

# The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 10 & 11, 2024

## **St. Charles Borromeo Parish**

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## **Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 12 - 18, 2024**

<b>08/12/24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
08/13/24	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Nulton Sandwick
08/14/24	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Ralph Hicks
08/15/24	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	8:00 AM	† Bernard Wolf
		7:00 PM	People of St. Charles
08/16/24	Friday	8:00 AM	† Alan Wold
08/17/24	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Cindy Foley
08/18/24	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

### **Ministry Volunteers**

#### **Lectors**

Thu. Aug. 15: 8:00 AM: Kathy Pedretti  
7:00 PM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sat. Aug. 17: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Aug. 18: 9:30 PM: Jayne Ballwahn

#### **Servers**

Thu. Aug. 15: 8:00 AM: Volunteers  
7:00 PM: Felicity, Perpetua & Abigail  
Mitchell

Sat. Aug. 17: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Aug. 18: 9:30 AM: Easton Eckes, Salvatori &  
Lorenzo Trussoni

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

Sun. Aug. 18: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

#### **Rosary Leaders/Volunteer**

Sat. Aug. 17: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Aug. 18: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Aug. 12: Priscilla Martin, Tom Naegle;  
Linda Pedretti

Mon. Aug. 19: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith  
Magnuson

#### **Ushers (August 2024)**

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse

Sunday: Conrad Kirby & Tom Urbanek

### **Sacraments and Prayer**

#### **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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**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:** July 27 & 28, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$3,577.00

Plate Offering \$ 236.00

Catholic Education \$ 30.00

Mission Batticaloa \$ 410.00

**Total** **\$ 4,253.00**

## From the Pastor's Desk

### For Jesus Christ and Others: Part 2

Peace to you! I don't know about you, but I keep getting this sense that God is doing incredible things in our parish, our diocese, our country, and even throughout the world. God the Holy Spirit is alive and active in the hearts of many believers who are responding to His promptings. The Holy Spirit is moving people to seek healing, to repentance and conversion, to reconciliation (with God and with others), to knowledge of God, to a deeper life of prayer, to various outreaches and ministries, and to holiness of life, just to name a few that I have noticed.

When I ask God for guidance about our parish, the Scripture passage that keeps coming to me has been, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness (bring people into friendship with Jesus), and all these things will be given you besides" (Matt. 6:33). It is all about Jesus and bringing others to Him.

Last weekend I gave you an overview of the financial state of our parish. Praise God that the work of our parish has been funded this past year. And thank you all for your faith and generosity! Now I want to let you know more about the "Spiritual overview" of our parish.

By the numbers, this past year we have had 5 baptisms, 6 Confirmations, 7 First Holy Communions, 0 Marriages, and 4 deaths. This is how I interpret "the numbers" from this past year. There are amazing things happening at St. Charles! We have had several new families join our parish this past year. We had 3 people come into full communion with the Church at Easter Vigil. But God wants much more!

My sense is that there are a few people in our parish who have grown a lot stronger in their spiritual lives this past year. They are praying more, they are making efforts to learn so that they understand better their Catholic beliefs, and their relationship with God is making a real impact on other aspects of their lives. I also think that many of our parishioners are struggling with their faith in God. They don't quite know what the Church teaches and why. Their relationship with God is not going well. Praying is difficult and finding time to pray is even more difficult. Many parishioners have given up on coming to Mass, if not every Sunday, then definitely most Sundays.

But how do we reach out to those that are struggling or who don't even know Jesus Christ? Are we convicted that Our Lord has commanded us to "Go and make disciples of ALL nations"? That means all people. Even the person you think will "never" become Catholic or never be religious or never believe in God. Especially that person! But how do we start turning the tide?

I was at a retreat this past week for all the administrators of Catholic Schools for our diocese. Bishop Battersby was the retreat director and speaker for the retreat. One comment from the Bishop really struck me, "People don't have hope because they don't pray." I think this is the first step. We need to pray so that we can come to SEE where God is at work and then to cooperate with that work God has already begun. We **must** be begging God to help us. We have to place our hope, not in our own smarts, words, or even our good example, but in the powerful working of His grace. We will not be the primary cause of people coming to know God or to love Him, but God the Holy Spirit will be. He is at work in people's hearts. It is our task to be attentive to God in prayer and trustingly bold in our response. I am convinced that God is up to a lot of good. Many of our parishioners can already attest to that. Let's continue to grow in our ability to pay attention to God, to grow in friendship with Him ourselves, then invite others to come. Let us commit to daily prayer for God's work to be done in our own hearts and our parish.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

-Fr. Sedlacek

## St. Charles Parish News

### Holy Day of Obligation – Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation for us Catholics. Mass times at St. Charles that day are 8 AM and 7 PM.

### **Parish Women's Potluck – Aug 14<sup>th</sup>**

St Charles Catholic Women invite all ladies of the parish, all ages, to join us for a potluck supper on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Location: Elwing/Walleser home. S7414 Fortner Rd, De Soto. Please RSVP to a fellow Women's Group member or by calling 608-648-3450 or emailing [prairiev@mwt.net](mailto:prairiev@mwt.net)

### **Eucharistic Adoration Moved to August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, Eucharistic Adoration for the intentions of our parish will be on August 15<sup>th</sup> before the 7 PM Holy Day Mass, 5:45-6:45 PM. Come and spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available during this time as well.

### **Mass and Healing Service – Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

This is an opportunity for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through prayer and the sacraments. Join us for a special Healing Service and Mass at Sacred Heart church in Cashton on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

4:30 pm – Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 5:30 pm – Holy Mass. After Mass – Healing Service, which includes times of communal prayer, healing prayers individually, and in small prayer groups. All are welcome. Please come and experience the healing power of Christ.

