

THE COMMENMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
November 1 & 2, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 3 - 9, 2025

11/03/25	Monday	NO MASS
11/04/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Alice & Elmer Feldner
11/05/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
11/06/25	Thursday	NO MASS
11/07/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Leanne Baumgartner
11/08/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
11/09/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Nov. 08: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Nov. 09: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Nov. 08: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Nov. 09: 9:30 AM: Henry Levendoski, Emma

Kendhammer & Ezio Olson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Nov. 09: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Nov. 03: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Mon. Nov. 10: Priscilla Martin; Marian Nagle & Linda Pedretti

Ushers (November 2025)

Saturday: Larry Kelsey & _____

Sunday: Keith Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni & Tim Gianoli

Prayer Requests

Call 608-689-2642 - requests will be passed to Father Reither & over 20 "prayer warriors" on the prayer chain.

Sacraments and Prayer

Church Hours

The church is open every day from 7 AM - 7 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 PM: 3:45 PM

Sundays: 8:45 AM: 9:15 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

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: October 18 & 19, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
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Adult Envelopes	\$2,975.00
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Plate	\$ 271.50
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Mission Sunday	\$ 390.00
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Total	\$3,636.00
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From the Desk of Father Reither

The month of November has traditionally been dedicated by the Church to the memory of the Faithful Departed (those souls who have died in the state of grace and are destined for, or currently enjoy, the glory of heaven). During this month it is especially appropriate to visit the graves of our loved ones or any cemetery to offer prayers for the Holy Souls as a work of mercy and in remembrance of them.

The month begins with the celebration of All Saints Day which is celebrated in honor of all those saints in heaven who have never been formally canonized by the Church and thus whose names we may not know, but they are saints in heaven and still offer their prayers for us. The Church honors their memory with a Solemnity on **November 1st**. In fact, it is this feast day that gave its name to Halloween (from All Hallows Eve).

The following day on **November 2nd** is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed in which the Church offers prayers for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

"This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead" (CCC 1032, 2 Maccabees 12:43-45)

"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." - St. John Chrysostom

During the first week of November the Church enriches our prayers for the dead with certain indulgences for the souls in Purgatory. See below in this bulletin for more information on that.

God bless you all and have a blessed November!

Fr. Reither

Plenary Indulgences for All Souls Week and the Month of November

What is an indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead. (CCC 1471)

Visiting a Cemetery: An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from **November 1-8**; on other days of the year it is only a partial indulgence.

Visiting a Church on November 2: A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2] piously visit a church and recite one Our Father and the Creed.

Indulgence Requirements: To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intention of the Holy Father, while being detached from sin. It is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (around a week) before or after the indulgenced act. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary

indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.

Prayers for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Lord Jesus, lovingly welcome into Your presence my deceased family, relatives and friends who have completed their journey on this earth, and have gone to their rest in the hope of rejoicing with you forever in heaven. Source of all life and love, in Your infinite mercy, look favorably upon their goodness, and forgive any sins they may have committed, so they may enjoy for all eternity the great rewards You have promised to those who believe in You. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Important Update for our Parish Staff

Our Parish and School secretary Carol Hunder has decided that it is time for her to move on to the next chapter of her life and is stepping down from her position here at St. Charles. As many of you know from her past 15 years here at St. Charles Carol has put in so much time, effort, and sacrifice in seeing out the mission of our school and parish. Please join me in thanking Carol for her years of dedication and see her message below. -Fr. Reither

THANK YOU: “It seems wherever I go – people come into my life OR out of it - touching me where I can feel it even as I wasn’t through knowing them”. So, this ends another chapter of my life, and so it also begins another chapter. I value deeply the privilege of the parishioners, the school staff and especially the students allowing me to be a part of the St. Charles family for almost 15 years. I will keep these memories (work, giggles, tears) in my heart forever and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us as we move into this next chapter. God Bless. - “Gram Carol”

Listening Sessions – Virtual Options Now

Available: Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you to over 3,000 of our people who attended a 90-minute session. If you missed your chance, there are now two virtual options available:
Tuesday, **November 11** (7-8:30 PM)
Thursday, **November 13** (6 – 7:30 PM)
www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch

Christmas Flower Order Form: We received information that we need to get our Christmas flower order in by **November 7th**. A note was sent out via Flocknote with an order form; however, there are

more forms in the vestibule. Share with other families. Place the form/check in the collection plate. If you have questions, call the office 608-689-2642.

