

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23 & 24, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 25 – December 1, 2024

11/25/24	Monday	NO MASS
11/26/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Mike Grelle
11/27/24	Wednesday	NO MASS
11/28/24	Thursday Thanksgiving Day	8:00 AM † Gina Nickelotti
11/29/24	Friday	8:00 AM † Lynn Umberger
11/30/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
12/01/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Thu. Nov. 28: 8:00 AM: Kathy Pedretti
Sat. Nov. 30: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay
Sun. Dec. 01: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Thu. Nov. 28: 8:00 AM: Salvatori & Lorenzo
Trussoni; Easton Eckes
Sat. Nov. 30: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay
Sun. Dec. 01: 9:30 AM: Salvatori & Lorenzo
Trussoni; Easton Eckes

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Dec. 01: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Rosary Leaders/Volunteer

Sat. Nov. 30: 4:00 PM: Volunteer
Sun. Dec. 01: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Nov. 25: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy
Stokke
Mon. Dec. 02: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn
Umberger

Ushers (December 2024)

Saturday: John Nicklay; Tim Woodhouse
Sunday: Conrad Kirby; Tom Urbanek;
Chris Stokke

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 16 & 17, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$6,512.00
Plate Offering	\$ 323.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 155.00
In Memory (Arla Furlano)	\$ 50.00
Total	\$7,040.00

From the Pastor's Desk Giving Thanks and Advent

Peace be with you! I will be going up to my parent's farm for a few days this week to visit with family, celebrate Thanksgiving, and do a little deer hunting. But I hope that many of you can come for Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 8 AM. What better way to give thanks to God than to attend Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist ("eucharist" means "thanksgiving" in Greek)!?

We celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe this Sunday, which is the final Sunday of the liturgical year. We begin a new year next Sunday, December 1st with the First Sunday of Advent. That means we will be in Cycle C readings for Sunday Masses, which mostly follow the Gospel of Luke.

As Advent approaches, I am being reminded of the many "worldly traditions" of getting ready for Christmas: Black Friday sales, Cyber Monday sales, putting up lights and decorations, putting up Christmas trees, listening to popular "holiday" music, making eggnog, etc... But what are the "Catholic traditions" that help us to spiritually prepare for the second biggest feast day of the year for us as followers of Jesus Christ?

Many of these are explained in the Advent issue of *Restore the Roots* which is in the bulletin this weekend. I hope that you can take some time to read through this issue and choose a couple of things to do in your household to prepare for the Coming ("Advent") of Jesus Christ! There is only so much time and energy that each of us has between now and December 25th. We need to make a plan to spiritually prepare ourselves during this time... otherwise, the concerns of this world will completely take over our lives. I know that I face this temptation and struggle each year. With so much to do, I can neglect the spiritual preparation. What good is it to have the best decorated lawn or Christmas tree in the neighborhood if my soul is neglected and I forget the reason why I am even celebrating Christmas?

And so, I invite you to consider my suggestions for a basic spiritual preparation for Christmas:

- 1) Make a plan to go to Confession. What a better way to "prepare Him room" in our hearts than to have all of our sins washed away?
- 2) Spend some time in prayer as a family. Make a plan to spend a little more time to reflect on the mysteries of this season, such as the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Nativity of Jesus Christ.
- 3) Look at the various Advent practices in *Restore the Roots* and choose at least one to do as a family, such as the Advent Wreath, the Jesse Tree, Advent Calendar, etc...

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and, if you are hunting, please have a safe and successful hunt!

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

St. Charles Parish News

Fellowship Sunday Next Week!

Next Sunday is already the first Sunday of the month and time for Fellowship Sunday! Why not celebrate the beginning of Advent by enjoying the company of your fellow parishioners after next Sunday's Mass?

Women's Group Updates

Thank you to all those that supported the St Charles Catholic Women's Group Pie Sale. We hope you will enjoy the apple pie with family and friends as much as we enjoyed the fellowship of making them together with our Catholic Women's Group! The Women's Group are almost out of stock with Christmas Wreaths! Pickup for the wreaths will be in the rectory garage after Mass this weekend, Nov. 23 & 24. \$25.00 per 24-inch wreath. St Charles Catholic Women's Group will meet Thurs., Dec. 5th at 6:30 pm.

Opportunities to go to Confession during Advent

Monday, Dec. 16th at Cathedral

There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman (530 Main Street, La Crosse) on Monday, December 16th from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four to five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

Confession Times at St. Charles

Every Saturday from 3:15-3:45 pm

Every Sunday from 8:45-9:15 am.

Thurs. Dec. 12th from 6-7 pm.

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.

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.

Monday, Dec. 9th – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

It is a long and complicated explanation, but the end result is that Monday, Dec. 9th is when we celebrate the Immaculate Conception (of Mary) this year. It is usually a holy day of obligation, but Bishop Battersby has dispensed the obligation for this year. However, he wants the people to be able to observe the holy day and have the opportunity to attend Mass. And so, I will be offering Mass at St. Charles that day at 5:15 PM.

Celebrating Your 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

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!

Gift Card Orders for Christmas to Support our School!

The holidays are fast approaching! From finding the perfect gift to taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, there's a gift card for every need. Earn money back for St. Charles School by purchasing gift cards. There are updated order forms for physical gift cards in the vestibule of the church. **Orders are due back to the Parish Office by December 13th.** The cards will arrive before Christmas. There is also an option to purchase and use electronic gift cards by using the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with any questions. Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

News from the Diocese and our Community

Stuff the Pack N Play – Nov 29-Dec 14

Mayo La Crosse Auxiliary and Aquinas Impact are collecting diapers, baby wipes, infant clothing, and other baby essentials from November 29th-December 14th. Please drop off your donations at Moka on West Avenue in La Crosse, Mayo Clinic La Crosse Cafeteria entrance or the lobby in the

Mayo La Crosse Hospital. All donations will be distributed to local families through Catholic Charities in La Crosse.

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.

Holy Trinity Cookie Walk - Sat, Dec. 14, 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Large assortment of Christmas Cookies. Basket raffle drawing at 11 (need not be present to win).

ATTENTION CRAFTERS - there are still some tables available for crafters to rent during the Holy Trinity Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th. Email us at htstannes@gmail.com for information!!

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
Thu. Dec. 05: Women's Group Meeting 6:30 PM in the School
Fri. Dec. 06: Trivia Night! 5:30 PM food. 6:00 PM Trivia begins