

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 14 & 15, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 16 - 22, 2024

09/16/24	Monday	NO MASS	
09/17/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Anthony & Lorraine Curti
09/18/24	Wednesday	NO MASS	
09/19/24	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Mike Grelle
09/20/24	Friday	8:00 AM	† Curt Brown
09/21/24	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Terry Pitzner
09/22/24	Sunday	9:30 AM	Clare

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Sept. 21: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Sept. 22: 9:30 PM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. Sept. 21: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Sept. 22: 9:30 AM: Felicity & William Mitchell;
Emma Kendhammer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 22: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Rosary Leaders/Volunteer

Sat. Sept. 21: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Sept. 22: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Sept. 16: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith
Magnuson

Mon/ Sept. 23: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy
Stokke

Ushers (September 2024)

Saturday: Steve Woodhouse & Larry Kelsey

Sunday: Keith Magnuson & Arnie Trussoni

Prayer Requests

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

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

2nd Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

2nd 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
meeting 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.

Sacrificial Giving: September 7 & 8, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$4,357.50
Plate Offering	\$ 191.71
Votive Candles	\$ 20.00
Religious Education	\$ 55.00
Total	\$4,624.21

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Parish

Peace be with you! Last Sunday was filled with so much joy as we welcomed our new parishioners at Mass and fellowship after Mass. I estimated about 80 people that stayed for some great food and conversation in the school gym. In total, our 13 new families add up to 34 new parishioners since March 2023. Welcome again to St. Charles Parish!

Our new formed Hospitality Ministry team did a great job organizing the welcome and fellowship. There was a blessing at the end of Mass, gift bags for the new parishioners, and great food. The Hospitality Ministry team will be coordinating our monthly Fellowships after the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. Next one is Sunday, Oct. 6th! If you are interested in helping with Fellowship this year, please let Nancy Kirby know.

One of the items we included in our new parishioners' gift bags was a "Short History of St. Charles" written by Karen Woodhouse so that our new parishioners can get to know their new parish. If you would like a copy, please let me know. Otherwise, I will be putting it into the bulletin over this week and next. Reading through this history, I thought, "The history of our parish is quite amazing!" How much of this history do you remember? - Fr. Sedlacek

A Short History of St. Charles Borromeo Parish by Karen Woodhouse

St. Charles Borromeo Parish was organized in 1862 by a group of Italian pioneers who settled here in 1853 when the Mississippi River was the only highway. Bishop John Henni of Milwaukee gladly granted their request to name the parish after the well-known Italian cardinal and saint. Their very first Mass as a newly formed parish was celebrated in the home of Bartholomew Starlochi on September 12, 1862 by Reverend Lucian Galtier, a missionary priest from Prairie du Chien.

In 1864 the parishioners built the first St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church mostly of stone quarried from the top of the St. Charles bluff. It was the first Catholic church in Vernon County. The priests of St. Mary's in La Crosse served this mission parish until Father Gabriel Momo was assigned as the first resident pastor in 1875.

To celebrate the church's upcoming Silver Anniversary, a bell was installed on April 27, 1886. The inscription on the bell reads, "Augustine Albert is my name. I praise God, I call together the people and clergy, I lament the dead, I drive away pestilence, and I embellish the feast days."

Monsignor A. Ph. Kremer was appointed pastor in 1901. The little 24 x 36 church was becoming too small for the growing number of Catholics settling in and around Genoa. Monsignor's first order of business was to build a larger church on the same site as the old structure. The first Mass celebrated in this new church was on Christmas Day 1901. It is the one we still use today.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

St. Charles Parish News

OCIA to Begin Sunday, Sept. 15th

Our parish will again be offering OCIA, "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults", this year. These gatherings will be every other Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass until about Noon. OCIA is 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.

Ladies Book Club – Sun. Sept 22nd

All ladies are welcome to a new group that is forming in our parish to support each other and to grow in faith. The group will meet at her house on Sunday, Sept 22nd at 3-4 pm. The first book is called “Who Does He Say You Are – Women Transformed by Christ in the Gospels” By Colleen C. Mitchell. If you are interested, please call Tessa at: (401) 487-8406. When you call, she will give you her address and all relevant details. Though not necessary, the hope is for all interested to get the book and read Chapter 1 before the first meeting.

Save the Date! First Day of CCD

Save the Date! The First Day of CCD for 1st-5th grades will be Sunday, September 29th. 1st-5th 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 first day for Middle School (6th-8th grades) and High School (9th-12th grades) will be on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:30-8:00 PM. Returning families, watch for an email from Flocknote for more information about registration and this year’s schedule.

