

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18 & 19, 2023

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 20-26, 2023

11/20/23	Monday	NO MASS
11/21/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Dolores Heinemann
11/22/23	Wednesday	8:00 AM † Leonard Pieper
11/23/23	Thursday (Thanksgiving Mass)	8:00 AM † Terry Pitzner
11/24/23	Friday	NO MASS
11/25/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Mike Grelle
11/26/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Thu. Nov. 23: 8:00 AM: Kathy Pedretti
Sat. Nov. 25: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Nov. 26: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Thu. Nov. 23: 8:00 AM: Volunteers
Sat. Nov. 25: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Nov. 26: 9:30 AM: Salvatori, Arianna & Lorenzo Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Nov. 26: 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. Nov. 25: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. Nov. 26: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Nov. 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson
Mon. Nov. 27: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

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: November 11 & 12, 2023

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$2,190.00
Plate Offering	\$ 175.50
All Saints	\$ 60.00
Votive Lights	\$ 30.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 500.00
Mission	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$3,005.50

From the Pastor's Desk Diocesan Annual Appeal

Peace to you! Thank you for those who have reached out to me this past week with your thoughts, ideas, and questions about the financial state of our parish and school. Please keep those coming! We are stronger when we work together. This parish has faced many challenges in the past and has always rose up to meet those challenges. With Christ as our shepherd, we have nothing to fear. I know that some of you are worried that about the future of our school. Just so that everything is clear, there are no plans to close the school. No one is considering that. We have lots of options and possibilities before that drastic action would even be considered. After the New Year, we will know more about the parish's finances this year, and I will provide the whole parish an update.

I wanted to offer a bit of an explanation about the Diocesan Annual Appeal. This annual appeal is a diocesan-wide effort to fund the resources and expenses which all 150+ parishes of our diocese share in common, for example, the cost of forming and educating new priests for our diocese, charitable works like Catholic Charities, and diocesan resources that support the work of our school and parish. Our "portion" of these expenses comes to \$23,240 this year (down \$750 from two years ago). Sometimes, some of the money collected by the DAA is set aside to assist parishes that are in need of financial assistance. Last year, our parish received a \$6,000 grant from these DAA funds.

The DAA runs from now until June 30, 2024. Any money collected above our \$23,240 goal is returned to our parish "tax-free." What does that mean? Each year, there is a "quota" that is assessed from each parish of the diocese. These funds are used for the operating costs of the diocese. Quota is assessed by taking our parish's total "income" (giving) from the previous year, and subtracting from that the costs of the parish school. The remainder is assessable for the quota, which is set now at 7%. All of that to say, is that whenever one gives to the parish, it is calculated into the quota. However, any money collected within the Diocesan Annual Appeal is not calculated in the quota. Thus, the money that we collect in our Annual Appeal is "tax-free."

For example: If a parish had income of \$100,000 last year, and school expenses were \$80,000, then the assessable amount would be \$20,000. 7% of that is \$1,400, which would be the quota paid to the diocese this year. But if that parish had a non-school expense of \$40,000, then their budget would be \$20,000 short. If they simply increase giving, so that this year they collected \$120,000, then the quota for next year would be $120,000 - 80,000 \times 0.07 = \$2,800$. However, if the parishioners gave that extra \$20,000 this year to the DAA in order to meet their budget, it would not be counted as income nor calculated in the quota for next year.

I say all of this to not deter giving to our parish (which would be foolish), but to let you know that, if you look at your financial situation and desire to give more than what you are currently giving, then putting that extra toward the DAA would be the most beneficial way to help our parish financially in the both the short and the long term. If you encounter someone who wants to give to our parish, then tell them that "Donating to our DAA goal is the best way that you can help our parish and school."

Again, my proposed strategy is: 1) Pray. How are you doing on your 1% challenge? 2) Evangelize. Who can I reach out to and help connect/re-connect to our parish? 3) Give intentionally. Please let me know if you would like to help with a parish/school "alumni" appeal effort. God is with us. We have nothing to fear.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Holy Days and Christmas Masses

Friday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of our country! It is a holy day of obligation. Mass times will be 8:15 AM and 7:00 PM that day.

Christmas is also a holy day of obligation and falls on a Monday this year. That means that Sunday, Dec 24 is the 4th Sunday of Advent in the morning and Christmas Eve in the evening. We will have the normal Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent. For Christmas, we will have a 4 PM Mass on Sunday (Christmas Eve) and 9:30 AM Mass on Christmas morning. Mass attendance, there are two obligations to be fulfilled, the 1st for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and the 2nd obligation for Christmas. You can fulfill those two obligations by attending one of each Mass (Saturday evening or Sunday morning, then Sunday evening or Monday morning).

Christmas Wreaths

Thank you so much to everyone for helping us support St. Charles Borromeo Church and School by purchasing Christmas wreaths. Wreaths will be ready for pick up this weekend after Mass or November 25-26 after Mass --- near the parish garage.

World Mission Sunday Collection – Thank you!

