

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21 & 22, 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 23 – 29, 2024

09/23/24	Monday	NO MASS
09/24/24	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Curt Brown
09/25/24	Wednesday	NO MASS
09/26/24	Thursday	8:00 AM Special Intentions (J & P Cina)
09/27/24	Friday	8:00 AM † Dennis Lockington
09/28/24	Saturday	4:00 PM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
09/29/24	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lectors

Sat. Sept. 28: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Sept. 29: 9:30 PM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Sept. 28: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 29: 9:30 AM: Perpetua Mitchell;
Arianna & Lorenzo Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 29: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Rosary Leaders/Volunteer

Sat. Sept. 28: 4:00 PM: Volunteer

Sun. Sept. 29: 9:30 AM: Volunteer

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Sept. 30: Priscilla Martin, Tom Naegle
Linda Pedretti

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 14 & 15, 2024

Estimated Weekly Need \$7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$2,712.50

Plate Offering \$ 377.00

Support Our School \$ 50.00

Total \$3,139.50

From the Pastor's Desk

Our Parish: Part 2

Peace be with you! I will be out of town this weekend for a family wedding and a family visit to my siblings in Nashville. See you all again next weekend. Let's continue to pray for and invite people to come to our OCIA group and learn more about Catholicism and begin making steps in their journey of faith! I put some copies of Karen Woodhouse's "Short History of St. Charles" in the vestibule. Feel free to take one! Otherwise, here is the next part of that publication. - Fr. Sedlacek

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

In 1906 a second church bell was purchased and is still used today alongside that first bell from the original church. The two bells were rung together for the first time on the feast day of St. Charles, November 4, 1906, and have been ringing together ever since. Many more years of tolling can be expected as repairs and maintenance to the bell tower was completed in 2024 with monies collected from generous pledges to the Capital Campaign.

Monsignor Kremer remained our pastor from 1901 until the time of his death in 1934. Under his stewardship, the first rectory was built. St. Charles Borromeo School opened in the church basement in 1907. Miss May Downey was the first teacher. In 1909 a two room, brick school house was built on the south side of the church. The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration took over the school's teaching duties in 1925. In 1934 a large amount of soil and rock was excavated from the south edge of church property and sold to the Mississippi River dam project in order to enlarge the playground and parking lot.

In 1943 Father Bernard Duffy became pastor. During this time the parish purchased an additional 60 acres of land. One acre to the east of the church was cleared and leveled for the building of a new modern school. Father Nicholas Kreibich opened the new school in September of 1952. It is the one we still use today. With the declining number of Sisters available, the FSPAs ended forty-six years of teaching service to St. Charles in June of 1971. The parish decided to continue with an all-lay faculty. The school began its 118th school year this September 2024, educating children from 4-year-old Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Another long serving pastor was Father Oswald Schulte. After being a professor of biology for 20 years at Holy Cross Seminary, he plunged into parish life at St. Charles teaching, sanctifying, governing and maintaining our church and school. One day after dissecting a beef heart for a science class, the students were awestruck when he carefully wrapped the heart back up to cook for his supper! His memorial stone in St. Charles cemetery that sits among his beloved deceased parishioners reads, "The Good Shepherd of St. Charles Parish, 1970-1996".

St. Charles Parish News

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 3-5 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.

First Day of CCD – Sun. Sept 29

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.

Next OCIA Gatherings: Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27

Our parish offers regular OCIA gatherings ("Order of Christian Initiation of Adults"). These gatherings will be every other Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass until about Noon. Our gatherings are opportunities to learn more,

find answers to your questions, and grow in faith without needing to commit to becoming Catholic. 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. If you or someone you know are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Fr. Sedlacek or Kelly Hutchinson, or simply come to a gathering.

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 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. We appreciate this new funding opportunity from outside the St. Charles community. Parishioners can drop off clean, gentle used items. 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

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 wwwme.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.

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.

Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale

Thursday, October 10, 11:00 am -5:30 pm, at the corner of 13th and Park Streets, La Crosse. 1/2 Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw and Roll \$11.00. Carryout, Drive Through, Delivery. Pre-sales preferred—Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2.

Annual Pancake Breakfast – Oct 13

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 7:30 AM – Noon. Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk,

orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free. New this year – Pancake topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last).

Catholic Charities FolksHaven House now Accepting Referrals

FolksHaven is a supported living house designed to offer young men who are living and struggling with mental health problems a supported and safe place to live for up to 2 years (depending on their needs) to regain mental strength. The house philosophy and environment, along with the availability of supportive services will help residents achieve a level of mental health recovery that allows them to take additional steps toward purposeful and independent living. We are currently looking for referrals to the program. FolksHaven is funded through Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) operated by County Departments of Human Services, or Family Care agencies. Individuals who are not already clients of one of these can still be referred to FolksHaven. The referral source would need to work with the individual to apply for CCS or Family Care. For more information, please contact us at 888.212.HELP (4357) or visit our website at www.cclse.org/folkshaven.

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!

Parish Events Calendar

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

Sun. Sept. 29: OCIA Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass

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

Sun. Oct. 06: Fellowship Brunch after the 9:30 AM Mass

Thur. Oct. 10: Eucharistic Adoration for our Parish and Reconciliation. 6-7 PM.

Fri. Nov. 01: All Saints Day. Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.