30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24 & 25, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 26 to November 1, 2026

10/26/26	**Monday**	**NO MASS**	
10/27/26	**Tuesday**	**NO MASS**	
10/28/26	**Wednesday**	**NO MASS**	
10/29/26	**Thursday**	**NO MASS**	
10/30/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Helen M Howell
10/31/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Terry Pitzner
11/01/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers
Sat. Oct. 31: Eilene Wiltinger
Sun. Nov. 1: Crystal Lavey

Servers
Sat. Oct. 31: Volunteers
Sun. Nov. 1: Lorenzo Trussoni, Henry Klinkner, Rosemary Lavey

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Sun. Nov. 1: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation
Mon. Oct. 26: Diane Pedretti, Dorothy Stokke & Phyllis Munyon
Mon. Nov. 2: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith Magnuson

Ushers November 2026
Saturday: Alvin Berra, Steve Johnson, Larry Kelsey
Sunday: Keith Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni, Tim Gionoli

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 17 & 18

Estimated Weekly Need	$	7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	$	1,520.00
Plate	$	112.00
Catholic Charities-Warming Center	$	500.00
Mission Sunday	$	702.06
Total	**$**	**2,834.06**

From the Desk of Father Reither

When the Saints come marching in… I want to be in that number

Next week we have the joy of celebrating All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) on a Sunday this year! The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the 4 last things (death, judgement, heaven, hell) and to remembering the souls of those who have gone before us. This pairs well with the season of Fall here in Wisconsin as the leaves die and fall to the ground and the last of the harvest is collected, so our minds naturally turn to our ultimate destination for our eternal souls. Next week I will focus more on All Soul's Day; today, I will share a little on feast of All Saints.

The word Catholic means universal. One of the cool things about being Catholic is that we belong not just to the local church in town, but that we are in a familial relationship with other Catholics all around the world. I have had the privilege of celebrating at Mass in the Arctic Circle, Africa, Peru, and even our strange brethren in Viroqua 😉 and wherever you go to Mass we know that there is something deeper that unites us even if we don't know how to speak the same language and have nothing else in common. But this communion is not only with those here on Earth. We are united with the whole Church, on Earth, Purgatory, and with all those in Heaven.

That is what we are celebrating on All Saints Day. We commemorate all of those saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith" and are waiting and praying for us to join them. Even now on earth we can have a relationship with the saints in heaven. We should beware of treating the saints as mere pictures in a book or polished versions of ourselves in statues. Sometimes we can view the stories of the saints like Aesop's Fables, a short story with a moral, but without a real connection to our lives. We have to remember that the saints were just like us. They had their own fears, temptations, failures, and triumphs. By their own power, they didn't possess any superhuman strength or abilities. Rather they simply said yes to God working through them in extraordinary ways and in the end, chose not to simply live for themselves, but for God and Neighbor.

That is something we can also choose for ourselves. So far, we have not had any "Canonized" saints from Genoa yet, maybe God is preparing that for you! Regardless of whether any of us are officially declared saints, all of us share the same goal of becoming a saint, because a saint is anyone who is with God in heaven and that is the goal of every Christian.

As we prepare for the upcoming feast days, remember the Saints in your prayers. Just as here on earth we ask our friends to pray for us, so too we can ask the saints in heaven to pray to God for us as well. We especially remember St. Charles who is our patron in Genoa and whose feast day we will also be celebrating coming up on November 4th!

God bless,

Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Catholic Charities–Pillow Drive
THANK YOU FOR THE PILLOWS!

To sign up or find out more about the evening dinner & morning breakfast, scan the QR code or go to our website.

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

Religious Education (Tessa Ledoux)

CGS-1/First Communion: 3:30-5PM Mon. Oct. 26
CGS-2 @ Viroqua: 3-5 PM Wed. Oct. 28
CCD/Confirmation: 6:30-8 PM Wed. Nov. 4
(grades 4-10)

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

No School - Friday, October 30th

Head Teacher (Mary Kate Donovan)
On Tuesday this past week, the students and teachers of St. Charles had the opportunity to make their own rosaries with Jayne, Tricia, and Ruth of the Genoa Rosary Makers. Only at a Catholic school would such joy and indecision be seen over rosaries. Some students made more than one rosary and could not decide which one to keep and which one to donate to the missions. It was precious! Eventually, everyone decided which rosary was theirs, and even after taking them home to show off to their families, many brought them back to pray with us as we worked our way through the Sorrowful Mysteries. October is nearing an end already, and we will be finishing our journey through the Rosary with the Glorious Mysteries next week.

PTO (Jessie Cina)
PTO is hosting a Free Community Halloween party 10/30 for kids in our communities. We are looking for any extra decorations, pumpkins ect you are looking to get rid of or are willing to borrow out (if so label). Any are greatly appreciated. Please bring it to school by 10/29.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Profession of Faith
The Profession of Faith is a verbal expression of belief in what is revealed by God and taught by the Church. This is publicly professed in either the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed at Mass. The first words of the Creed are "I believe," because faith is a personal response to God, accepting what He has revealed to be true. The Creed is a summary of the most important teachings of the Church.



Calling All Kids and Teens! Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski dedicated his life to serving the poor, building churches, schools, orphanages and soup kitchens, and sharing Christ's love. Now, the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Contest invites young people ages 5-18 to discover his story and share what inspires them through art, writing, photography, music or another creative medium.

To learn more about Fr. Joe's remarkable life, visit FrJoesGuild.org or enjoy the graphic novel Champion of the Poor: Father Joe Walijewski, available on FORMED.org.

Encourage a child or teen to participate! Prizes will be awarded in three age divisions, including a $150 Best of Show award. More importantly, it's an opportunity to introduce a new generation to Fr. Joe's legacy of faith and service.

Entries are due November 15, 2026

October's Stewardship Reflection and Challenge: From Tenant to Servant

As disciples, stewardship is not optional. This reflection guides parish leaders through the four October Gospels: the tenants who forgot the vineyard wasn't theirs; the king who sent servants to the roads to fill his feast; the coin bearing Caesar's image while we bear God's; and the great commandment of love that unites them. Each week offers a simple, low-cost action, from a charism inventory to a mission-focused budget review. It also asks four questions: whom they are leading, whom they follow, where they are going, and how they will get there.

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.

Women's Book Club

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. 26	3:30-5PM Sacramental Prep (2nd grade) & CGS-Level I **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. 29	6:30PM Women's Bible Study
Oct. 30	No School Office Closed 5:30-7:30PM Halloween Party
Nov. 1	Solemnity of all Saints Day 10:30AM Fellowship
Nov. 2	3:30-5PM Sacramental Prep (2nd grade) & CGS-Level I 7:00PM All Souls Day Mass
Nov. 3	6:30PM Healing the Whole Person In partnership with & held at Viroqua
Nov. 4	8:30AM St. Charles Borromeo Feast Day Mass 6:30-8:00PM CCD (grades 4-10) Confirmation
Nov. 6	8:30AM Adoration 2:30PM Adoration