28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10 & 11, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 12 to October 18, 2026

10/12/26	**Monday**	**NO MASS**	
10/13/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Dominic Anthony Ferrari
10/14/26	**Wednesday**	**NO MASS**	
10/15/26	**Thursday**	**NO MASS**	
10/16/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Albert Brohmer
10/17/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Berneal Collins
10/18/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers
Sat. Oct. 17: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Oct. 18: Ari Trussoni

Servers
Sat. Oct. 17: Volunteers
Sun. Oct. 18: William Mitchell, Giovanni Trussoni, Isaac Kimmet

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Sun. Oct. 18: Julie Tully

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation
Mon. Oct. 12: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle, Linda Pedretti
Mon. Oct. 19: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn Umberger

Ushers October 2026
Saturday: John Nicklay, Alvin Berra, Tim Woodhouse & ***_call the office to get your name here!_***
Sunday: Conrad Kirby, Tom Urbanek, Chris Stokke & Nate Trussoni

Prayer Requests
Call 608-519-4391 - 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 1 month prior:
608-519-4391

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 **608-519-4391** if someone is seriously ill and needs the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Sacrificial Giving; October 3 & 4

Estimated Weekly Need	$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	$ 2,730.00
Plate	$ 276.00
Support Our Schools	$ 140.00
Total	**$ 3,146.00**

From the Desk of Father Reither

The 5 Precepts of the Catholic Church

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church

To close out our series on the 5 precepts of the Catholic Church our fifth precept states that the faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.

This precept comes from Canon Law number 222 which states:
§1. The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers. §2. They are also obliged to promote social justice and, mindful of the precept of the Lord, to assist the poor from their own resources.

As Catholics we have a duty to care for the needs of others, each in proportion to what we have received. The parish has material needs like any other that must be provided for, Mass supplies, heating and cooling, building maintenance etc. There are also the needs of the poor in our community and around the world. These needs cannot simply be farmed out to government programs, there is a spiritual dimension which must be taken account of. Charity by its very nature leads one to communion with other people. Charity, when lived authentically, invites one to affirm the goodness of another person. It cannot be simplified to throwing money at a problem or merely trying to fix something that is broken. When we serve others who are in need, we are affirming their dignity as being made in the image and likeness of God.

You may be asking, Father, how much should I be giving? There is no hard and fast rule, in the Old Testament, there is the Biblical concept of a tithe which was to give 10% of one's income to charity. In the Gospel, Jesus points out the widow's mite, while all the wealthy were making great donations to the temple they were really only giving from their surplus wealth, while the widow in putting in two small coins had given all she had. Whatever the case which one may decide on what to give, it is important to be intentional about it. I would encourage everyone to consider or even to calculate in their personal budget how much of your income is given to charity. And if finances are tough as they are for many today, if not in money how could one give in other ways. A great example of this would be to volunteer for the La Crosse warming shelter in serving a meal with our parish once a month or of assisting at our CCD programs. Whatever it may be, the goal is not in the money collected, but in breaking any sense of greed which seeks to consume and of encountering the goodness of the other that we serve.

God bless, Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Catholic Charities-evening dinner
St. Charles Parish & School has committed to doing a monthly dinner at Catholic Charities on the 4th Wednesday of each month from November to April. We will be making and serving a meal to the homeless in the La Crosse area. The arrangements are to arrive at 6pm, serve from 6:30-9pm, bring re-stocking items, clean the facility, and bring breakfast for the next morning. If you are interested in serving breakfast, we would need at least 3 people from 6-8AM. Wednesday, November 25 will be our first dinner. There are plans for a Thanksgiving dinner already, so we are trying to stay away from turkey for this dinner. If you have any other ideas of what to serve for about 45 people, you would like to donate to this or you would like to help, please reach out to the office. We are looking for a minimum of 3 people and a maximum of 15 people.

Help us honor our Veterans
St. Charles School & Parish is proud to recognize those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. If you, an alumni or parishioner that you know of, has served in the military, please reach out to the office. We would love to hear their story and honor them at our Veteran's Day service in November. Help us preserve and honor the service of our St. Charles veterans for generations to come. Thank you to all who have served!

Religious Education Update (Tessa Ledoux)
Thank you to all the families that participated in our first night of CCD this year for grades 4-10! It was wonderful to see so many faces! We are excited to see the spiritual growth throughout the year. If you missed our first night, no worries! Please reach out to the office and we can still get you registered and caught up!

