

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 9 & 10, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 11 - 17, 2025

08/11/25	Monday	NO MASS
08/12/25	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Consolation of the Wells Steven Arneson Family
08/13/25	Wednesday	8:00 AM † Terry Pitzner
08/14/25	Thursday	8:00 AM † Janie Cina
The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil		7:00 PM People of St. Charles
08/15/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
08/16/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † John Cina
08/17/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Thu. Aug. 14: 7:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Fri. Aug. 15: 8:00 AM: Tom Jeffers
Sat. Aug. 16: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski
Sun. Aug. 17: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Thu. Aug. 14: 7:00 PM: Felicity, William & Thomas Mitchell
Fri. Aug. 15: 8:00 AM: Volunteers
Sat. Aug. 16: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Aug. 17: 9:30 AM: Emma Kendhammer, Perpetua & Abigail Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 17: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Aug. 11: Priscilla Martin; Marian Naegle; Linda Pedretti
Mon. Aug. 18: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Ushers (August 2025)

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

Prayer Requests

Call 608-689-2642 - requests will be passed to Father Reither & over 20 "prayer warriors" on the prayer chain.

Sacraments and Prayer

Church Hours

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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: August 2 & 3, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$7,257.00
Plate Offering	\$ 221.00
Fellowship	\$ 106.00
Memorial (Jim Ripp)	\$ 25.00
School Support	\$ 30.00
Mission	\$ 461.34
Religious	\$ 50.00
Total	\$8,150.34

From Fr. Reither's Desk

So, I am still trying to discern what direction it would be best to take these bulletin letters, so I apologize if they seem a little eclectic for the time being till I find my groove. Not sure if it is best to go catechetical, informational, or just a general parish update. If any of you faithful readers have something that you think I should write about, please let me know. Today I will write on Faith. The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews this Sunday spoke of the definition of Faith as “the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” For an example we are given the Faith of Abraham who “obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go.” It is a lot to ask of someone to leave all behind everything to go on a journey in which you do not know where it will take you. Indeed, it would be impossible to go out on such a journey unless you had complete trust in the one who made the promise. Our Faith is ultimately dependent on our trust in the goodness of God. This trust in God’s goodness is something that is deepened throughout our lives by having the courage to take that next step of faith in whatever challenging situation we may find ourselves in till we come to that place of perfect love which casts out all fear.

Prayer Intention for the week: That God would inspire the people of St. Charles parish to have the courage to take the next step of faith in their relationship with the Lord.

Prayer of the Week: Prayer of Unknowing by St. Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire,
and I know that if I do this
you will lead me by the right road
though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, I will trust you always
though I may need to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Mission Challenge: Ask God to show you where he is calling you step out of your comfort zone to serve others for the sake of the Gospel.

St. Charles Parish News

St. Charles Women's Book Club:

The women's book club will be meeting on Wednesday, **August 20** at 6:30 PM. We will be reading "Something Other Than God" by Jennifer Fulfiller. Please contact Tessa Ledoux at tessaledoux1011@gmail.com or the church office if you are interested in joining and for more details. Hope to see you there!

Gas Stove in Lello Room:

We are looking to get rid of the last gas stove in the art room at school. It has only been used to make the cheesy rice for Homecoming, so it's in very good shape. If you're interested or want to take a peek at it, the school office is open Monday - Thursday from 6-2.

Mass Intentions: We have a number of openings for mass intentions between now and the end of 2025. If you want to schedule some, please call (608-689-2642) or email office@stcharlesgenoa.org.

St. Charles School News and Events

3K (3-year old Kindergarten):

St. Charles School is excited to announce the reopening of a 3K (3-year-old Kindergarten) program for the coming school year! Potential students must be 3 years old by September 1 to start at the beginning of the school year, or turn 3 by January 23 to begin at the start of the second semester. There will be 3-day or 5-day options. Please call the school office (608-689-2642) to let us know of your interest, or pass the information along to someone who may be interested. Come join our school family!

SAVE THE DATES!

The St. Charles PTO will host our first Trivia Night of the new school year on Saturday, **October 4** (School Cafeteria). Please come and join in the fun! Also, our 2nd annual Holly Jolly Christmas Trivia will be held on Saturday, **December 6** (School Cafeteria). Come and Ho Ho-Ho and show what you Know Know-Know.