*Jesus Promised: "These signs will accompany those who believe... They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." - Mark 16:17*

### **SAVE THE DATE!!! Trivia Night**

Our next Trivia Night will be on Saturday, October 5 at 6:00 pm! More details to come...

### **Want Family-Friendly Entertainment and Learning? Check Out FORMED!**

Every parishioner of St. Charles can have FREE access to quality content to support your faith and entertain your family: video, audiobooks, e-books, movies, kid shows, and more! **Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy.** 1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://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 your email for a link to begin!

### **Want to Stay Connected with St. Charles Parish?**

Stay in touch with what is happening at St. Charles without getting inundated with irrelevant emails. You can receive this weekly bulletin via email, opt in for the Prayer Chain group, School Alumni updates, and other ministries you in which you would like to be involved. You can opt in or out of groups at any time so as to receive only the communications from the parish which you want to receive. **Ask all parishioners to join the "Parishioners" group.** You can do this by connecting online at: [stcharlesgenoa.flocknote.com](http://stcharlesgenoa.flocknote.com). If you have not done so already, sign up today for Flocknote. Text the word SCBGENOA to the number 84576.

## **St. Charles School News**

### **Thank you! School Wish List**

All the items on the St. Charles School's wish list for the start of the new school year have been fulfilled. Thank you so much for your generosity – it is certainly appreciated!

### **Support our School!**

Remember to buy Scrip on the RaiseRight app or to order them by contacting Megan Olson. Also, shop at Thrifty Pickins' & Buckies located at 980 WI-Hwy 16, West Salem, and mention St. Charles School when you check out.

## **News from the Diocese and our Community**

### **Now Open! Alliance Women's Clinic**

Alliance Family Services serves women and families who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant and struggling. This interfaith ministry, which has vital Catholic involvement, has been serving the Kenosha and Racine communities and has now come to La Crosse! They provide prenatal care, material assistance, housing, and much more. To learn about their inspiring mission and to provide financial support, visit

[alliancefamilyservices.org](http://alliancefamilyservices.org). For a listing of many other wonderful Pregnancy Resource Centers around the diocese, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).

### **Retrouvaille: Healing Your Marriage**

Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information, call

1.877.922.HOPE (4673) or visit website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org). Fully Confidential and affordable. The next program begins with a weekend in the Wausau area, Aug. 16-18, 2024.

### **Calling All Artists – Aug 24**

You are invited to show and sell your art on Saturday, August 24 from 9 AM to 3 PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. A designated 8X6 ft space (\$30); 11X10 ft. space (\$50); an added half space for \$25; and, a double space for \$90. **All sales will remain your profit.** The event is to benefit the Priests and Seminarians Education Fund. More information: 608-787-6482 or [sandyborreson@gmail.com](mailto:sandyborreson@gmail.com).

### **Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock, WI**

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Sept 27-29**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is—call now! Weekend dates are Sept. 27-29 in Dubuque, Iowa and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein, Iowa. Call Denise & Greg for more information or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

### **Consecrated Virginity Discernment Weekend October 11-13**

Want to discover the call and gift of the ancient vocation of consecrated virginity for women living in the world? Join us at the La Crosse Holy Cross Diocesan Center for the Informational / Discernment Weekend. For more information or the Diocesan Calendar on the website [diolc.org/events/](http://diolc.org/events/) For more information about consecrated virginity for

women living in the world, go to the Diocesan web page: [diolc.org/consecratedlife/consecrated-virgins/](http://diolc.org/consecratedlife/consecrated-virgins/)

### **From Ann Wales and La Crosse Jail Ministry**

La Crosse Jail ministry helps us to fulfill the corporal work of mercy of “visiting the imprisoned.” Thank you for helping with the needs that that ministry. They are in need of the following: Backpacks, Sweatpants for men and women, Short sleeve shirts, Underwear and socks, Sneakers – for males and females, Backpacks, Female underwear – needs to be new, Female sports bras – needs to be new. These can be dropped off at Coulee Life Church in Onalaska, right next to Sand Lake Elementary on Sand Lake Road. The doors are open 9 to 6 every day and there is a bench to set them on.

Justice Support Services could use the following: Back packs, Deodorant, Shampoo, Rain ponchos, Hand Sanitizer, Travel size bug spray, Men/women underwear. These can be dropped off in the jail lobby, they are open 8 am to 4:30 p.m. They provide them to folks just getting out and currently out that are homeless and/or without resources.

### **Archbishop Listecki Petitions to Intervene in Abortion Case before the WI Supreme Court**

Please pray his voice will be heard and heeded! On July 2, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear a case from Planned Parenthood that seeks to find a constitutional right to abortion within the Wisconsin Constitution. On July 15, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecki filed a petition to intervene in the Planned Parenthood case, arguing that he has a religious obligation “to vindicate the constitutional rights of the unborn in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, particularly their rights to life and to equal protection of the laws under the 14th Amendment and to any claimed state constitutional right to bodily integrity, autonomy, and self-determination.” Wisconsin’s other bishops subsequently issued a statement of support for the Archbishop’s petition, stating that they too have a religious obligation to care for the souls of every human life—born and unborn—in their respective dioceses, and that both sides deserve to be heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. PLEASE PRAY, and to learn more, visit [wisconsinatholic.org](http://wisconsinatholic.org) and click on “NEWS.”

## **Parish Events Calendar**

Wed. Aug 14: St. Charles Ladies Potluck. Walleser Farm, De Soto 6:30 PM

Thu. Aug 15: Sol. of the Assumption Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Thu. Aug 15: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 5:45-6:45 PM

Tue. Sep.03: First Day of School at St. Charles

Sat. Oct. 05: Trivia Night at St. Charles School. 6 PM