The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
October 31 & November 1, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
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Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 2 through November 8, 2026

11/02/26	Monday (All Souls Day)	7:00 PM	For the intentions of the Holy Father
11/03/26	**Tuesday**	**NO MASS**	
11/04/26	Wednesday (St. Charles Borromeo Feast Day)	8:30 AM	† Joseph & Sophia Haydysch
11/05/26	**Thursday**	**NO MASS**	
11/06/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Berneal Collins
11/07/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Anthony Curti
11/08/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers
Mon. Nov. 2: Travis Klinkner
Sat. Nov 7: Dan Kaczmarowski
Sun. Nov. 8: Chris Magnuson

Servers
Mon. Nov. 2: Brad, Liam & Henry Klinkner
Sat. Nov 7: Volunteers
Sun. Nov. 8: Abigail & William Mitchell & Sebastian Kimmet

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Sun. Nov. 8: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation
Mon. Nov. 2: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith Magnuson
Mon. Nov. 9: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

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 24 & 25

Estimated Weekly Need	$	7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	$	1,515.00
Plate	$	204.00
Mission Sunday	$	145.00
Total	**$**	**1,864.00**

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. Nov. 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. 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

Christmas Flowers
It's that time again to order our Christmas flowers! There is an order form inside the bulletin. Please place the form and check in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Catholic Charities
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

Thanks to all the parishioners that donate their Kwik Trip rebate to St. Charles Parish! From July 1 to September 30, $656.09 was donated! It is greatly appreciated.

La Crosse Jail Ministry (Chris Magnuson)
Tis the season for giving. Consider donating to the La Crosse Jail Ministry. When you give, you are giving a second chance to someone who has made some poor choices. When people are down, they need to find hope again. The Jail Ministry helps residents find hope again, by teaching them to pray, to study the bible and to connect them with a Christiam Community that can support them and lead them to a better tomorrow. Give or provide other support through the website: https://lacrossejailministry.org/support-us/

Faith on Tap
Our next Faith on Tap for all those 21+ will be Saturday, Nov. 14th at 5:30pm at the parish rectory. Snacks and drinks will be provided and we will discuss the topic of Carmelite Spirituality!

Religious Education (Tessa Ledoux)

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

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Veteran's Day Luncheon
You are cordially invited to the Veteran's Day Luncheon on Tuesday, November 11th at 11:30AM in the school cafeteria. There will be Gratitude readings and music after lunch. **All are welcome!** Please call the office if you plan to attend so we can take a head count for lunch preparations.

Head Teacher (Mary Kate Donovan)
With All Saints Day and All Souls Day coming up, the students have been learning about Día de los Muertos in Spanish class which corresponds with these two days. We have been talking about how it isn't the same as Halloween, but instead those who celebrate go to the cemetery to clean up their loved ones' graves and honor the lives they lived. One common decoration is the marigold flower. This All Souls Day, we will be going around the cemetery, placing paper marigolds that the students made on the graves of some of our loved ones, and sharing memories we may have of them. Besides the fun of making the flowers, sharing the memories and honoring our dearly departed will reinforce the Mexican culture's beautiful addition to our celebration of All Souls Day.

PTO (Jessie Cina)
Looking for some scrumptious pumpkin pancakes? The PTO will be serving them at our Pancake Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, November 15th. Come enjoy and help support our school!

Second Hand Shack
The Second Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Streets in La Crosse. They donate a portion of their profits to local non-profits, including the St. Charles PTO. Parishioners can drop off clean, gently used items. Our school benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Please stop by for more details.

SCRIP Gift Cards
Ready to start Christmas shopping? Buy some gift cards to purchase those presents and earn money back for St. Charles Parish! You can purchase cards on the Raiseright app or by completing a form and turning it in to the office. Contact the office for more details!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Important Words to Know and Understand: 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.

Midterm Elections and Reverence for Life in the Year of St. Francis

As we come to the end of Respect Life month and stand at the threshold of the midterm elections (Tuesday, Nov. 3), the U.S. Bishops draw our attention to St. Francis of Assisi in this year dedicated to him. In an article on the USCCB pro-life website, we read, "Francis proclaims that the created world reveals the glory of God himself. This is particularly true of the human person, created in the image of God, whose life from conception to natural death is to be honored and protected…. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it." As we cast our votes in this election, may our hearts cherish innocent human life, filled with the same Spirit that animated St. Francis.

- **Voting Resources**
  For Faithful Citizenship resources and links to information on registering to vote and on how and when to vote, as well as links to websites that indicate where candidates stand on the issues, scan the QR code.

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.

National Vocation Awareness Week:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

The saints show us that true joy and freedom come from placing God above all else. Their lives remind us that holiness often begins in simplicity and humility, responding generously to God's call. During National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for more men and women to courageously follow Him, discerning a life as a priest, religious brother or sister, consecrated life or through holy matrimony. Could God be inviting you to join in this holy witness? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 608.791.2667 or vocations@diolc.org.

Sacred Heart is hosting the 4th Annual Community Trivia Night on Saturday, November 14th at the Cashton Community Hall! Doors open at 5:30pm, and Trivia begins at 6:30pm. The cost to play is $250/team, with teams up to 10 members. To register your team, visit smash3p.org/trivia, call the Sacred Heart School office at (608) 654-7733, or visit the School office (710 Kenyon St., Cashton, WI). Proceeds to benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School. Food is provided, and drinks are available throughout the evening. Bring your thinking caps!

Parish Events Calendar

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** 3-5:00 PM CGS Level II @ Viroqua 6:30-8:00PM CCD (grades 4-10) Confirmation
Nov. 6	8:30AM Adoration 2:30PM Adoration
Nov. 8	6:30 PM Men's Lectio Prayer Group
Nov. 9	3:30-5PM Sacramental Prep (2nd grade) & CGS-Level I
Nov. 10	6:30PM Healing the Whole Person In partnership with & held at Viroqua
Nov. 11	3-5:00 PM CGS Level II @ Viroqua