

# The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2 & 3, 2023

## **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish**

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 4 - 10, 2023**

<b>09/04/23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
09/05/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Father Bob Monti
<b>09/06/23</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
09/07/23	Thursday	8:00 AM † Barry Trussoni
09/08/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Michael C. Trussoni
09/09/23	Saturday	4:00 PM † Francis "Frex" Furlano
09/10/23	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Sat. Sept. 09: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Sept. 10: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

#### **Servers**

Sat. Sept. 09: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Sept. 10: 9:30 AM: Kanoa & Nalani  
Rodgers; Easton Eckes

#### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Sept. 10: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

*If you would like to participate as Lector, Server, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please call Tom Jeffers at (608) 689-2683*

#### **Rosary Leaders**

Sat. Sept. 09: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Sept. 10: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Tues. Sept. 05: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Mon. Sept. 11: Ed & Priscilla Martin; Tom Naegle

#### **Ushers (September 2023)**

Saturday: Steve Woodhouse & Larry Kelsey

Sunday: Keith Magnuson & Arnie Trussoni

### **Sacraments and Prayers**

#### **Church Hours**

The church is open every day from 7 AM - 7 PM.

#### **Confession:**

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Sundays: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

**Baptism:** Contact parish at least 2 months prior: 608-689-2642

**Marriage:** Contact parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding to schedule a date and preparation meetings with the parish priest.

#### **Anointing of the Sick and Homebound**

Inform the parish office at (608) 689-2642 if someone is seriously ill and needs the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Prayer Requests** - Call 608-689-2642 - requests will be passed to Father Sedlacek & the prayer chain.

#### **Sacrificial Giving** August 26 & 27 2023

<b>Estimated Weekly Need</b>	<b>\$7,032.69</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,622.00
Plate	\$ 178.00
Mission (Vincentian)	\$ 104.00
Buildings/Grounds	\$3,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,404.00</b>

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

## Beginning Again

Peace to you all! I do love this time of year of late summer and early autumn. It is a time for new beginnings as students return to school, the weather begins to change, and a new school-year routine of life begins again. In general, I liked school as a kid. I loved looking at my new textbooks. I did NOT like back-to-school shopping.

This new school year inaugurates the 117<sup>th</sup> school year at St. Charles School! That is a lot of beginnings! It was great to see both our new and our returning students at our back-to-school night on Thursday. We have 22 students enrolled 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade this year, with three classroom teachers: Mrs. Patti Hytry (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade), Mrs. Mariette Donovan (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades), and Miss Mary Kate Donovan (4K-K). We also have Sandy Trussoni and Kelly Hutchinson as “specials” teachers for Physical Education and Art, respectively. We welcome back Carrol Hunder as our Administrative Assistant and Michelle Rodgers as our School Lunch Director and Custodian.

This year we are offering before and after school care for our families who need to either drop a student off a little earlier than 7:45 AM or pick them up after 3 PM. We want to remove as many barriers as we are able for families to send their students to our school. Please spread the word about our school and invite families, even if they do not belong to our parish, to consider St. Charles school for their children.

The mission of our school is to provide for the spiritual, human, and intellectual development of each child in a Catholic environment. The human person is made up of a body, a mind, and a soul. Each of these need to be properly formed and nurtured. The years of elementary school are a time of immense growth for the whole person, in body, mind, and soul. What other school is providing, or even considering, the spiritual growth of their students? It is my personal conviction, especially in our times, that a Catholic family needs to have significant reasons for not sending their students to a Catholic or at least Christian school.

And so, we are beginning again at St. Charles School. New beginnings can come with excitement, but also some uncertainty, unease, or apathy. Where does God want us to begin again in our lives, in our relationship with Him, our practice of the Faith, and our relationships with family members or fellow parishioners? Even if it is the 117<sup>th</sup> time that you are trying again to grow in your trust in God, it is worth the effort.

Ideas for beginning or beginning again: Pray one decade of the rosary every day; Commit to coming to Mass on Sunday (or Saturday evening); Read one of the 4 Gospel books in the Bible, starting with one chapter a day; Ask for or give forgiveness to a family member; Volunteer to help with religious education at our parish (it is a great way to learn more about our wonderful Catholic Faith); Gather a couple of friends and form a weekly support gathering or book/bible study; Read 1 page of a good book; Introduce yourself to one person after Mass whom you have never met; Sign up to volunteer to help the less fortunate.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!  
-Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Condolences**

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Pedretti, who passed away Tuesday, August 1. Margaret was baptized at St. Charles in 1932 and was a member until she left home at the early age of sixteen. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial and Committal at a later date. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **Parish Needs**

Please pray about where God is calling you to serve and contact Fr. Sedlacek if you want to learn more about these volunteer needs for our parish. Fr. Sedlacek will provide training and support for all of these ministries.

**Coordinator of Religious Education** – Help organize our CCD and Religious education programs

**Middle School Religious Education Team** (2+ people) - Assist Fr. Sedlacek in helping our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners grow closer to God and in knowledge and practice of the Faith.

**High School Religious Education Team** (2+ people) - Assist Fr. Sedlacek in helping our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners grow closer to God and in knowledge and practice of the Faith, and to prepare for Confirmation.

**OCIA Team** (1-2 people) – Walk with adults on their Faith journey. Meets 2 times each month.

**Visiting Homebound parishioners** (2+ people) – Visit our homebound parishioners, pray with them, and bring them Holy Communion. An extremely rewarding ministry which is very flexible.

### **Help Needed**

Sister Mary, our parishioner, needs some help with mowing her lawn and weed whacking this Fall at St. Mary's Hermitage. Please contact her if you can help in this regard or another way. (608) 386-5143.