St. Charles School welcomes new Art teacher:

Greetings! My name is Paula Charron and I am excited to be the new art teacher at St. Charles! I have admired this sweet school from afar ever since my husband Mike and I moved out to the Genoa area next to our neighbors Pam and Tom Jeffers and Wayne and Ellen Umberger. I retired a few years ago from teaching in the La Crosse Public schools as an art specialist.

After 31 years of teaching, I look forward to integrating faith-based principles into art education and fostering students' artistic skills as well as encouraging students to use their talents to honor God. It will be my Wednesday delight!!! Personally I "tinker" in many mediums, but love to build relief sculptures from old architectural features and junk!

Rescue cats, goats and horses fill my heart and my barn. My love of animals has been with me since I was a child. My poor parents endured all the 'rescue' birds, turtles, dogs and cats in my hometown. I also train horses and their humans, but mostly I am busy tending to animals and cleaning up after them!!! My favorite time of day is early AM in the barnyard. I look forward to creating with the children and making new friends at St. Charles Parish.

We are happy to still have Kelly Hutchison at St. Charles as a Teacher's Aide and/or Sub teacher.

SCRIP Gift Cards:

Earn money back for St. Charles Parish by purchasing gift cards. If you missed the deadline for ordering physical gift cards, you can still purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with questions: Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815

The Second-Hand Shack

The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street, La Crosse. They donate a portion of her profits to local non-profits, including St. Charles PTO. Parishioners can drop off clean, gently 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.

News from the Diocese and our Community

Brat fry for Casa Hogar:

A brat fry for Casa Hogar orphanage in Peru will be held at Moon Child Collective, 141 S. Main in Stoddard on **August 16th** from 11 AM – 6 PM.

Bethel Home & Services Foundation

Please mark your calendars and save the date of Monday, **August 11th** for the 27th Annual Bethel Home & Services Foundation Golf Outing. The outing will be at the Viroqua Hills Golf Course. The day includes giveaways, raffles and prizes. There will be a special Church Challenge category. For more information call then office at 608-637-6323 or tlaforce@bethelhome.org.

Healing Your Marriage – Aug. 15-17

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: www.HelpOurMarriage.org . Fully Confidential and affordable. The next program begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area, **August 15-17, 2025**

Called to Join a Franciscan Community?

The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse invite young women who are interested in exploring how they might be called to live a life of community, prayer, and service according to the Gospel and the teachings of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi to join us for a Charism Immersion at St. Rose Convent **September 17-21**. Contact us by August 1st at vocations@fspa.org or 608-78205610 ext. 292.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

If you are a Catholic woman over the age of 21, please consider joining our Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court La Crosse #1183. To learn more about our court and the Catholic Daughters, please contact Marie Allen, 608-784-5189, email: marie.v.allen@charter.net or visit www.catholicdaughters.org

Aquinas (ACS) Employment Opportunities

ACS is hiring and we'd love for you to join our team! We are seeking passionate educators and staff who are dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and providing simply the best for our students!
www.aquinaschools.org/employment.

Part-time Finance Assistant

ACS is seeking a part-time Finance Assistant to perform general finance office tasks. Ideal candidate will possess basic accounting knowledge and have experience with Accounts Payable modules in accounting software. Proficiency with MS Excel required as well as excellent communication and organizational skills. Send resume and letter of interest to: ACS Attn. Finance Office, 315 11th St. S. La Crosse, WI 54601; tammy.byington@aquinasschools.org

Coaches Needed

High School Varsity Boys Tennis Head Coach;
High School Varsity Girls Golf Assistant;
High School/Middle School Volunteer Trap Head Coach;
Middle School Track & Field Head Coach

Blessed Sacrament Elementary School is seeking a passionate Music Teacher to join their team for the upcoming 25-26 school year. If interested contact Principal Mrs. Megan Bauer (megan.bauer@aquinasschools.org).

Parish Events Calendar

Wed. August 20: Women's Book Club 6:30 PM (tessaledoux1011@gmail.com)

Thu. August 28: St. Charles Back to School Night (3:30 – 6 PM)