

**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 30 & October 1, 2023**

**St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish**

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**Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 2-8, 2023**

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| <b>10/02/23</b> | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>NO MASS</b>                  |
| 10/03/23        | Tuesday          | 8:30 AM † Judy Bourgous & Shawn |
| <b>10/04/23</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>NO MASS</b>                  |
| 10/05/23        | Thursday         | 8:00 AM † Alfred Berra          |
| 10/06/23        | Friday           | 8:00 AM † Carol Mae Lee         |
| 10/07/23        | Saturday         | 4:00 PM † Barry Trussoni        |
| 10/08/23        | Sunday           | 9:30 AM People of St. Charles   |

**Ministry Volunteers**

**Sacraments and Prayers**

**Lectors**

Sat. Oct. 07: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay  
Sun. Oct. 08: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

**Servers**

Sat. Oct. 07: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay  
Sun. Oct. 08: 9:30 AM Abigail Mitchell; Nalani  
& Keilana Rodgers

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Oct. 08: 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*

**Gift Bearers**

Please sign up your family on the sign-up sheet in the back of church or contact Kelly Hutchinson.

**Rosary Leaders**

Sat. Oct. 08: 4:00 PM: Volunteer  
Sun. Oct. 09: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

**Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Oct. 02: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Mon. Oct. 09: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

**Ushers (October 2023)**

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse  
Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

**Church Hours**

The church is open every day from 7 AM - 7 PM.

**Confession:**

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM  
Sundays: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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** September 23 & 24, 2023

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| Estimated Weekly Need | \$7,032.69        |
| Adult Envelopes       | \$3,302.00        |
| Plate Offering        | \$ 207.00         |
| Building & Grounds    | \$1,000.00        |
| <b>Total:</b>         | <b>\$4,509.00</b> |

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Peace to you all! Thank you to the parishioner who submitted our first parishioner-written Formed Review!

### **Formed Review**

"I pray to St. Maximilian Kolbe for the strength that he endured at Auschwitz. I watched his movie on Formed, called, 'Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe.' It was good. Makes me ask myself—Could I be this strong? Could I sacrifice just a mere morsel of myself to save someone else? Watching his movie and visiting the Marian chapel in Chicago with historic pictures etc... brought it all together. My son's confirmation saint is St. Maximilian. I would like to know more about his Marian society that he founded. Reading books on him helped me understand the Masons as well. I am wondering if Catholics understand that it is not ok to join the Masons?"

Again, thank you for watching Formed and submitting your review to share with the rest of the parish. I wondered how many people knew the story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and so I include below an excerpt from the homily of St. Pope John Paul II from St. Maximilian's canonization on October 10, 1982.

### **Homily of St. Pope John Paul II – Oct. 10, 1982**

*"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).* From today on, the Church desires to address as "Saint" a man who was granted the grace of carrying out these words of the Redeemer in an absolutely literal manner.

For towards the end of July, 1941, when the camp commander ordered the prisoners destined to die of starvation to fall in line, this man-Maximilian Maria Kolbe-spontaneously came forward and declared himself ready to go to death in the place of one of them. This readiness was accepted and, after more than two weeks of torment caused by starvation, Father Maximilian's life was ended with a lethal injection on August 14, 1941. All this happened in the concentration camp at Auschwitz where during the last war some four million people were put to death.... Disobedience to God-the Creator of life who said, "Thou shalt not kill"- caused in that place the immense holocaust of so many innocent persons. And so at the same time, our age has thus been horribly stigmatized by the slaughter of the innocent.

Father Maximilian Kolbe, himself a prisoner of the concentration camp, defended in that place of death an innocent man's right to life. Father Kolbe defended his right to life, declaring that he was ready to go to death in the man's place, because he was the father of a family and his life was necessary for his dear ones. Father Maximilian Maria Kolbe thus reaffirmed the Creator's exclusive right over innocent human life. He bore witness to Christ and to love. For the Apostle John writes: "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16). The Church has venerated Father Maximilian as "Blessed" since 1971. By laying down his life for a brother, he made himself like Christ."

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Condolences**

Our condolences to the family of Sister Loretta (Thomasine) Penchi, FSPA, who died on September 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Rose Convent in La Crosse. A native of our parish, she was 94 years old served as a religious sister for over 74 years. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **Fellowship Sunday – Sunday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

All are invited to our first Fellowship Sunday of the Fall on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9:30 AM Mass. The Women's Group will be providing some food, but everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass.

### **St. Charles Catholic Women's Group meeting - Thursday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

### **Request from our School**

The staff and students at our school would like to have a picnic table in the playground area. Perhaps a parishioner has one that is “used but in good shape” which they would be willing to donate. More lightweight if possible. Please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Patti Hytry, Headteacher. Thank you!

### **Prayer Chain**

The “prayer chain” is a way to let your fellow parishioners know your intentions so that they can pray for you. All you have to do to submit an intention is to email Fr. Sedlacek or call Carol at the office with your intention. Fr. Sedlacek will then forward the intention via email to all those who are signed up to be “prayer warriors.” If you would like to be on the prayer warrior email list to receive prayer intentions, please contact Fr. Sedlacek and he will add you to the group email.

