

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 21 & 22, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 23-October 29 2023

10/23/23	Monday	NO MASS
10/24/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Janie Cina
10/25/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/26/23	Thursday	NO MASS † Bob Stowe
10/27/23	Friday	NO MASS † Victor & Catherine Wolf
10/28/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Barry Trussoni
10/29/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Oct. 28: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Oct. 29: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Oct. 28: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Oct. 29: 9:30 AM Salvatori, Arianna & Lorenzo Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 29: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

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. 28: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. Oct. 29: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Oct. 23: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke
Mon. Oct. 30: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

Ushers (November 2023)

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
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. 14 & 15, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$4,117.00
Plate Offering	\$ 309.00
Total:	\$4.426.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Mission Sunday and Ask the Pastor

Peace to you! This 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." Every parish and diocese in the world participate in this collection. The collection from our diocese supports multiple outreaches: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, the Pontifical Council on Latin 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! Thank you for your generosity!

Ask the Pastor

What does the Church believe or what do you believe or think about the parishioners hands during the Our Father — I was taught that the priest holds his hands up not the people. I do hear that some priests disagree. What is the thought process here?

This is a great question which will likely get me into trouble with some people who might not like my answer! Firstly, what "I think" about this question is less important than what the Church "thinks." It is important for us, whenever we consider matters of the sacred worship of God to remember that Church regulations for the public and communal prayer of the Church ("liturgy") take precedence over our own personal preferences. The Church's liturgy (The Mass, the Sacraments, the Liturgy of the Hours, etc...) forms us, not the other way around. Regarding posture, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the instructions on how to celebrate Mass, states, "The gestures and posture of the priest, the deacon, and the ministers, as well as those of the people, ought to contribute to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, so that the true and full meaning of the different parts of the celebration is evident and that the participation of all is fostered. Therefore, attention should be paid to what is determined by this General Instruction and the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice" (GIRM, 42).

The posture of the "orans," holding your hands apart with palms facing up, is an ancient and legitimate Christian posture for prayer. This posture is appropriate for anyone when they pray privately, as individuals or in groups. For the Church's liturgy, the use of this posture during Mass, for many centuries, has been reserved to the priest celebrant. Why? It is because the priest is representing the entire body of worshippers before God during the official prayers of the Church. The priest "collects" all of the prayers of the people and with his singular voice and action offers those prayers on behalf of the whole congregation. Before the prayers of the Mass were revised in 1969, the priest used to pray the Our Father alone, except for the last line, "but deliver us from evil," which was said by the server and/or people. Perhaps the change of having the people pray the Our Father out loud with the priest contributed to the current confusion about what to do with one's hands.

In any case, at some point between then and now, some people were taught or encouraged to use the orans posture at the praying of the Our Father during Mass, or to even hold each other's hands. Although this may seem to be a nice gesture of solidarity (unless you are a germaphobe or introvert), it is an innovation which is not technically proper during Mass. Even the deacon keeps his hands folded during the Our Father. I find it interesting that some were taught to hold their hands in the orans position during the Our Father, but not during the other times at Mass when the people are engaged vocally, such as the Prayers of the Faithful (the petitions). What makes praying the Our Father distinct from the other prayers at the Mass that it demands its own special hand posture?

Although there are extremely few official regulations about what the congregation is supposed to be doing during the Mass (sit, stand, kneel, etc...), the traditional practice for Roman Catholics indicates that the proper position of the people's hands, except when sitting, is to have them folded. This symbolizes not only that we are praying, but is also a sign of unity; we are all uniting our personal and individual prayers, sacrifices, and love to the prayers and sacrifice of Jesus Christ being offered at the hands of the priest.

However, on a personal note, I don't think one does anything "sinful" or "wrong" if they hold their hands in the "orans" during Mass. However, our goals are to be formed by the prayer of the Church, to think with the mind of the Church, and, when we come the Mass, to pray with as much unity as possible.

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.

St. Charles Women’s Group Fundraisers – Apple Pie and Christmas Wreaths

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 is 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. If you'd like to volunteer or donate baked goods for the bake sale, please reach out to Jessie Cina 608-780-1148 or stcharlespto@outlook.com

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 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!

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 St. 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 High School Musical - ANNIE

November 10 • 7:30 pm, November 11 • 2:00 pm, November 12 • 2:00 pm
Performances will be held in the Aquinas High School Campbell Theatre. Tickets are \$10 • General Seating
• Get your tickets in the AHS office.

St. James & Providence Academy's 57th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR

WHEN: Saturday, November 11, 2023, 8am-2pm.
WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium, 716 Windsor Street across the street from St. James Church. WHAT: Booths include Bakery, Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santa's Winter Wonderland for games & pictures with Santa! Lunch & refreshments are available for dine in or take out.

Aquinas Catholic Schools Gold Gala – Nov. 11

Join us in supporting Aquinas Catholic Schools' mission of supporting mental health for our students and staff at the Denim & Diamonds Gold Gala event at Aquinas High School! Participate in our silent auction and live auctions
(<https://aquinasgoldgala2023.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse>) To RSVP visit www.aquinasschools.org/gold-gala and click on the RSVP ONLINE! button.

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

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

Tues. Oct. 24: Memorial of St. Luigi (Louis) Guanella. Mass at 8:30 AM

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

Tues. Nov. 07: St. Charles School PTO meeting 5:30 PM

Wed. Nov. 08: Middle School and High School Religious Education 6:30-8:00 PM