

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 14 & 15, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 16-22, 2023

10/16/23	Monday	NO MASS
10/17/23	Tuesday	NO MASS
10/18/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/19/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Tom Venner
10/20/23	Friday	8:15 AM † Alfred Berra
10/21/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Susanne Pedretti Cleghorn
10/22/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Oct. 21: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Oct. 22: 9:30 AM: CCD Students

Servers

Sat. Oct. 21: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Oct. 22: 9:30 AM Felicity, Perpetual &
William Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 22: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

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. 21: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. Oct. 22: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Oct. 16: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. Oct. 23: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

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 Oct. 7 & 8, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$4,700.00
Plate Offering	\$ 296.77
Votive Lights	\$ 38.00
Total:	\$5,034.77

From the Pastor's Desk Reviews, Miracles, and Questions

Peace to you all! Well, it was good to meet Isaac Fischer, one of the Journey seminarians for our Diocese, last weekend. I have been enjoying hearing from the parishioners: Your stories about miracles, your thoughts about what you are watching and learning on Formed, and your questions about the Catholic Faith. This week's Pastor's Desk features all a couple of Formed Reviews from a few of our young parishioners and a "Miracle of the Week" from another parishioner. Enjoy!

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday, which is a worldwide prayer for and financial support of the Church's missions. It is an annual reminder that we are all called to "go out and teach all nations." It is the only canonically mandated (required by Church law) collection in the Catholic Church and is organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The collection from our diocese supports multiple outreaches: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, the Pontifical Council on Latin America (which goes to areas of the deepest poverty in the Caribbean and South America), and several mission territories in Africa and Asia. Last year, this collection by Catholics in the United States sent over \$23 million to the missions!

FORMED Reviews

Brother Francis

It's a religious brother who tells you what's right from wrong and how to live your life to get closer to God. It teaches us prayers. We like it because he talks about saints. He is funny sometimes (but Father Sedlacek is funnier). There are short videos about Bible stories. I like the song. I like that he talks about the sacraments. There is a show with Saint Therese and now Teréz is our sister.

Slugs and Bugs show

It's about a slug and a bug and 2 raccoons. Sometimes they argue, they build stuff together. They have guests. We like it because it's funny. Because it's puppets. You learn things like to work together, you learn about God and Jesus. You sing songs about saints.

-Mitchell kids

Miracle of the Week

Is this a blessing or a miracle? In my early 20's I was traveling to Peoria, IL, to judge a contest and fell asleep at the wheel. There were 3 ways I should have died:

1. hitting a cement abutment,
2. driving off the road on the right side where there was a slope,
3. hitting traffic on any of the 4-lane highway.

I woke up when my car drove onto the gravel shoulder at the left side of my 2-lane road. I recall saying: "Oh my God" in a quiet tone (or was it an anxious, pleading tone).

I was knocked out by striking the steering wheel, landed on the other side of the lanes (northbound traffic). I woke up, climbed out a window by myself, but was greeted by a semi-truck driver. He had me sit against one of my wheels. He told me that my car was spinning upside down and then landed on its roof top. I only suffered a black eye and bruises. I did stay overnight at the hospital for observation.

When my parents picked me up the next day, we drove to the car towing lot for my luggage. The man greeted my parents and gave his condolences. They told him to say hi to me personally--I was getting out of their car. He said that from the look of car there would be no survivors. BUT HERE I AM! Was this a blessing or a miracle? - St. Charles parishioner

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

Our Parish Prayer Chain

The "prayer chain" is a way to let your fellow parishioners know your intentions so that they can pray for you. To submit a prayer intention, email Fr. Sedlacek or call Carrol at the office with your intention. The request will then be sent by 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 the parish office.

Thank You!

Thank you to the person who donated their picnic table to the school!

St. Charles Women's Group Fundraisers



St. Charles Women's Group will be making "Take and Bake" homemade Apple Pies on Saturday, November 4. Order forms are in the vestibule. Pickup for Apple Pies will be **Nov. 4 & 5 after Mass** in the school. Orders are due by October 31. Price is \$18.00 for a 9-inch pie.

The Women's Group will also be selling Christmas Wreaths. Order forms are in the vestibule. Pickup for the wreaths will be **Nov. 18 & 19** and **Nov. 25 & 26 after Mass** – near the parish garage. Orders are due by November 13. Price is \$25.00 for the 24-inch wreath.

Parish Needs – Visiting our Homebound Parishioners

Please pray about whether God is calling you to serve in this needed ministry!

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 (could be once a week, once a month, whenever you are available). Fr. Sedlacek will provide any training that is needed.

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. Our next gathering will be Sunday, 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

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

Donations to help Jail Ministry

Frequently, when inmates leave jail they are in dire need of warm clothing and boots. Please donate these items at Coulee Life in Onalaska, it is right off Sand Lake Road next to Sand Lake Elementary. The doors are open from 9 to 6 Monday through Friday. Warm coats and Jackets, Men's Shoes/Boots sizes 9,

10, 10 1/2, 11 are the most in demand but we could use all sizes. Warm hats and gloves, Men's Magazines, Paperback books – thrillers, fantasy, suspense, urban are the most requested. To see additional ideas for donations, visit our Support and Donations page on our website: <https://lacrossejailministry.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. Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

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.diolc.org/GospelofLife.

Salisbury Steak Supper – Oct 19

De Soto Lutheran church. 4:00 - 6:30 PM. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, desserts. \$12 per person. Carry-outs available (608) 648-3569.

40 Days for Life – Sept 27-Nov 5

Join pro-life people 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/>

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.

Aquinas Catholic Schools Gold Gala – Nov. 11

More information is available at www.aquinasschools.org/gold-gala

Advent Christmas Fair – Nov 18

Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish, La Crosse. Visit or have a photo with St. Nick or our Living Advent Candles. Raffle Baskets, Giving Tree, Children's Secret Store, Grandma's Pantry, Cache of Jewelry, Catholic Family Room, Attic Treasures, Book Nook (with kids corner while you shop). St. Lucy Cinnamon Rolls from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Lunch from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. Lunch is \$5 and includes: pulled pork / bun (add your own sauce), chips, cookie & beverage.

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

Sat/Sun. Oct 21/22: World Mission Sunday special collection

Tues. Oct. 24: Memorial of St. Luigi (Louis) Guanella

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

Thur. Nov. 02: All Souls Day. Mass times: 8 AM and 7 PM (with cemetery procession afterwards)

Sat. Nov. 04: Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage - 9 AM

Sun. Nov. 05: Solemnity of St. Charles Borromeo, Parish Patron (transferred from Nov. 4); Fellowship Sunday