### **Parish Needs**

Please pray about where God is calling you to serve. Fr. Sedlacek will provide training and support for all of these ministries.

**Visiting Homebound parishioners** (2+ people) – Visit our homebound parishioners, pray with them, and bring them Holy Communion. An extremely rewarding ministry which is very flexible.

**Coordinator of Religious Education** – Help organize our CCD and Religious education programs

### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun**

Our parish is offering an opportunity for adults to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Our gatherings are opportunities to learn more, find answers to your questions, and grow in faith without needing to commit to becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining or know someone who may be interested in participating, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Kelly Hutchinson so that they can extend invitations. Our next gathering will be Sunday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 AM Mass.

### **Sign up for FORMED**

Formed is sort of like a Catholic Netflix. We have purchased a subscription for our entire parish! Every parishioner of St. Charles can sign up to access quality content to support your faith: video, audiobooks, e-books, movies, kid shows, and more! **Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy.**

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) 2. Search for our parish by Zip Code (54632). Click on our parish “St. Charles Borromeo”. 3. Register with your name and email address 4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED!

## **St. Charles School News**

### **Butter Braids**

Thank you to those who purchased these yummy treats! They will be arriving October 5th and whomever you purchased from will be contacting you after they received them.

### **Save the date – Sun. November 12th Pancake breakfast and Bingo!**

More details to come in the coming weeks.

### **School Shop Scrip Program**

Gift cards are a great gift idea. You can turn in the order form in the school office, in the black box by the front door of the school, or directly through [raiseright.com](https://raiseright.com) or the Raise Right app. Don't forget, you can use the Raise Right app for electronic gift cards and earn money for the school all year round. Feel free to share with family and friends. **Reach out to Megan Olson with any questions** [mjtrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:mjtrussoni@gmail.com). Thanks!

### **Aquinas Bus Route**

Aquinas Catholic Schools Bus Route information can be found on our website: [aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment](https://aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment) and then click on the ACS Bus Routes icon.

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

### **Donate to Catholic Charities**

The Food Pantry and Men's Clothing Closet in La Crosse is getting low and we could use the following items. Items can be dropped off at 508 South, 5th Ave

in La Crosse on Monday-Thursday from 9 am–4 pm.  
We appreciate your support!

### **40 Days for Life – Sept 27-Nov 5**

Join pro-life people of the Coulee Region in this campaign of prayer, fasting, and community outreach to end abortion from September 27th through November 5th at Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia in La Crosse. Please consider coming to pray at that corner for an hour, anytime from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Sign up at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>  
Call/text Marie Allen for more information or signs: 608-799-9196

### **Chicken-Q and Bake Sale - Thurs, Oct. 12**

11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish 13<sup>th</sup> and Park Avenue, La Crosse. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun for \$11. Carry Out, Drive Through or Delivery. For Delivery call 608-782-2028 Ext 2

### **Rummage Sale – Oct 13-14**

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 13, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 14, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items are priced individually.

### **Men of the Cross Conference - Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.) The La Crosse Center, La Crosse**

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a Catholic man. For registration and more information, visit [www.menofthecross.org](http://www.menofthecross.org).

### **St. George High School Reunion – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

St. George High School closed 50 years ago. In memory and in celebration, there will be a Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Lansing on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Following the Mass, there will be a Reception at TJ Hunters. Come and celebrate with all your old friends and classmates!

### **Annual Pancake Breakfast – Oct 15**

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – Noon. Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

### **Registering Crafters for December 2<sup>nd</sup> Craft Sale**

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit our website at: [www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show) for more information and download the registration form. Coordinator is Nancy Peters, call (608) 790-6034 or email: [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

### **Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18**

Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "*Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All.*" Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit [www.dioc.org/GospelofLife](http://www.dioc.org/GospelofLife).

### **The Greccio Experience - Nov. 29 to Dec. 17, 2023**

In 1223 (800 years ago), wanting to emphasize the humble circumstances of Jesus's birth and to inspire the local people to more deeply appreciate the Christmas story, St. Francis set up a live nativity scene in a cave in the quaint Italian village of Greccio. The scene, also called a creche, included live animals and a hay-filled manger to recreate the birth of Jesus as described in the Gospels. St. Francis's initiative marked the beginning of a tradition that has since spread around the world. Creches (nativity scenes) will be on display for self-guided tours, Monday-Friday at San Damiano Chapel, Viterbo University Campus. \*Entrance on Franciscan Way. A prayer service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on opening night, Nov. 29.

## **Parish Events Calendar**

Sun. Oct. 01: Fellowship Sunday after Mass  
Tue. Oct. 03: School PTO meeting 5:30 PM  
Sun. Oct. 08: OCIA gathering after 9:30 AM Mass  
Wed. Oct. 11: Parish Finance Council meeting 6:30 PM.  
Thur. Oct. 12: Parish Adoration 6-7 PM. Women's Group meeting at 6:30 PM  
Wed. Nov. 01: All Saints Day. Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times: 8:15 AM and 7 PM.