

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 28 & 29, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 30 – November 5, 2023

10/30/23	Monday	NO MASS
10/31/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Joseph Haydysch
11/01/23	Wednesday (All Saints Day)	8:15 AM † Barry Trussoni 7:00 PM People of St. Charles
11/02/23	Thursday (All Souls Day)	8:00 AM † Jerry Garvalia 7:00 PM † All the faithful departed
11/03/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Raymond Martin
11/04/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Barry Trussoni
11/05/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Nov. 04: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Nov. 05: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. Nov. 04: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Nov. 05: 9:30 AM: Easton Eckes; Felicity Mitchell; Salvatori Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Nov. 05: 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. Nov. 03: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Nov. 04: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Oct. 30: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

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

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. 21 & 22, 2023

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,027.00
Plate Offering	\$ 271.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 333.00
Total:	\$1,631.00

From the Pastor's Desk Respect Life and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Peace to you! Thank you for all who gave to the World Mission Sunday collection and are offering your prayers and sacrifices for those who go on mission to bring Jesus Christ to others.

October is "Respect Life Month," and I am happy to share with you a new initiative being planned for La Crosse, which is called Hope's Door, a nonprofit, interfaith, Christ-centered Pregnancy and Family Resource Center. This will be a first-rate facility that will include medical services like pregnancy testing and free ultrasounds. Most importantly, it will engage the whole person as a child of God, and address the needs of the family. This is a timely answer to prayer since just recently Planned Parenthood resumed performing abortions in Wisconsin, and they have clinics in La Crosse, Eau Claire, and Wisconsin Rapids (which do not perform abortions but can refer for them). Combine that with the explosion of mail-order abortion pills, and we need resource centers like Hope's Door now more than ever. I will be sharing more information about Hope's Door with you all, but until then, please keep the initiative in your prayers. Email: info@hopesdoor.org, Coming Soon: www.hopesdoor.org, Mailing Address: 123 Mason St. Onalaska, WI.

Ask the Pastor

The Sacred Heart of Jesus—where does this reference come from? We hear very little about the significance of this and the special Mass and prayers.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a beautiful expression of our Christian faith. Growing up, my family consecrated ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and enthroned an image of Jesus in our home. He became the "King of our family." We renewed our consecration every day, pledging to "love one another more and more each day, forgiving each others' faults as You [Jesus] forgive our sins." Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has its foundation in Sacred Scripture. In the Gospels, Jesus' heart is moved with pity for the crowds (see Mt 9:36) and He tells us that He is gentle and humble of heart (Mt 11:29). St. John rested his head on the Heart of Jesus at the Last Supper. His Heart was pierced by the soldier's lance and from it flowed blood and water. Undoubtedly, the Apostles perceived the Heart of Jesus at the Resurrection when He showed them the wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

The "heart" denotes the core of every person, the seat of our will and the source of our love. As Bishop Donald Hying, the bishop of Madison, explains, "The Sacred Heart of Jesus that began beating in the womb of the Blessed Virgin more than 2,000 years ago still beats today in the glorified humanity of the Risen Christ. And it will pulsate forever, pumping out the grace, mercy and life of God to all of humanity."

However, over the centuries, many Christians developed harsh images of God and Jesus as fearful judges, distant from human affairs, ready to impose punishment for moral failure. The heresy of Jansenism, which was prevalent in France in the 16th and 17th centuries, overemphasized the wrath of God, the unworthiness of human nature, and fear as a fundamental response to God. In this context, Jesus appeared to a Visitation nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and asked that she spread devotion to His Heart. In one of her visions of Jesus, He explained, "My divine Heart is so passionately fond of the human race and of you, in particular, that it cannot keep back the pent-up flames of its burning charity any longer. They must burst out through you and reveal my Heart to the world, so as to enrich mankind with my treasures."

As Bishop Hying explains, "Lest we think that such a love is naive, simplistic or easy, the Sacred Heart shines forth, crowned with thorns, pierced and bleeding. The crucifixion of Christ is the terrifying path through the valley of darkness and evil which God himself walks, embracing everything sinful, broken and dead that ensnares and destroys us. By remaining silent before His persecutors, praying for His killers, loving a dying thief and asking forgiveness for sinners, Jesus shows that the unconditional, infinite and divine love of His heart is the only force that can heal the world of its hatred, sin and rejection of God. By taking upon himself the totality of human evil committed by every person of every time, Christ refracts this overwhelming darkness into the light of the Resurrection."

What does devotion to the Sacred Heart consist of? Formal consecration, a daily offering, celebration of the Eucharist and Reconciliation on consecutive First Fridays, displaying and honoring an image of the Sacred Heart all comprise some of the specific practices linked to this profound devotion.

Bishop Hying explains these practices of the Sacred Heart devotion. “**Consecrating** ourselves to the Sacred Heart is a personal and loving way to renew and live our baptismal vows. We acknowledge Jesus’ sovereignty in our lives, pledging our love back to Him who has so graciously and sacrificially loved us... If you have not already done so, consider consecrating your marriage, family, home and life to the Sacred Heart in a formal way. It makes a big difference.

The **daily offering** is a simple prayer in which we give God our day: its prayer, work, joy and sufferings. This oblation of the heart renews our consecration and reminds us to live in holy mindfulness that what we do, say, value and embrace should be a worthy return to the Lord who has done so much for us. I remember praying the Morning Offering in grade school; this daily ritual reminded me that what I did in school, at home, on the playground, with family and classmates mattered to God — inspiring me to want to offer my very best.

Coming at a time when the faithful received the Eucharist infrequently, Jesus’ request that we **confess our sins and receive Communion every First Friday** points to the Eucharist and the sacraments as the fundamental way to encounter the love of the Lord. In the Eucharist, Jesus completely gives himself to us, literally entering into our bodies, souls and lives... In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we experience the mercy and forgiveness won for us on Calvary.... Through these sacraments, Jesus draws us into His heart and allows us to experience in this life the love and joy of heaven...

In honoring and **displaying images of the Sacred Heart**, we invite others to experience Jesus’ love for themselves. The power of visuals is clear... We cannot contemplate such a holy and merciful image with indifference or ingratitude. One look at Jesus’ heart should melt us, convert us and inspire us to give our hearts in return.

Sacred Heart devotion is not magic or some automatic ticket to heaven; it is a sacred way for us to encounter the fullness of the Gospel, the good news of God’s saving love poured out for us in Jesus Christ. As we steadily progress in our knowledge and communion with the Lord, we will fall ever more deeply in love with Jesus and live out that transforming and redemptive relationship in every detail of our lives. This devotion unites our minds, hearts and wills in one great act of oblation — a total gift of the self to the One who has first offered himself completely to and for us.” -Bishop Hying’s full explanation can be found at:

<https://www.simplycatholic.com/why-the-sacred-heart/>

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!
-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

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.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Gatherings

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, Nov. 5th after the 9:30 AM Mass.

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/>

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 Dec. 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. 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. 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 procession to cemetery afterwards)
Sat. Nov. 04: Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage at 9 AM
Sun. Nov. 05: Solemnity of St. Charles Borromeo, Parish Patron (transferred from Nov. 4); Fellowship Sunday
Tue. Nov. 07: St. Charles School PTO meeting 5:30 PM
Wed. Nov. 08: Middle School and High School Religious Education Group Gatherings 6:30-8:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 12: PTO Pancake Breakfast and Bingo. Breakfast: 10-11:30 AM, Bingo: 11 AM – 1 PM