CCD/Confirmation: 6:30-8 PM Wed. Oct. 21 (grades 4-10)

CGS-1/First Communion: 3:30-5PM Mon. Oct. 19

CGS-2 @ Viroqua: 3-5 PM Wed. Oct. 21

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Head Teacher Update (Mary Kate Donovan)
This past Tuesday, the whole school participated in a Rosary Walk up to the statue of the Holy Family in the cemetery. It was a wonderful day, the students were excited to use the beautiful rosaries we had donated to our school, and we spent a few moments in prayer with our fellow schoolmates. The little ones might have gotten distracted by the different colored leaves they were finding along the path, but when they joined in with, "Holy Mary, Mother of God…", they really gave it their all. It was a priceless experience that reminds us what St. Charles School is all about. Enjoy this special month, and we will keep all of you in our prayers as we continue our journey through the Mysteries of the Rosary.

PTO Trivia
Have fun and help our school in the process! Please come and join us for our 10th Trivia Night on October 24th. Food and drinks will be served starting at 5:30, and the games begin at 6:00. Brush up on your knowledge of chickens and register by calling the office.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Sharing the "Good News"
In both words and action, we share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ, and we commit ourselves to helping others be His disciples.

"It is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to God's Kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn" (*On Evangelization in the Modern World*, Pope St. Paul VI, 24)**.** A disciple takes the command of Jesus to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) seriously knowing Christianity is not just a philosophy, but a matter of eternal salvation. Jesus said, "A thief comes only to seal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Good News is not just life changing but life saving and a disciple is eager to share that message with others. (Discipleship Quads, Dcn. Bob Rice)

World Mission Rosary During October, the month of the holy rosary, we invite you to share with the U.S. offices within The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Each day, we will pray an online Mission Rosary as created by Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen. The decades with different colors ask God to help missionaries evangelizing people of five different continents around the globe. Please sign up for the daily link to the online livestream rosary https://share.hsforms.com/1bA5U83QdSZCH-rtV1pGs4g217kl

***Last Chance* – Register for Oct. 16 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet**

How many of us are caught unprepared when death draws near – to ourselves or to a loved one? And yet there is nothing more important than readying the soul for passage into eternal life. Come hear Fr. Justin Kizewski share the indispensable wisdom and practices the Church holds out to us at the end of life, as he speaks on "The Art of Dying Well: Spiritual Preparation for Death." His keynote address will be the culmination of the Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet on Friday, Oct. 16 at the Cathedral in La Crosse. It begins with Bishop Battersby celebrating the 6:00 PM "White Mass," honoring Catholic healthcare professionals, with the banquet and keynote to follow. This is your last chance to register, as the deadline is noon on Monday, Oct. 12. All are welcome! Scan the QR code for more details.

World Mission Sunday—Oct. 18, 2026:

Please join all Catholics in our global annual celebration of prayer and sacrifice on World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and offering support over 1,150 mission territories where the Gospel is proclaimed to bring the consolation of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We will have a second collection at Mass next week.

Respect Life Month – U.S. Bishops Request Prayer and Action on the Abortion Pill

Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks. The Food and Drug Administration has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telehealth appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up additional opportunities for exploitation by violent partners or human traffickers. From now through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on ProLife Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. In addition to invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills, and can send messages to pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that are involved. Scan the QR code for details.

Parish Events Calendar

Oct. 11	6:30PM Men's Lectio Prayer Group
Oct. 12	6:30PM Women's Bible Study
Oct. 13	6:30PM Healing the Whole Person In partnership with & held at Viroqua
Oct. 19	3:30-5PM Sacramental Prep (2nd grade) & CGS-Level I
Oct. 21	3-5PM CGS-Level 2 @ Viroqua 6:30-8PM CCD & Confirmation
Oct. 22	6:30PM Women's Group meeting
Oct. 24	6:00PM PTO Trivia night
Oct. 25	6:30PM Men's Lectio Prayer Group
Oct. 26	3:30-5PM Sacramental Prep (2nd grade) & CGS-Level I 6:30PM Women's Bible Study 7:00PM Granny Basketball at Aquinas-Father Reither is playing
Oct. 27	6:30PM Healing the Whole Person In partnership with & held at Viroqua
Oct. 30	No School