things because they do not solely come from other human beings, but which are obviously blessings from Someone, a personal Being who knows us and cares for us. And so, I think that all the references to giving thanks during this holiday which do not acknowledge God as the source of our blessings ring hollow. We are not just being grateful to "random circumstances" or to each other (although that is a good thing to do!) or to ourselves. We are grateful to God and we give Him thanks. That is what this holiday has always been about. We recognize that we owe praise and thanks to God, because He is the source of every good. We recognize that the most powerful force in the world is not oppression or greed or despair, nor even our own efforts or good deeds to counter evil, but the grace and goodness of God. Without Him, we are nothing and have nothing.

"But Father," you may say, "some people don't believe in God. I am just trying to be inclusive by not mentioning God at Thanksgiving. I don't want to impose my beliefs on others." Well, it is good to be respectful of others and to not be a jerk. That is always true. But if you sacrifice your very sensible and true belief in God just so that you do not possibly hurt someone's feelings, then aren't you, in a certain sense, letting them impose their beliefs (that God does not exist) upon you? In other words, don't be so inclusive of others that you exclude God. Tolerance is not giving up your convictions, but respecting other people because they are people, not because of their beliefs. It is ok for other people to be wrong and you to be correct. And it is ok for you to say so. And it is ok to demand that others show you the same respect that you show to them.

During this time of Thanksgiving, let us become more aware of the things for which we can be thankful, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Here are some suggestions for things that you can do to thank God as you and your family celebrate Thanksgiving Day. 1) Come to 8 AM Mass at St. Charles on Thanksgiving morning. 2) Go around the table and have each family member say one thing for which they are thankful to God. 3) Read one of these Bible verses aloud at the dinner table before you eat.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1).

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Condolences**

Our fellow parishioner, Cathy Stevenson's, husband Robert "Bob", father of Erik, Whitney, and Alex, went to his eternal rest on Friday, November 11, 2022. Full obituary can be found at Thorson Popp funeral home Viroqua. Our parish family extends our deepest condolences and our prayers to the Stevenson family during this time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord! And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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.

### **Baby Jesus Christmas Collection for Ukraine (from Chris Ruff)**

Chalice of Mercy, a mission to Ukraine founded by Valentyna Pavsyukova in Chippewa Falls in 2007, is having a *Bambino Gesù* ("Baby Jesus") Christmas collection for Ukraine from all the parishes in the diocese. Our school and parish are participating. You can find the list of items in the entryway of church. Please only donate the requested items. Please drop off donations at the School by **Monday, Dec. 5**. All these gifts will be shipped by air and will arrive before Christmas and be distributed by the Chalice of Mercy team in Ukraine. Monetary donations are also needed to cover the cost of shipping the collection over to Ukraine. Those can be made online at: <https://chaliceofmercy.org/donations/donate/> or by mailing a check to Chalice of Mercy, N13740 Fairview Rd., Fairchild, WI 54741

### **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.

### **RCIA Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

St. Charles Catholic Women's Group will be cleaning the church on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Holy Day on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

It is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of the United States of America. Mass times at St. Charles church are 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

### **Save the Date! PTO Bingo Night Sat., December 10th from 6-9 pm in the cafeteria.**

A poster with more information will be coming next week. If anyone would like to donate a raffle basket, drop it off at the school before December 9th. Thank you.

## **St. Charles School News**

**THANK YOU** to all those who were able to come enjoy the delicious homemade pancake breakfast this past weekend! It was great to see everyone and our support is greatly appreciated! Hopefully you all left happy and satisfied!

### **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. 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 [mitrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:mitrussoni@gmail.com). Thanks!

## **Other News from the Diocese and our Community**

### **Advent Reflection Series on the Eucharist**

The Office of Catechesis of the Diocese of La Crosse has put together a 4 video reflection series for the season of Advent, centered around the Eucharist. Each video is 30-45 minutes each. The presenters are priests of our diocese. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas and so these videos are meant to help with that preparation. Find them at: [www.dioc.org/catechesis](http://www.dioc.org/catechesis)

### **Volunteers Needed at La Crosse Warming Center**

Catholic Charities at the La Crosse Warming Center, located at 413 3rd St S, La Crosse. Hours of operation this season (November 1, 2022 - April 31st, 2023) are from 6:30pm till 8:30am 7 days a week. They can use your help as often or as little as you have time for! There are two ways you can sign up! Through the Assistant Coordinator Karla Hein, who is the lead for scheduling folks at the La Crosse Warming Center. Karla can be reached at [khein@cclse.org](mailto:khein@cclse.org), or you can call or text at 608-668-9005. She can also send you the link to their Sign-up Genius site where you can look ahead and sign up for available days/times at your convenience.

### **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

### **Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday, December 3, 2022; 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Beautiful and unique gifts, handmade greeting cards, artwork, Christmas decor, religious items, raffles and bake sale.

### **Cookie Walk & Craft Sale: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

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**

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

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

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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