

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16 & 17, 2023

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

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 18-24, 2023**

<b>09/18/23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
09/19/23	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Mike Grelle
<b>09/20/23</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>09/21/23</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
09/22/23	Friday	8:00 AM † Michael C. Pedretti
09/23/23	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
09/24/23	Sunday	9:30 AM † Tom Venner

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Sat. Sept. 23: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers  
Sun. Sept. 24: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

#### **Servers**

Sat. Sept. 23: 4:00 PM: Kanoa & Nalani Rodgers  
Sun. Sept. 24: 9:30 AM: Oscar Levendoski;  
Easton Eckes & Abigail Mitchell

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

Sun. Sept. 24: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

*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. 23: 4:00 PM: Volunteer  
Sun. Sept. 24: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Sept. 18: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson  
Mon. Sept. 25: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

#### **Ushers (October 2023)**

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse  
Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

### **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** September 9 & 10, 2023

<b>Estimated Weekly Need</b>	<b>\$7,032.69</b>
Adult Envelopes	\$3,972.00
Plate	\$ 211.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 500.00
In Memory	\$ 125.00
Votive Candles	\$ 26.00
Religious Education	\$ 20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,854.00</b>

## From the Pastor's Desk Catechetical Sunday and Padre Pio

Peace to you all! This Sunday is called "Catechetical Sunday." It is when we recognized the importance of catechesis and those who teach it, "catechists." What is catechesis (cat-eh-key-sis)? According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Catechesis is an *education in the faith* of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life" (CCC, 5). In other words, it is education in the faith, but in a manner that fulfills the goal of initiation those who learn into the fullness of Christian life. It is not simply learning a bunch of info, passing a test, and "graduating," but more like learning how to be a mother or father. It changes a person's whole way of life.

I am grateful for all those from our parish who are catechists, that is, someone who does catechesis. I still need a few more to help me with teaching our high school students and middle school students. You do NOT need to be a teacher or good at teaching to be a catechist. You simply need to love God, love the Catholic Faith, and care about children. The Catechism points out that times of great renewal in the Church we also times of intense catechesis. We need some renewal in the Church these days. So we need people to step up to the plate to intense learn and teach the Faith. Pray that God will raise up catechists from our parish!

### **"Formed" Review**

Speaking of learning and teaching the Catholic Faith, one of the best programs I have ever seen is on our Formed platform, which all parishioners can get for free. *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* is a two part series. The first part is called "Knowing the Faith" and consists of ten 35-40 minutes videos which explain the Creed. The second part is called "Living the Faith" and consists of ten episodes that explain the Sacraments and Morality, the two ways we respond to what God reveals.

I cannot recommend *Symbolon* high enough. It not only presents the Faith in a clear way, but also in a beautiful and compelling way, with the testimony of real Catholics who explain how the teachings affect their day-to-day life. If you have a review of something you watched on Formed, please send it to me.

### **Miracle of the Week**

On Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we celebrate the Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, aka "Padre Pio." On my recent trip to Italy, I was blessed to be able to visit his tomb, see his incorrupt body, and celebrate Mass at the altar where he celebrated Mass for 40 years. Padre Pio was born in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He joined the Capuchin Franciscans, was ordained a priest, and was stationed in San Giovanni Rotondo for more than 50 years of his life. He died in San Giovanni Rotondo in 1968. He was known as a miracle worker during his lifetime, and thousands of people came to the tiny town of San Giovanni to see him, go to confession with him, attend the Masses he celebrated, or ask him for prayers or advice. Hundreds of miraculous healings are attributed to his prayers, both when he was alive and up to this day. Reminder: Saints do not perform miracles by their own power, but are channels of God's power.

Padre Pio experienced several mystical phenomena, including being able to read souls, bilocate (be in two places at once), and the stigmata. The "stigmata" is having the physical wounds of the crucified Jesus, usually the wounds in the hands, feet, and side. Padre Pio had the stigmata for almost 50 years.

One time Padre Pio was at a concert hall to watch a show with his fellow friars. During intermission, he leaned forward and rested his head on the seat in front of him. The friars let him be, thinking he was tired. After intermission, he sat back up and watched the rest of the show. The next day, Padre Carmelo, the superior, visited a townsman who was very ill. The man and his family thanked Padre Carmelo for letting Padre Pio visit him the night before. But Father Carmelo was confused. He had been *with* Padre Pio at the concert hall—and Pio had gone straight back to the friary once the show ended. Pio hadn't left to visit anyone that evening.

When Father Carmelo explained this to the man, he and his entire family continued to insist that Padre Pio had *physically* been in the house. When Padre Carmelo asked the precise time of this visit, the answer was the exact time of the show's intermission—during which Padre Pio had appeared to be napping!

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

## **St. Charles Parish News**

### **Mission Co-op**

Our parish raised \$1,116 for the Mission Co-op for the Vincentian Missionaries. Thank you very much for your generosity!

### **Prayer Chain**

The "prayer chain" is a way to let your fellow parishioners know your intentions so that they can pray for you. All you have to do to submit an intention is to email Fr. Sedlacek or Carrol at the office with your intention. Fr. Sedlacek will then forward the intention via email to all those who are signed up to be "prayer warriors." If you would like to be on the prayer warrior email list to receive prayer intentions, please contact Fr. Sedlacek and he will add you to the "prayer chain".

### **St. Charles Quilters**

The St. Charles Quilters will be starting up for the year this Sunday, September 17 at 5:00 in the Lello Room. We meet two Sundays a month during the winter months between 5:00 - 8:30 pm. If you would like to join in a fun activity, just come on Sunday or contact Dana Malin at 689-2346 No experience is required.

### **Fellowship Sunday – Sunday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

All are invited to our first Fellowship Sunday of the Fall on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9:30 AM Mass. The Women's Group will be providing some food, but everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass.

### **Parish Needs**

Please pray about where God is calling you to serve. 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** (1-2 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** (1-2 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.

**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.

### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun**

Our parish is offering an opportunity for adults who 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 seeking baptism. 4) Grew up Catholic, 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. Our next meeting will be Sunday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### **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

### 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!

### Aquinas Bus Route

Aquinas Catholic Schools Bus Route information can be found on our website: [aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment](http://aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment) and then click on the ACS Bus Routes icon.

## Other News from the Diocese and our Community

### Donate to Catholic Charities

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!

### 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.

### 40 Days for Life – Sept 27-Nov 5

Join pro-life people of the Coulee Region at a kick-off rally for 40 Days for Life on Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 PM at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose Street in La Crosse. Matt Sande, Pro-Life Wisconsin Legislative Director, will provide a state legislative update and call to action entitled: *Embrace Them Both: Protecting and Supporting Moms and Babies*. The fall campaign of prayer, fasting, and community outreach to end abortion will be from September 27th through November 5th at Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia in La Crosse. Please consider coming to pray at that corner for an hour, anytime from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Sign up at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/> Call/text Marie Allen for more information or signs: 608-799-9196

### Chicken-Q and Bake Sale - Thurs, Oct. 12

11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish 13<sup>th</sup> and Park Avenue, La Crosse. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun for \$11. Carry Out, Drive Through or Delivery. For Delivery call 608-782-2028 Ext 2

### Rummage Sale – Oct 13-14

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 13, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 14, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items are priced individually.

### 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).

### Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18

Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "*Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All.*" Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit [www.dioc.org/GospelofLife](http://www.dioc.org/GospelofLife).

## Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Sept. 24: First Day of CCD (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades), Parents meeting, and Registration 8:10 AM; OCIA 10:30

Sun. Oct. 1: Fellowship Sunday after Mass