

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 7 & 8, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 9-16, 2023

10/09/23	Monday	NO MASS
10/10/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Andrew Lee
10/11/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/12/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Dave Strasser
10/13/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Alfred Berra
10/14/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Sophia Haydysch
10/15/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Oct. 14: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay
Sun. Oct. 15: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Oct. 14: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay
Sun. Oct. 15: 9:30 AM Easton Eckes; Henry
& Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 15: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

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. 14: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. Oct. 15: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Tue. Oct. 10: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle
Mon. Oct. 16: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

Ushers (October 2023)

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
Sundays: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM
2nd Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass
2nd 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 Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,772.00
Plate Offering	\$ 213.00
Religious Education	\$ 30.00
Total:	\$2,015.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Mother Teresa and Welcome to Isaac!

Peace to you all! I am happy to announce that our parish will be hosting a young man who is in our Diocese's Journey Program. Headed up by our former (and less-skilled at deer hunting) pastor, Fr. Nate Kuhn, "Journey" is a year-long preparation for seminary program. During this time, young men exit the busyness of the world and spend time forming habits of prayer, studying the Catholic Faith, and experiencing aspects of the priesthood in order to discern God's calling for them. One of the aspects of this program is having the Journey men go to a local parish one weekend a month to shadow a priest and get a taste of parish life.

In the past few years, our parish has hosted a few men from Journey: Mark Wagner from the diocese of Madison and John Kalajian from the diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. This year, we are happy to host Isaac Pischer, who is from our own diocese of La Crosse! He will be with us this weekend and one weekend each month until the end of the program. He has written a short introduction of himself for our bulletin this week. Please join me in welcoming him to our parish and praying for him and all of the young men who are preparing for priesthood in our Journey and Seminary programs.

From Mr. Isaac Pischer

Praised be Jesus Christ! It is great to be able to serve you as a seminarian this coming year! My name is Isaac Pischer, and I am a part of the Journey Program, which serves as a year of preparation & formal discernment at the Diocesan Center, prior to, God willing, entering the seminary next year. Part of the formation is a Parish assignment, working with Fr. Sedlacek one weekend a month. As a quick biography, I am from Chippewa Falls (north of Eau Claire), and am the oldest of 3, having two younger sisters. I graduated from Chippewa Falls High School this past spring. I have felt a love for the priesthood since a young age, and so I knew it was something that I needed to look into, more closely as I looked at my future. You can probably find me reading, or browsing social media when I'm bored. I am excited to get to learn about this parish, and each of you. I appreciate your prayers!

FORMED Review

Fr. Sedlacek here again. A couple of Sundays ago, I was watching the Packer game (they were losing... before coming back and winning in dramatic fashion) and during the commercial break I switched to another station (ABC) and was shocked to see a documentary about the life and work of Mother Teresa. I couldn't believe that this documentary was on a major network, but it was! The parts that I saw were beautifully done and the stories were incredibly compelling, such as when she confronted a gang leader in Chicago to protect her Sisters who were working with the poor in that neighborhood. There were parts that were so moving, I started to get a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes.

I looked on FORMED, and sure enough, the full documentary was there! It is called "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love" and was released in 2022, 25 years after her death. Although I have not watched the full 1 hour 51 minute documentary yet, I will be doing so soon! I give it a 4.7 out of 5 stars, and only because I have not watched the whole film. If the rest of the film is as good as the parts I have watched, it will get 5 out of 5 stars.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Parish Adoration and Confessions – 2nd Thursdays of the month (Oct 12)

Everyone is welcome to come to the church to pray in the presence of the Holy Eucharist on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation ("Confession") will also be offered during that time. The time of prayer will conclude with Benediction ("blessing") of the Blessed Sacrament. Come to spend some quiet time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Charles Catholic Women's Group meeting – Thurs. Oct 12

The Women's Group will meet in the church for prayer on Thursday Oct. 12th at 6 PM (Adoration), and then move over to the school for their monthly meeting 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 gatherings will be Sunday Oct. 8th and Oct. 22nd 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 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 Braid Pick Up

Thank you to those who purchased these yummy treats to support our school! Butter braids will be arriving at school this week! The person you bought from will be reaching out to you.

Save the date! – Sun. November 12th Pancake breakfast and BINGO

Pancake (regular and pumpkin) breakfast served from 10-11:30 AM, Bingo played from 11 AM – 1 PM. Put on by the St. Charles School PTO. There will also be a Bake Sale put on by the 5th and 6th graders.

School Shop Scrip Program

Gift cards are a great gift idea. You can turn in the order form in the school office, drop it into the black drop-box by the front door of the school, or directly through 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.

Other News from the Diocese and our Community

Sauerkraut Supper – Wed. Oct 11th

St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge (W697 Hwy. 33, Rockland, WI) will be holding their annual Sauerkraut Supper on Wed. Oct 11th from 4-8 PM. Kraut, pork ribs, polish sausage, carrots, mashed potatoes, gravy, home-made pie. \$15. Bake Sale, Raffles, and beverage tent.

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

11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish 13th 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 St., La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Fri., Oct. 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.

St. George High School Reunion – Oct. 15th

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 15th at 10:00 AM. Following the Mass, there will be a Reception at TJ Hunters. Come celebrate with all your old friends and classmates!

Annual Pancake Breakfast – Oct 15th

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th 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.

Trunk or Treat at Genoa State Bank – Oct 31st

On Halloween from 5-7 PM at the Genoa State Bank Parking Lot, De Soto students will be collecting items for the De Soto Area Schools Food Pantry. If you would like to help, you can call (608) 689-2655 for more information.

Annual Turkey Dinner – Oct. 18th

St. Mary's Parish in Viroqua, 400 Congress Ave., will be having their annual turkey dinner on October 18 from 4-7 PM. This is an annual fundraiser for our PCCW. The money made from this fundraiser goes to

many good causes/charities, both locally and worldwide. Dine-in at Marian Hall, upper level entrance. Adults: \$15. Youth (5-10): \$10. Carry outs available (500 max) \$15, lower parking lot. Roast turkey, All the fixings, Homemade pie!

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.

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, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Sign up at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/> Call/text Marie Allen for more information: 608-799-9196

Registering Crafters for December 2nd Craft Sale

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1st. Visit our website at: 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

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

In 1223 (800 years ago), 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

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. Oct. 18: Religious Education Gathering for Middle School and High School groups – 6:30-8 PM

Wed. Nov. 01: All Saints Day. Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times: 8:15 AM and 7 PM.