

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3 & 4, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 5 to October 11, 2026

10/05/26	Monday	NO MASS	
10/06/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	†Judy & Shawn Bourgois
10/07/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
10/08/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
10/09/26	Friday	NO MASS	
10/10/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Dana Nolta
10/11/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Oct. 10: Jayne Coster

Sun. Oct. 11: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Oct. 10: Kanoa, Nalani & Keilana Rodgers

Sun. Oct. 11: Thomas Mitchell, Oscar Levendoski,
Jacob Kimmet

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 4: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Oct. 5: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith
Magnuson

Mon. Oct. 12: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle,
Linda Pedretti

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:

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Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,665.00
Plate	\$ 284.39
Total	\$ 1,949.39

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

Today looking at the 4th precept of the Catholic Church on what constitutes a practicing Catholic (in addition to living a moral and prayerful life). The 4th precept states: You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. What are the days of fasting and who has to observe them? Catholics aged **18 to 59** are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, unless exempted for health reasons or other serious circumstances (cf. Canon Law 1249-1253). Catholics age **14 and older** are required to abstain from eating meat on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent.**

The strict fasting rules in the Church today are much less than they were around 60 years ago. Many will remember a time when Catholics abstained from meat on all Fridays of the year. After Vatican II the Church permitted Catholics to substitute an alternative form of penance on Fridays. Unfortunately, an alternate form of penance usually meant it was forgotten. Moreover, in our own time many view the practices of fasting and abstinence as an outdated or unhelpful spiritual practice. However, as Christians we have the example of Jesus who himself fasted and who told his disciples: “the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.” – Luke 5:35. Fasting and abstinence is a way in which we grow in self-mastery, adding efficacy to our prayers, and a remedy against temptation.

October is also the Month of the Rosary! Even if your family life is very messy (as they all are in their own ways) I highly recommend some form of praying the Rosary, or even just a decade as a family together. See below what Pope John Paul II wrote on the family rosary:

41. As a prayer for peace, the Rosary is also, and always has been, *a prayer of and for the family*. At one time this prayer was particularly dear to Christian families, and it certainly brought them closer together. It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the Rosary... *the family that prays together stays together*. The Holy Rosary, by age-old tradition, has shown itself particularly effective as a prayer which brings the family together. Individual family members, in turning their eyes towards Jesus, also regain the ability to look one another in the eye, to communicate, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God.

Many of the problems facing contemporary families, especially in economically developed societies, result from their increasing difficulty in communicating. Families seldom manage to come together, and the rare occasions when they do are often taken up with watching television. To return to the recitation of the family Rosary means filling daily life with very different images, images of the mystery of salvation: the image of the Redeemer, the image of his most Blessed Mother. The family that recites the Rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the centre, they share his joys and sorrows, they place their needs and their plans in his hands, they draw from him the hope and the strength to go on. (From *ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE*)

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Catholic Charities

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)

Hello Families! Please take a moment to read through our Religious Education Classes for this year which are starting in October. There is still time to register, please contact the office!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Levels 1 and 2)- These faith formation programs are Montessori based and therefore very hands on. Level 1 will be at St. Charles for ages 3-6 and Level 2 will be in Viroqua at St. Mary's for ages 6-9.

Sacramental Prep (First Reconciliation and First Communion)- This 12 session program will prepare students (second grade and up) to make their First Reconciliation and receive First Communion. We will learn about the beautiful gift of forgiveness, how to make a confession, the Mass, the true presence in the Eucharist and so much more!

God's Plan in Scripture for grades 4-6- This program will bring children through the exciting and wonderful story of salvation. 8 Classes per year in a three year cycle.

Envision / Encounter for Grades 7 and 8- This year the middle school students will be working through the Envision Program, which focuses on Theology of the Body. This course will help students find answers to tough questions about their identity, the culture, emotional vulnerability and more based on the teachings of St. John Paul II. 8 classes per year.

Confirmation Prep- Discipleship for Grades 9 and 10- Students will learn how to take the information they have learned throughout faith formation and apply it to their daily lives while going through the Discipleship program. We are all called to be followers of Christ, but what does that look like? Through community, discussions, and prayer the students will prepare for their sacrament of Confirmation. 12 core classes per year.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Head Teacher Update (Mary Kate Donovan)

As we enter into the second month of school, we will be reflecting upon the Rosary; praying it with our classes; and learning about the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries. We will also be focusing on our second Fruit of the Spirit - Kindness. As the children get caught performing an act of kindness, they will be able to add a pineapple to our fruit tree at the end of the hallway. We have gotten to know our classmates REALLY well in the first month of school, and can very easily point out each other's quirks. Our mission this month is to show kindness, even when someone's quirks might be wearing on us. 😊

PTO Update (Jessie Cina)

-Yearbooks are arriving for the 25-26 school year. They are \$15.63 per yearbook. PTO purchased all staff their yearbook.

-Thank you for all those who sold or bought butter braids! This fundraiser helps pay for many items at the school.

- Save the date reminder

-- Trivia October 24th

-- Halloween party Friday October 30th

-- PTO meeting next Wednesday October 7th at 5:15 in the gym

I look forward to seeing you and getting your input and assistance with fundraisers and school needs and events.

Parent-teacher conferences

Thursday, October 15th from 4-6PM

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Service

The fifth characteristic is service. A disciple knows that one's faith is not meant to be lived in isolation. We are part of a family. "We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24).

We devote our time, talent, and treasure to our parish, our community, and to those in need, encountering Jesus in "the least of these." Jesus could not be clearer: he is present in the poor and needy, and we will be judged by how much we loved him through them. St. James wrote, "If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?" (James 2:15-16). A disciple actively serves those in need. (Discipleship Quads, Dcn. Bob Rice)

There are several flyers hanging in the back of church for many upcoming events, please check these out.

October is Respect Life month. La Crosse Life Chain is holding an hour long prayer walk this Sunday from 2-3PM on Losey Blvd. Meet at La Crosse Street and travel south on Losey. Bring the family, a neighbor. The event happens rain or shine, so please dress accordingly. A free-will offering will be accepted for La Crosse Pro-Life organizations.

Parish Events Calendar

Oct. 5	6:30PM Women's Bible Study
Oct. 6	6:30PM Healing the Whole Person In partnership with & held at Viroqua
Oct. 7	6:30PM CCD & Confirmation
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	3:30PM Sacramental Prep (2nd grade) & CGS-Level I
Oct. 21	6:30PM 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	3:30PM 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