

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16 & 17, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 18 - 24, 2024

11/18/24	Monday	NO MASS
11/19/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Dolores Heinemann
11/20/24	Wednesday	NO MASS
11/21/24	Thursday	8:00 AM † Lynn Umberger
11/22/24	Friday	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
11/23/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Terry Pitzner
11/24/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Nov. 23: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Nov. 24: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Nov. 23: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Nov. 24: 9:30 AM: Felicity Mitchell, Emma
Kendhammer, Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Nov. 24: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Rosary Leaders/Volunteer

Sat. Nov. 23: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Nov. 24: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Nov. 18: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

Mon. Nov. 25: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy
Stokke

Ushers (November 2024)

Saturday: Steve Woodhouse & Larry Kelsey

Sunday: Keith Magnuson & Arnie Trussoni
Tim Gianoli

Prayer Requests

Call 608-689-2642 - requests will be passed to
Sedlacek & the prayer chain.

Sacraments and Prayer

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
meeting 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.

Sacrificial Giving November 09 & 10, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$4,432.00
Plate Offering	\$ 393.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 285.00
Votive Candles	\$ 42.00
In Memory (Arla Furlano)	\$ 50.00
Total	\$5,202.00

From the Pastor's Desk What it Means to be a Parishioner

Peace be with you! “*For as in one body we have many members, but all the members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*” (Romans 12:4-5)

What is a Parish?

“A parish is a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor (*parochus*) as its proper pastor under the authority of the diocesan bishop” (*Code of Canon Law*, Can. 515 §1).

What is a Parishioner?

A parishioner can be defined as a Catholic who belongs to a parish and participates in the life of the parish through the generous and proportionate sharing of his or her God-given gifts of *time*, *talent*, and *treasure*. In the past, simply living in the territory surrounding a parish automatically made someone a parishioner of that parish. However, even then, parishes kept records (“registers”) of their parishioners in order to stay in contact with them and help to organize pastoral care.

Why should you register as a parishioner?

The pastor and his staff should know who is under his pastoral care. As an official parishioner, you have certain *rights* from your parish. Your pastor prays his *Liturgy of the Hours* (the official prayer of the Church that every priest prays five times a day) for you daily, and the parish must provide you with the Sacraments. There are other benefits, such as the possibility of being buried in our parish cemetery, receiving the Catholic Life magazine from the Diocese, and more. Perhaps one of the best benefits is having a sense of belonging to a specific community of fellow followers of Jesus Christ - being part of a “church family.” Here at St. Charles, we are seeking to welcome new parishioners, get to know each other, and support each other in every way as a parish family.

Just as there are *rights* for registered members of the parish, there are also *responsibilities*.

- **An active parishioner** tries to follow our Lord Jesus Christ as His disciple and is faithful to the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We are called to lead others to faith by our good example, through loving service to others, and offering our prayers, works, joys, and sufferings for the conversion of the world and the glory of God.
- **An active parishioner** is a person who has received or is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.
- **An active parishioner** is a person who attends Sunday Mass (or Saturday Vigil Mass) and the Holy Days of Obligation regularly at St. Charles or another Catholic church when they are out of town.
- **An active parishioner** gives of themselves by donating their *time and talents* to the works of the parish. There are many ways to give and be a part of the parish community, such as the Women’s Group, Quilters, PTO, Hospitality, Fellowship Sunday, Homecoming committee, or helps as an altar server, lector, usher, sacristan, or some other service to the parish. We are to share in the responsibilities that keep our parish alive and thriving, and not just surviving.
- **An active parishioner**, whether attending Mass here, or somewhere else, is a good financial steward of their parish. Parishes, like any household, have bills to pay. As a parishioner, it is important to *contribute financially*, to the best of one’s ability, toward the mission and upkeep of the parish and/or the school. I am grateful for and humbled by people’s generosity to this parish! I encourage parishioners to always pray and ask the Lord’s guidance on what you should be contributing to the parish.

Practically speaking then, an **Active Member**:

1. Is properly registered on the Parish rolls, with all contact information kept current.
2. Faithfully attends Sunday Mass (or Saturday vigil Mass) and all Holy Days of Obligation.
3. Participates in parish activities and ministries whenever possible.
4. Consistently makes use of the parish envelope (or future online system) for donations to support the Parish.
5. Prays for their pastor, their fellow parishioners, and the work of the Parish.

Of course, we understand that those parishioners who are homebound due to illness or old age are not able to attend Mass and may not be able to financially support the parish. However, we ask those members to pray and to offer some of their sufferings for the work of the parish, its pastor and its members. I also recognize that our parish has quite a few members who are not Catholic, but who actively participate in the life of our parish. I think

that pretty much all of us struggle or have struggled at one time or another to be active members of our parish. This article is not meant to shame or guilt-trip anyone, but to serve as an encouragement for all of us to grow in our connection to and support of each other within our parish family.

Lastly, it is also important to note that once someone turns 22, they are no longer considered a part of their parents' "household" in the parish registry (sort of like when children are taken off their parent's health insurance at age 26). We are hoping to come up with a way to encourage our younger people to either register as their own "household" when they are 18-22 years old or to join another parish where they are living. If you have young adult children (age 18+) who still live in the area, invite them to register as an adult member of St. Charles. If they are 22+ and live outside the area, invite them to register at a Catholic parish where they are living.