Deceased Loved Ones: If you have pictures of deceased ones that you would like to share with others please bring in the picture and we will share them on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church.

CCD: Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, **November 2nd at+ 8:15 AM101**; Middle School/High School: Wednesday, **November 5th at 6:30 PM.**

Mass Intentions: We have 7 openings for mass intentions between the end of 2025. If you want to schedule some, please call (608-689-2642) or email office@stcharlesgenoa.org.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Veterans Day Luncheon: You are cordially invited to the Veterans Day Luncheon Tuesday, November 11th at 11:30 AM in the cafeteria. There will be Peace Wall readings and Music after lunch. All are welcome. Please call the office (608) 689-2642 if you plan to attend.

PTO UPDATE:

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, **November 9th** from 10-11:30 AM. See the flyer - share and invite others.

3K (3-year old Kindergarten): St. Charles School is excited to announce the reopening of a 3K (3-year-old Kindergarten) program for the coming school year! Potential students must be 3 years old by **September 1st** to start at the beginning of the school year, or turn 3 by **January 23** to begin at the start of the second semester. There will be 3-day or 5-day options. Please call the school office (608-689-2642) to let us know of your

interest, or pass the information along to someone who may be interested. Come join our school family!

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. They donate 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. Please contact Sarah for donation times, acceptance and exclusions at (608) 615-1005.

SCRIP Gift Cards: Earn money back for St. Charles Parish by purchasing gift cards. You can purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. There is a handout with instructions in the vestibule OR for questions, Contact Megan Olson: Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

All Souls Day *Stations of the Cross* will be Sunday, **November 2** for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse at 3:30 PM. Come and pray for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

St. James & Providence Academy is holding their 59th Annual Holly Berry Fair on Saturday, **November 8**, 2025, 8 AM – 2 PM in the Providence Academy Gymnasium, 716 Windsor Street (across the street from St. James church). Homemade Beef Stew, Gourmet Coffee & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Advent Christmas Fair From Our Heart and Home to Yours will be held **November 15th** from 8 AM – 2 PM. Included will be Raffle Baskets, Giving Tree, Children's Secret Store, Grandma's Pantry, Cache of Jewelry, Attic Treasures, and a Book Nook (with kid's corner). From 11 AM – 2 PM there will be a special meal in

Bethlehem Square and for the children in the Shepherds' Field.

Karuna House (A La Crosse Non-Profit Helping to House the Homeless): Karuna House is holding the 2nd Annual Gala "A Home for the Holidays" event on Saturday, **December 13** at the Radisson Hotel from 5:30 – 11 PM. This event will feature a cocktail reception, dinner, auctions, dancing and lots of fun surprises!

Aquinas (ACS) Employment Opportunities

ACS is hiring and we'd love for you to join our team! We are seeking passionate educators and staff who are dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and providing simply the best for our students! www.aquinascatholicschools.org/employment.

Coaches Needed

High School/MS Volunteer Trap Head Coach;
Middle School Track & Field Head Coach
Middle School Softball Head Coach;
Middle School Boys Tennis Assistant Coach;
Interested: Contact AHS Athletic Director Pam Dona Orski at pam.donarski@awquinasschools.org

Cathedral Elementary School is looking for a full-time Custodian! If interested, please contact CES Principal, Mrs. Teresa Eliason Teresa.eliason@aquinasschool.org or ACS HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org.

Blessed Sacrament Elementary School is looking for a part-time Food Service Assistant. The position runs approximately 7 AM – 1 PM. . If interested, please contact BSE Principal Mrs. Megan Bauser (megan.bauer@aquinasschools.org or HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya at lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org.

Mary, Mother of the Church, La Crosse is seeking a part-time Business Manager to join their team. To apply submit your resume' and references to Fr. Konopa at frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

Parish Events Calendar

Wed. November 9th: CCD (K-5th Grade);
Wed. November 5: Middle School/High School CCD 6:30 – 8 PM
Sun. November 09: PTO Pancake Breakfast 10 – 11:30 AM
Sun. November 09: OCIA 10:45 AM – Noon
Tue. November 11: St. Charles School Veteran's Day Luncheon