

The Solemnity of St. Charles Borromeo November 5 & 6, 2022

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 7 - 13, 2022

11/07/22	Monday	NO MASS
11/08/22	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Janet Papach
11/09/22	Wednesday	NO MASS
11/10/22	Thursday	8:00 AM † Fr. Thomas McAndrew
11/11/22	Friday	8:00 AM † Tom Venner
11/12/22	Saturday	4:00 PM † J. W. "Bill" Clark
11/13/22	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Nov. 12: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Nov. 13: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Nov. 12: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Nov. 13: 9:30 AM: Salvatori Trussoni; Kanoa
& Nalani Rodgers

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Nov 13: 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. 12: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Nov. 13: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Nov. 07: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn
Umberger

Mon. Nov. 14: 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 29 & 30, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$1,261.00

Plate Offering \$ 84.00

Mission Sunday \$ 415.00

Church Directories \$ 65.00

Votive Candles \$ 31.00

Total: \$1,856.00

From the Pastor's Desk St. Charles, Teach Us How to Pray

Peace to you! Thank you for joining in the Novena to St. Charles Borromeo this past week. If you forgot about the novena, that is ok. I confess that I have forgotten about it too in the busy days of this past week. The main thing about prayer is not so much about whether we pray this certain prayer or that certain prayer, but simply that we actually pray! Prayer is the lifting up of our hearts and minds to God, or the asking of good things from God. It is possible to speak prayers with our mouths but for our hearts and minds to be far from God. It is also possible to lift up your heart and mind to God and not speak words at all! So, let us remember to pray, especially this Sunday for our parish family, and ask St. Charles Borromeo to intercede for us before the throne of God. The Feast of St. Charles Borromeo on November 4th is a solemn feast, since he is the patron of our parish. So that we all can celebrate this solemnity together, I have transferred the feast of St. Charles Borromeo to this Sunday, Nov. 6th (transferring the parish's patron feast to the nearest Sunday is one of the cool things that pastors can do).

I thought that I would share with you some words of instruction from our patron with regards to prayer, especially prayer in our homes and with our family. When St. Charles was the archbishop of Milan, Italy, he wrote booklets of "reminders" for his people, especially addressing mothers and fathers of families, about how to live as a Christian in very practical ways. On the topic of prayer and other devotions, he wrote, "Make sure... that everyone may be well instructed to pray and to make an examination of conscience according to his capacity. That they pray at least in the morning and in the evening and make their examination of conscience before going to bed. Morning and evening at the sound of the church bell, or at least at some other hour more convenient for everyone, the whole family should be gathered together as one... at home before some devout image. To this end and others as well, it is in every way a good thing that each house have a place of prayer arranged and set apart in a decent place, for the use of the whole household. Every head of household should sprinkle the whole family gathered together, either at the end of evening prayer or some other time before going to bed, so they go in silence to sleep with his blessing." There is some great advice in these reminders. I think they could be summarized in this way. 1) Make sure to pray every day, including in that prayer and examination of conscience at the end of the day. 2) In your house, have a place which is set apart only for prayer, with a holy image. 3) At least once a day, pray together as a family in this "prayer space." 4) At the end of the day, bless your children with holy water.

St. Charles goes on to advise that in the evening, instead of only resorting to entertainment, the family should read a little from some spiritual book, especially recommending the lives of the saints or the saint of the day, and reflect together for a moment about the reading. Another piece of advice which hit home to me as a priest was that, once a month, the parish priest gather together all the fathers of families in order to give them guidance on leading their households and to consider together the needs of the parish.

In a homily about how to imitate the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary, and Jesus), St. Charles encouraged people to take time to go and pray in the church building. But why? Is not God everywhere? "Yes indeed," preached St. Charles, "but the more opportune and helpful place for prayer is the church... Prayer carried out in places deputed for prayer has in some mysterious way a greater efficacy, a certain hidden energy. How much power is attached to those many blessings, consecrations, incensations and sprinklings by which churches are designated for prayer!" Also, he reasons, that when we go to pray in the church with other people, the example of others motivates us to greater charity and fervor. Praying together is also a recognition of the Lord's words when He said, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be there in their midst" (see Matthew 18:20). Lastly, he points out that the church building contains the new ark of the covenant and the treasure of all graces. In the church is present the throne of majesty and on the altar most holy, the Son of God Himself, God and man, whom countless thousands of angels surround. Here is that bread which descends from heaven... He whom we are to approach with the greatest confidence and hope."