### **Women's Group Meeting – September 7<sup>th</sup>**

St. Charles Catholic Women's Group September 7<sup>th</sup> for 6:00 pm Adoration in the church and 6:30 pm meeting.

### **Blest Art to visit St. Charles – September 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine on Saturday and Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> after each Mass. For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land are Christians. Blest Art Inc. helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Blest Art will have hand-carved wood nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art for purchase. They accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please visit their display in the school after Mass that weekend.

### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) to Begin September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Formerly known as RCIA, our parish will again be offering this opportunity for adults who either 1) Are Catholic, but have not received all the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist); 2) Are Christian but not Catholic and want to learn more about Catholicism; 3) Are not baptized and want to learn more about Catholicism. 4) Grew up Catholic and fell away and want to start living their Catholic Faith again. Our gatherings are opportunities to learn more, find answers to your questions, and grow in faith without needing to commit to becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining or know someone who may be interested in participating, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Kelly Hutchinson so that they can extend invitations.

### **Mass and Healing Service – Mon. September 11**

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional? You are invited to attend a Mass and Healing Prayer Service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (1205 Front St., Cashton, WI) on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. 4:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm.

5:30 pm - Holy Mass. After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it.

### **Rural Life Mass – Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield, WI. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a catered meal. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

### **Save the Date! First day of CCD – Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Save the Date! The First Day of CCD for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will be Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:10-9:10 AM. Parents, please plan to attend a parent's information meeting on the first day in the St. Charles school gym. The details for Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) and High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) are still being worked out. More information about registration coming soon.

### **National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage – July 2024**

In July 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, IN. This 5-day experience, "Eyes Opened, Hearts on Fire," will be held July 17-24, 2024. Speakers such as Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. John Burns, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and many more will inspire and invite people to return to the source and summit of our Faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. If you are interested in being part of this special pilgrimage, please email Fr. Sedlacek so he can pass on that number from our parish to the Diocese. Once they know the number of people wishing to participate, they will provide further information related to costs, travel, and registration.

### **Sign up for FORMED**

Formed is sort of like a Catholic Netflix. We have purchased a subscription for our entire parish! Every parishioner of St. Charles can sign up to access quality content to support your faith: video, audiobooks, e-books, movies, kid shows, and more! **Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy.**

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) 2. Search for our parish by Zip Code (54632). Click on our parish "St. Charles Borromeo". 3. Register with your name and email address 4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED!

## St. Charles School News

### Enrollment for Fall 2023 is Open!

St. Charles School is open for enrolling students 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we are offering before and after-school care for families who need it. For more information, please contact Carrol at the office. Check us out on our website, [stcharlesgenoa.org](http://stcharlesgenoa.org) or on Facebook.

### Thrifty Pickins' & Buckies

The RootinCrown is now called Thrifty Pickins' & Buckies. It is located in the Thrift Culture Market on 980 Hwy 16 in West Salem. They are currently accepting donations. Contact numbers have not changed. 608-519-9500 and 608-790-7700 for consignments.

### School Shop Scrip Program

Gift cards are a great gift idea. You can turn in the order form in the school office, in the black box by the front door of the school, or directly through [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com) or the Raise Right app. Don't forget, you can use the Raise Right app for electronic gift cards and earn money for the school all year round. Feel free to share with family and friends. Reach out to Megan Olson with any questions [mjtrussoni@gmail.com](mailto:mjtrussoni@gmail.com). Thanks!

## Other News from the Diocese and our Community

### Catholic Charities Food Pantry/Men's Clothing Closet Low

The Food Pantry and Men's Clothing Closet in La Crosse is getting low and we could use the following items. Items can be dropped off at 508 South, 5th Ave in La Crosse on Monday-Thursday from 9 am-4 pm. We appreciate your support!

### Chicken-Q at MMOC – Sept 14

Mary, Mother of the Church parish will have a Chicken-Q from 11 am – 6 pm on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Enter at Weston Street driveway. Pick-up and delivery only. \$12 includes half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans, and dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145.

### IC-Wexford Fish Fry – Sept 15

Join us for the IC Wexford Fish Fry on Friday, September 15 from 4:00-8:00 pm. You may dine in or carry out. Menu includes all you can eat fish, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, salad bar, dinner roll, and desserts. Gluten-Free will be available. Everyone is welcome! Cost of meal is \$15 adults, \$6 ages 5-12, and under 5 free. Wexford is located 9 miles south of Lansing or 6 miles north of Harpers Ferry at 1416 Great River Road, Lansing, IA.

### Human Trafficking Awareness Event – Sept 18

Have you heard about or seen the movie the "Sound of Freedom?", a story about child and human trafficking. Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He is the speaker for the

La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly. It will be held at Mary, Mother of Church, Monday, September 18, 2023. The program will start at 6 p.m. with a light supper and desserts. All ladies of all area parishes are invited, but please tell us if you are coming so we have enough food!

If needed, rides will be provided. Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485 to let us know.

### St. George High School Reunion – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

St. George High School closed 50 years ago. In memory and in celebration, there will be a Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Lansing on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Following the Mass, there will be a Reception at TJ Hunters. Come and celebrate with all your old friends and classmates!

### Men of the Cross Conference - Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.) The La Crosse Center, La Crosse

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a Catholic man. For registration and more information, visit [www.menofthecross.org](http://www.menofthecross.org).

## Parish Events Calendar

Tues. Sept. 05: First Day of School at St. Charles  
Thurs. Sept. 07: 6:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions; 6:30 PM – Women's Group meeting  
Sun. Sept. 10: OCIA Gathering after 9:30 AM Mass  
Wed. Sept. 13: Rural Life Mass at 10 AM at Heiman Holsteins, 11875 US Hwy 10, Marshfield, WI  
Sun. Sept. 24: First Day of CCD (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades), Parents meeting, and Registration 8:10 AM