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

St. Charles Parish News

Trivia Night! – Fri. Dec. 6

St. Charles School is hosting a Holly Jolly Christmas Trivia on Friday, December 6. Doors open at 5:30, and food and drinks can be purchased all night long. Trivia begins at 6:00! Questions will be ALL about Christmas - movies, traditions around the world, and songs just might be some possible categories! Come and join the fun! If interested, call or text Mariette at (608) 381-0220 or email her at mdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org.

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser!

The Women's Group will be selling Christmas Wreaths. There are a few more available. Pickup for the wreaths will be after Mass, Nov. 16 & 17 and Nov. 23 & 24 --- near the rectory garage. \$25.00 for the 24-inch wreath.

Healing Service & Mass - Monday Dec. 2nd

At Sacred Heart church, 1223 Front St., Cashton, Wisconsin. Schedule:

- 4:30 PM: Adoration and Confession
- 5:30 PM: Mass
- 6:00 PM: Corporate Prayer for Healing
- 7:00 PM: Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers)
- 9:00 PM: Closing

Feel free to join us as your schedule allows, as times are approximate.

Please help us share this opportunity with those in your parish and community who might benefit. We are eager to see God move powerfully, bringing hope, peace, and healing to all who attend.

Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026

Every year, the Bishop is honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We use information from your parish's records to know where to send the packets and invitations. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact the parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.

St. Charles School News

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who came out in the rain for the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday and supported the PTO and 5th/6th graders bake sale! We hope you enjoyed! The money raised helped pay for our new and much needed fridge in the kitchen.

Santa Sale – Donations requested by Dec 9th

Our "Santa Sale" will be on December 13th. Please send any good (new or used) items you no longer want that can be used as gifts. The kids purchase items for family members' gifts. Please send items to school labeled "Santa Sale" by December 9th. Also, any Christmas gift bags are appreciated!

The Second-Hand Shack

The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street, La Crosse. Sarah Studinger is the owner/operator and is passionate about supporting the

community by donating a portion of her profits to local non-profits, including St. Charles PTO. Parishioners can drop off clean, gently used items. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact Sarah for donation times, acceptance and exclusions. Thank you to Sarah Studinger for partnering with the St. Charles PTO!

News from the Diocese and our Community

Cathedral Christmas Bazaar – Dec 7

The Cathedral (530 Main Street, La Crosse) annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be Saturday, December 7th from 8 am - 2 pm in the church undercroft. There will be a wonderful selection of unique gift items, Christmas decor, hand-made greeting cards and religious items. The bake sale will feature a fabulous selection of cookies, cakes, breads and candy.

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show ~ Dec 7

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

Karuna Inc. Gala – Dec. 7

We are thrilled to announce our first annual Home for the Holidays Gala supporting Karuna House. Karuna Inc. has been working to address the urgent issue of inadequate housing, providing a safe and stable environment for individuals experiencing homelessness. Save the date for Saturday, December 7th, at the La Crosse Country Club. Join us for a special evening featuring dinner, music, auctions, and more. Visit <https://www.karunahousing.org/gala> to purchase tickets, sponsor, or donate. Or contact Kristine Hall at krishall3@outlook.com or 612-803-3684.

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale – Dec 14

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls)

and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes every half hour.

Advent Evening Prayer

Your friends at St. Patrick's Parish, 1031 Main Street, Onalaska, invite you to join us for the *Advent Evening Prayer*, where we will gather in anticipation and reflection for the Advent Season. *Advent Evening Prayer* includes psalms, scripture reading, a brief reflection, along with beautiful music to prepare you for a meaningful Christmas. Join Deacon Frank Abnet for this devotion, which will take place from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm on Mondays throughout the Advent season, December 2, 9, 16, and 23.

St. Pat's Calendar Raffle

The St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska is excited to announce the start of the Adesse Calendar Raffle for 2025. Each ticket costs \$25 and a winner is picked for each day of the year, with prizes ranging from \$30 to \$500 awarded on each date. Winning tickets are put back into the drawing so that you have multiple chances to win. Adesse Tickets make for a great gift and are also a vital fundraiser for St. Patrick Parish. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Joan at 608.783.5535, ext. 2, or secretary@stpatsonalaska.com.

Catholic Charities Christmas Program

We need your help! As Christmas is fast approaching, families are signing up for Christmas presents. There are many ways you can help out: Sponsor a family; Donate local gift cards to be distributed to families for purchasing food and gifts; Volunteer to help distribute gifts at your local office (dependent on individual office need); Make a donation online, www.cclse.org, and all proceeds will go to purchasing gifts for families in need. If you would like to sponsor a family, please contact Shannon ASAP at 608-519-8011. If you would like to donate gift cards to local stores, please drop them off at your local Catholic Charities (La Crosse-508 5th Ave. S) by December 2nd. Thank you!

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Nov. 24: OCIA gathering. 10:30am-12:00pm
Thu. Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day. Mass at 8:00 AM
Sun. Dec. 01: Fellowship Sunday in the School Gym after the 9:30 AM Mass
Fri. Dec. 06: Trivia Night! 5:30 PM food. 6:00 PM Trivia begins.