29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17 & 18, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 19 to October 25, 2026

10/19/26	**Monday**	**NO MASS**	
10/20/26	**Tuesday**	**NO MASS**	
10/21/26	**Wednesday**	**NO MASS**	
10/22/26	**Thursday**	**NO MASS**	
10/23/26	Friday	8:30 AM	† Berneal Collins
10/24/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Janie Cina
10/25/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers
Sat. Oct. 24: Steph Nicklay
Sun. Oct. 25: Chris Magnuson

Servers
Sat. Oct. 24: Grady & Reid Nicklay
Sun. Oct. 25: Abigail Mitchell, Reagan Levendoski & Amelia Kimmet

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Sun. Oct. 25: Travis Klinkner

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation
Mon. Oct. 19: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn Umberger
Mon. Oct. 26: Diane Pedretti, Dorothy Stokke & Phyllis Munyon

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 10 & 11

Estimated Weekly Need	$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	$ 4,520.00
Plate	$ 256.78
Votive Candles	$ 23.00
Total	**$ 4,799.78**

From the Desk of Father Reither

World Mission Sunday

Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Every October the Church observes World Mission Sunday and this year will be the 100th anniversary of this observance.

Established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, World Mission Sunday is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. Its purpose is to sustain more than 1,124 mission territories — places where the Church is young, often materially poor, and sometimes persecuted, but where the seed of the Gospel is being planted and nourished. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith provides support for pastoral and catechetical programs, church construction, healthcare, and education in mission territories.

The Catholic Church is considered the largest charitable organization in the world. Hardwired into the identity of the Church herself is the need to help those who are in want and suffering and the United States has been one of the highest contributors to the Pontifical Missions. Blessed Fulton Sheen who was just recently beatified wrote this about the Missions:

"Whenever money is needed, or a new hospital, or a new jeep, it is always to the Church of the United States that the missionaries look.

There is something right and meet and just about this, for the Lord has blessed the United States as no other country in the world has been blessed. The superfluities of the United States are the necessities of the poor." – Fulton Sheen

When I was spending time in Peru during my Spanish immersion, I got to experience first hand the Missionary activity of the Church. In many places throughout the world there would be no healthcare or education or Christian instruction if not for the charitable activity of others throughout the Church.

More than just giving money, each of the baptized should also be asking themselves: "Where and who are the poor in my life?" Each day we encounter those who are in need and suffering and we are called to be Jesus to them. May we continue to seek the Lord's will in all that we do, especially for those who are in need around us!

-Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Catholic Charities
evening dinner & morning breakfast

WOW! What an amazing response!

St. Charles Parish & School has committed to doing a monthly dinner and Thursday morning breakfast at Catholic Charities (413 3rd St S, La Crosse) on the 4th Wednesday and 4th Thursday of each month from November to April.

Training for volunteers at Catholic Charities:

- ***Monday, October 19th from 5-6 pm***
- ***Wednesday, October 21st from 9-10 am***

All orientations will be held at the La Crosse Warming Center located at 413 3rd St. S in La Crosse. Please contact the office or use the Sign Up Genius to finalize the following:

Date(s) you are available
Dinner 6-9PM
Breakfast 5:30-8AM
Preparing the meal
At school 4:00-5:30PM
Staying to help clean the building
8AM-? (done)

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45AFAD2AA5FA7-66808416-catholic

Monetary donations are always welcome. They will be used to purchase food and items the center needs replaced/restocked. Please clearly label any donations as **Warming Center**. They can be placed in the regular offertory basket or contact the office.

Religious Education (Tessa Ledoux)

CGS-1/First Communion: 3:30-5PM Mon. Oct. 19
CGS-2 @ Viroqua: 3-5 PM Wed. Oct. 21
CCD/Confirmation: 6:30-8 PM Wed. Oct. 21
(grades 4-10)

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

PTO Trivia
Will we see you there? Please come and join us in the St. Charles School gym for another fun Trivia Night on October 24th. Food and drinks will be served starting at 5:30, and the games begin at 6:00. Please sign your team up by calling the office at 608-519-4391

Head Teacher (Mary Kate Donovan)
We have been cooped up a little this week with the rain, but that has only meant more time to be together and to catch our students performing acts of kindness. I saw one student helping to clean up pick-up sticks that I spilled at indoor recess, and I saw another student comforting a classmate after a collision at recess. Both moments are little acts of kindness that are heartwarming to witness. As I tell the students, we still have a couple more weeks that we will be paying extra close attention watching for random acts of kindness. I hope we all can do something a little extra nice to help each other feel a little extra love.

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)

Catholic Charities Warming Center Pillow Drive
The Center is in need of 45 **NEW** bed pillows, pillowcases and pillow protectors by October 31st. We will have a box to drop items off in the back of the church until Wednesday, October 28th. The items will then be taken to the center.

Four new classes beginning this fall at the **Merciful Heart of Jesus Farm**: Discernment of Spirits, Understanding Others' Faults and Traumas (and Mine, too!), The Gospel Call to Mercy, and Growth in and through the Sacraments. More information can be found on the flyer posted outside the church, on the Sisters' website, fcofdivinemercy.org, or by calling (608) 689-3003.

Surviving the Holidays
Grief can seem overwhelming, especially during the holiday season. What was once a joyous time is now dimmed by emotional pain caused by the loss of a loved one, (no matter how long they have been gone)! Surviving the Holidays topics include:
-How to prepare for hard hitting emotions
-What to do about holiday traditions
-Handling holiday social events
-Uncomfortable and awkward interactions
Please join us for this special 2-hour event which provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate grief throughout the holiday season.
Date: Monday, November 9th, 2026
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Place: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
400 Congress Avenue
Viroqua, WI 54665
Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 608-637-7711, you may also register by email office@abvmviroqua.diolcparish.org, or by going to griefshare.org/holidays. Please feel free to invite others! Walk-ins will be welcomed.

Chili Tasting Supper at **Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall**, Saturday, Oct 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Variety of chilis include GF/DF and Vegan options.
Kid-friendly mac & cheese available.
Meal includes chili tasting, beverage, bread & dessert. $10 [13 and older], $5 [4 – 12 yrs], free under 4 yrs. Max: $30/family.

Women of the parish, do you love to read? If so, consider joining a local Well Read Mom group. We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:30 at ABVM in Viroqua. Our next meeting is November 14. We will be discussing *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. Women of all ages and stages of life are welcome to join! Check out www.wellreadmom.com or contact Rebecca Kimmet at rjkimmet@gmail.com or 608-444-6844 for more information.

Parish Events Calendar

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 5:30-7:30PM Halloween Party
Nov. 1	Solemnity of all Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation 10:30AM Fellowship
Nov 2	7:00PM All Souls Day Mass