Our parish collected a total of \$880 for the World Mission Sunday collection. Thank you!

Fulfilling Pledges for the *Inspired by the Spirit* Capital Campaign

Some of you have asked for clarification about when you will receive reminders to fulfill your IBTS Capital Campaign pledges. If you pledged to give annually, then you will receive your annual reminders the month you made your pledge (likely May or June). If quarterly, then every 3 months starting from when you made your pledge (so, Sept, Dec, March, June). If monthly, then on or near the 15th of every month.

If someone wants to change when they receive their pledge reminders (perhaps they want it in December rather than June), then you can contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese of La Crosse in writing, either by email or via USPS. Send your pledge reminder with their preferred schedule. They prefer written requests, so they have a proper paper trail. But they can also work with phone calls, too. Email: jreiter@diolc.org. Mail: Office of Stewardship 3710 East Ave S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Phone: 608.791.2685

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 19, Dec 3, Dec 17.

Pilgrimage for Life - January 17-21, 2024

The Office of Family Life at the Diocese is excited to offer the Pilgrimage for Life. We will be traveling by coach bus to Washington, DC to participate in the annual March for Life. This opportunity is for anyone ages 13 and up. The estimated cost is estimated to be \$400 per person. All information and registration link can be found at <https://diolc.org/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>

“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 day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagiza, 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/>.

St. Charles School News

Pancake Breakfast & Bingo Event – Thank You!

Thank you to all who came out to help, donate goodies and/or support the Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale and Bingo event this past Sunday! Money raised at these events help pay for the special teachers' salaries, field trips, student, classroom and school needs throughout the year! The bake sale earnings go to the 5th & 6th graders fund!

Santa Sale – Items and Help Wanted

If anyone is getting ready for the holiday visitors by cleaning out closets and cupboards, keep in mind saving items for our Santa Sale on December 15th. We could use like-new or gently used coffee cups, candles and holders, other knick-knacks, and items for men's gifts. We do have enough books, videos, and picture frames. We need a few volunteers to help kids shop or wrap gifts on the afternoon of December 15th. Contact Jessie Cina at stcharlespto@outlook.com or the Parish/School Office.

Help Our Parish and School by Buying Gas and Groceries?

Did you know that you can help our parish and school just by buying gas and groceries? Scrip is a program which gives a percentage of your purchases from participating stores back to the charity of your choice. Last

year, Scrip raised \$1,284.41 for our parish and school. How does it work? 1) Purchase Scrip gift cards for the store of your choice (Kwik Trip, Walmart, and many more). 2) Use them and earn money for our school! How do you buy gift cards? A) Directly through raiserright.com or the Raise Right app. Stores potentially offer physical cards, physical cards you can reload from the app, and electronic gift cards you can use on the app. B) A couple of times a year, the PTO puts in a bulk order of physical cards. At those times, you can fill out an order form we will make available. 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

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show – Sat. Dec. 2

Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 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.

Healing Mass and Prayer Service – Dec. 4

Are you in need of prayer for healing in spirit, mind, or body? We are ready to pray with you for God's gift of healing. On Monday, December 4, at Sacred Heart Church - Cashton there will be Confessions and Adoration starting at 4:30 pm; Mass at 5:30 pm; and a healing service beginning immediately after with Confessions and Adoration continuing. Catch the article on this important ministry in the latest issue of Catholic Life.

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale – Dec. 9

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 9, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 am - 1:00 pm. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade candies, breads, pies, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards, and raffles are available for sale. Serving continental breakfast and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Hourly Door Prizes.

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale – Dec. 9

At Holy Trinity Parish, Leo Hall on Saturday, December 9. Cookie Walk (Fancy Cookies can be

purchased by the pound) from 8:00 a.m. until gone; Craft Sale featuring 10 tables of crafts from local parishioners and vendors from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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.

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 from 9 to 6 Monday through Friday. To see additional ideas for donations, visit our website: <https://lacrossejailministry.org/>

“Hope’s Door” Pregnancy and Family Resource Center

Hope's Door is being planned as a state-of-the-art pregnancy resource center for the La Crosse area. It will be an interfaith, Christ-centered facility that will offer compassionate assistance to women and families, including mentoring and classes, as well as medical resources like ultrasounds and abortion pill reversal treatment. Its services will be in harmony with Catholic teaching. Bishop Callahan is encouraging the faithful to offer their prayers and financial support to Hope's Door. To see a flyer and brochure, visit www.dioc.org/respect-life

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@dioc.org.

Parish Events Calendar

Thur. Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:00 AM. No Mass on Fri. Nov. 24.

Wed. Nov. 29: Middle School and High School Group 6:30-8:00 PM

Sun. Dec. 03: Fellowship after 9:30 AM Mass. OCIA 10:30-Noon

Mon. Dec. 04: Healing Mass and Prayer Service in Cashton 5:30 PM

Fri. Dec. 08: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Thur. Dec. 14: Parish Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6:00 – 7:00 PM.