

The Solemnity of St. Charles Borromeo November 4 & 5, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 6 - 12, 2023

11/06/23	Monday	NO MASS
11/07/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Susanne Pedretti
11/08/23	Wednesday	NO MASS
11/09/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Elmer Feldner
11/10/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Alfred Berra
11/11/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Robert "Bob" Stevenson
11/12/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Nov. 11: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Nov. 12: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Nov. 11: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Nov. 12: 9:30 AM: Abigail & William Mitchell;
Ezio Olson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Nov. 12: 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. Nov. 11: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Nov. 12: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Nov. 06: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Mon. Nov. 13: 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. 28 & 29, 2023

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,482.00
Plate Offering	\$ 133.29
Mission Sunday	\$ 497.00
Total:	\$2,112.29

From the Pastor's Desk

St. Charles, Praying for the Dead, and Purgatory

Peace to you! Happy Solemnity of St. Charles Borromeo, patron of our parish! His feast day is November 4th. The feast day of St. Charles Borromeo is November 4th, and since he is the patron of our parish, I have transferred the feast of St. Charles Borromeo for our parish to Sunday, Nov. 5th, so that we can celebrate his feast day all together at our Saturday vigil and Sunday morning Masses. Let us remember to pray every day for our parish family (and the pastor!). I recommend that we ask St. Charles Borromeo to intercede for us, since he was such a good pastor himself.

November is the month of the Holy Souls and when we remember in a special way to pray for the dead. On Thursday evening we had a lovely All Souls Mass at St. Charles at which we remembered the 12 parishioners who passed away since last November 2nd. Thank you to the Women's Group for organizing this event where we can remember, mourn, and pray for our beloved deceased parishioners.

I seem to have run out of content for the bulletin for our three new "columns," Ask the Pastor, Formed Reviews, and Miracle of the Week. Fortunately, I stumbled across an interview from Catholic News Agency of one of my professors from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome who taught my Eschatology class. Fr. Paul O'Callaghan, an Irish priest. Eschatology is the study of the "Last Things." I hope you enjoy his answers to some questions about praying for the dead and purgatory.

Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

"On All Souls' Day, the Catholic Church remembers all those who have died and prays for them in a particular way. But why do Catholics pray for the souls of the dead — not only on Nov. 2 but also on any day of the year? And does the Church really believe in the existence of purgatory? "The whole of the first millennium is unanimous in the prayer of Christians for the dead," Father Paul O'Callaghan, a priest of Opus Dei, told CNA. "The idea of praying for the dead is very, very old."

"Purgatory is not an individualistic doctrine, where I sort of resolve and sort out my particular personal problems and sins and faults," he underlined. "It's something that the whole Church does together." Praying for the dead can invoke a great sense of solidarity with those who have died before us, the priest said. "As we're praying for them, we're kind of saying to ourselves, 'Well, I hope somebody will pray for me.'" O'Callaghan pointed out an important clarification, that "Christ is our Savior. Christ is the one who frees us from our sins." "But since the Church is the Body of Christ, the Church also cooperates in that process," he said. "And that's why the prayer of Christians [for the dead] is so, so valuable and so important."

"I have often felt that the doctrine of purgatory ... is one of the greatest signs of God's mercy," he added. "It's saying to people, 'Look, you know, we all will come to the end of our lives at some stage. And we all look back with regret, and a certain amount of fear, that we haven't been as faithful as we should have been... It's a beautiful thing that God is sufficiently ... realistic about our fallen human condition that he provides us with the opportunity of being definitively purified after death,'" he said.

Q. What is purgatory and why do souls go there?

The purpose of purgatory, O'Callaghan said, "is the purification of the human soul after death, of the faults and defects, and, as it were, gaps in their lives that still have to be clarified." The priest cited the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas, who said purgatory achieves three things: forgiveness of venial sins, purification of sinful inclinations, and the removal of the temporal punishment due to sin. The first two are purified by "the penetrating love of Christ," he said. But for the temporal punishment of sin, which can also be described as a "moral debt," we can be helped by the prayers of other Christians, he said. Because "the fact is that with our sins, not only do we offend God, and we do damage to ourselves, but also we do damage to other people."

Q. What is the origin of the Catholic Church's teaching on the existence of purgatory?

The Church's doctrine on purgatory comes from the Second Book of Maccabees in the Old Testament, O'Callaghan said. In Second Maccabees, the soldiers who were fighting the battles of the Lord "died in God's service, but at the same time, with defects and with things that they hadn't done as well as they should have done," he said, so "what the leader of the Jewish people, Judas, decided to do was to make a collection and send it to Jerusalem so sacrifices would be offered for the dead." Scripture calls these sacrifices for the dead in Second Maccabees a "holy and a wholesome thought." The idea of purification is also present in the New

Testament, he said. The Church Fathers also wrote about purgatory and recorded that Christians in apostolic times were praying for the dead. See the full story by Hannah Brockhaus, Nov. 2, 2022, at <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/252694/why-do-catholics-pray-for-the-dead-and-other-questions-about-purgatory-answered>

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

St. Charles Parish News

Apple Pie and Christmas Wreaths

For those who ordered Apple pies from the St. Charles Women's Group, please pick them up after Mass this weekend!

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

St. Charles School Pancake breakfast and BINGO - Sun. November 12th

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

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 gatherings are on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass. Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 17.

“the Answer” Eucharistic Rally – June 7th, 2024

Save the Date! The Diocese of La Crosse is very excited to announce “the Answer” Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. “the Answer” Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets will go on sale Dec. 15, 2023. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>.

Wisconsin Bishops' Statement on Hamas Attack

“The Bishops of Wisconsin unequivocally condemn the Hamas terrorist attack on unarmed Israeli civilians and the taking of women, children, and elders as hostages. We deplore this and every form of antisemitism. We mourn for the innocent Israelis and Palestinians who will now lose their lives because of this brutality. We pray that the hostages and refugees from this conflict may find safety. May nations welcome them with compassion.”

Donate to Help the Victims of Violence in the Holy Land

Catholic Relief Services, in conjunction with Caritas partners, are working to meet the desperate humanitarian needs caused by the terrorism and fighting in the Holy Land. To learn how you can help, visit www.crs.org.

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

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/>

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 at the Denim & Diamonds Gold Gala event at Aquinas High School! Participate in our silent and live auctions. To RSVP visit www.aquinaschools.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 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

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale – Sat., December 2nd 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main Street, La Crosse. Sponsored by The Cathedral PCCW. Elevator access to the undercroft (downstairs) and free parking in the church lot. Raffle, Baked Goods, Candy, and many beautiful and unique items.

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.

Post-Abortion Healing

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Nov. 05: Solemnity of St. Charles Borromeo, Parish Patron (transferred from Nov. 4)
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
Thur. Nov. 09: Parish Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6:00 – 7:00 PM.
Sun. Nov. 12: PTO Pancake Breakfast and Bingo. Breakfast: 10-11:30 AM, Bingo: 11 AM – 1 PM