One might argue with St. Charles, "Yes, I don't mind praying, and maybe it is good to have places of prayer, but I don't like all the other external stuff. Church buildings cost so much money. I can pray other places. All the extra things like candles, incense, chalices, and praying together out loud, singing, and standing, kneeling, and sitting all together is pointless." St. Charles would likely answer that these things are not pointless, but that "our human infirmity is helped by these external dispositions, by which little by little it is raised to the taste and knowledge of heavenly things. The same thing is seen in temporal affairs, for the decorations in the houses of

kings... inspire in everyone the greatest honor and respect toward those very kings who otherwise would appear worthy of disdain." I think this is a good point. Who has not been awed by a large new sports stadium, a beautiful government building (like our state capitol building), or, most basely, by the extravagance or elegance of a celebrity? St. Charles points out the example of St. Augustine who, when he was a non-Christian, came to the church building where St. Ambrose preached (in Milan) and was moved to tears by what he saw and the beautiful songs that he heard in the church.

We need to build habits of prayer, because, as St. Charles said, "The path people do not frequently take slowly becomes impassible; the field that is not cultivated often and diligently does not take long to fill up with nettles, thorns and brambles. The same happens to that soul which only rarely goes to the church where he would be cultivated with the most sacred ceremonies, harmonies and psalms."

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us! And help us to persevere in prayer so that we may rejoice with you forever in heaven.

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Thank you!

To the St. Charles Women's Group for all the work they did to reach out to the families of our fellow parishioners who have died this past year and to honor them at our All Souls Mass on Wednesday evening. 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 your Wreath, Apple Pie, and Maple Syrup!

Pies will be available to pick up at the school on Saturday, Nov 5th at 1:30 until Mass and also after Saturday Mass. Please try to pick the pies up on Saturday because of limited freezer space available. 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.

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.

Lector Meeting: Nov. 12 and 13

Lectors (those who read the Scripture readings at Mass): Please plan to stay for about 15 minutes after Mass next weekend in order to go over some things with Fr. Sedlacek and to receive a new resource for this coming year. If you are interested in becoming a lector at Mass, please let Fr. Sedlacek know and come to a meeting

Parish Directories

There is a limited amount of Parish Directories available for those who did not get photographed. \$15 each. Please talk to Priscilla Martin for details or call the Parish office.

National Vocations Awareness Week Nov. 6-12, 2022: Greetings from the Journey Program!

My name is Andrew Brueggen and I am the new Associate Director of Vocational Formation for the Diocese of La Crosse. My role is to help young men from our diocese (and from around the United States) discern where God is calling them. Though the main focus of the Journey program is discernment to seminary life, time within the program is focused on helping structure one's life in a way that is open to holiness. This year we have 8 men in the program, 5 from our Diocese! It is incredible what God is doing within their lives. Since the beginning of the year, we have been on retreat, been assisting the local Catholic schools and parishes, emceeding for the Bishop and the many Confirmations he has celebrated thus far, working through Scripture, Liturgy, Catechism, and Apologetics, and much more. The fact that these 8 men have stepped out of the world and into this Journey program is amazing in itself. What they are doing is so countercultural to what the rest of the world offers. To live in a community is challenging but rewarding. To have accountability and being

vulnerable as brothers in Christ, is difficult but necessary. To develop a habit of prayer is invaluable to become who God is calling you to be. As a dad, my unique role in these young men's lives is to allow the Holy Spirit to help them become the best son of God possible and if that means as a Priest Father, or Dad Father, so be it. These men, God willing, will be some of the most important men in my children's lives growing up, and I am excited to see what God has in-store for these young men. I am humbled with this opportunity since my life has been shaped by the witness of many priests. Vocations are so important! If you know of anyone that is thinking about the priesthood send them our way - Fr. Kuhn and I would be happy to chat. Please pray for our young men, pray for vocations, and know of our prayers for you.

Verso l'alto,
Andrew Brueggen

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.

St. Charles School News

Students to sing at Creamery Creek in Stoddard

The school children in grades 3-6 hope to bring some joy to the residents at Creamery Creek in Stoddard on Tuesday, November 8. We will share songs from our Rise Up and Sing books and others we've enjoyed singing in class.

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

Nov 12th: 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: 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 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

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Nov. 6: Patronal Feast of St. Charles Borromeo (transferred from Nov. 4)
Wed. Nov. 9: Parish Finance Council meeting 6:30 PM
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