Day of Equipping and Deanery Mission

Would you like to see the Church alive like it was for the apostles at Pentecost? Are you looking for healing in your life? Do you want to feel the love of God the Father or the power of the Holy Spirit? Cathedral is hosting Bart Schuchts for three days of teaching, healing, and mission. **Saturday, Oct 19 is the Day of Equipping** where Bart teaches what the Church believes about the Holy Spirit from the Catechism and Bible. This will be a day of encounter with the Holy Spirit and will enliven anyone's faith to be sent out on mission. Whether your daily life consists of teaching, working at the office, being in the home, or anything else the Lord will have something for you! Sessions Include: Inspiration & Vision, Fire & Fullness of Confirmation, Hearing From God, Steps for praying for Healing. Cost is only \$25 and includes lunch, snacks and refreshments.

On Oct 20 from 4-8 pm and Oct 21 from 6-8pm, Bart is back for a **Deanery Mission**. This mission will bring participants into an intimate and powerful encounter with the Father's love, transform lives, and equip people to live out Christ's mission more fully. Both events are not to be missed! The mission will cost \$10. For more information or to register, visit www.cathedralsjworkman.org/church-on-fire-mission/

St. Charles School News

Retreat Parade Sept 28th – Donations Requested

The school kids had a blast last year so we are headed to the parade again this year to promote our kids, staff & school! We are looking for donations of candy for the kids to throw, snacks, water or money to purchase these items or decorations. If you are able to donate any of these items please drop off at school by Thursday, Sept 26th. If you want to ride or walk along text/call Jessie with questions or to make arrangements at 608-780-1148. Thank you!

Trivia Night! October 5th

Another St. Charles School Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, October 5th!!! There will be no buzzers or putting you on the spot. Teams will come up with their answers together and turn in one answer sheet. Teams can be as small as 2 players or as big as 10. The cost to play is \$10/player. A simple supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening starting at 5:30. Trivia begins at 6:00. Lifelines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10. Come prepared! It would help if you could let us know if you’re coming by Wednesday, October 3rd. Call or text Mariette Donovan at 608-381-0220 or email her at mdonovan@stcharlesgenoa.org with your team’s name, number of players on your team, and contact person’s name and phone number. See you there!

The Second-Hand Shack

A new resale outlet opened in La Crosse on September 3rd. The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street. Longtime employee of Thrifty Pickins’ & Buckles, Sarah Studinger is the owner/operator of this new business. Sarah is passionate about supporting the community by donating a portion of her profits to local non-profits and veterans. She has chosen to start this venture with St. Charles PTO. Instead of taking donations all the way to West Salem, we can drop off clean, gentle used items to this closer location. With the change of ownership at the West Salem store, we appreciate this new funding opportunity from outside the St. Charles community. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact Sarah for donation times, acceptance and exclusions. Thank you to Sarah Studinger for partnering with the St. Charles PTO!

SHOP...VOLUNTEER...DONATE...REPEAT

News from the Diocese and our Community

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.

Organ Recital – Sept. 22

The first in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main Street, La Crosse on Sunday September 22 at 3:30 pm by David Lim, Lecturer of Music at the University of Wisconsin—River Falls. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. Come hear this fine organist perform a varied and exciting program!

Sacred Heart School (Cashton) Golf Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School of Cashton is hosting its annual golf fundraiser at Viroqua Hills Golf Course on Saturday, September 28. 4 person scramble. \$80 per person. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cash and door prizes. To register, contact Craig at craig@craigsteger.com

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.

Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

Rummage Sale – Oct 4-5

Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, Oct. 4, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, Oct. 5, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items are priced individually.

Annual Sauerkraut Supper – Wed. Oct 9

At St. Peter's Church, Middle Ridge (W697 Hwy 33, Rockland, WI). Eat-In or Carry-Out. Wednesday, Oct 9 from 4 PM – 7:30 PM. Church-made Kraut and Pork, Polish Sausage, Glazed Carrots, Mashed potatoes and gravy, home-made pie. \$15. Beverage Tent, Bake Sale, Raffles.

Join the 2024 “La Crosse Walk for Life” – Raise Funds for Alliance Family Services

The Walk for Life is an exciting time for families and individuals to come together and celebrate the medical, practical, emotional and spiritual support Alliance Family Services is providing FREE to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Learn how to register in advance for the Walk as a fundraising team (ideal) or as an individual by visiting alliancefamilyservices.org/walkforlife and scrolling down to the La Crosse. Then come celebrate starting at 9 am on October 19th in the Blessed Sacrament School parking lot at 130 Losey Blvd S, where there will be check-in, prayer, the Walk, refreshments and fun! The mobile clinic will be on-site that day, so you can take a tour.

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. Sept. 15: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass

Sun. Sept. 29: First Day of CCD for 1st-5th grades. 8:10-9:10 AM

Wed. Oct. 02: First Day of Religious Education for Middle School and High School. 6:30-8 PM

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