

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 16 & 17, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 18 - 24, 2025

08/18/25	Monday	NO MASS
08/19/25	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Terry Pitzner
08/20/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
08/21/25	Thursday	NO MASS
08/22/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Robert & Marie Geier
08/23/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Jim Pedretti, Jr.
08/24/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Aug. 23: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Aug. 24: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Aug. 23: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Aug. 24: 9:30 AM: Easton & Dekker Eckes; Ezio Olson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 24: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Aug. 18: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. Aug. 25: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

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 9 & 10, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
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Adult Envelopes	\$3,165.00
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Plate Offering	\$ 218.00
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Votive Candles	\$ 32.68
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Total	\$3,415.68
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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER REITHER

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

Jesus’ words sound almost extreme in our Gospel reading today. Fire is a rich symbol in the Bible. It has been used to describe purification, light, destruction, and of course the fire of God’s love. All of these symbols could be applied to what Jesus means when he speaks of setting the earth on fire. Sin is purified and destroyed, Jesus is the light of the world, and his love is all consuming. Today we pray especially that we would allow Jesus’ love to burn in our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week school begins at Aquinas. It is hard to believe that the summer is already coming to an end. As I mentioned before, my assignment here is split in half between St. Charles and Aquinas High School and Middle School as Chaplain. Now that school is starting, I will be spending two full days (Wed & Thurs) at Aquinas to minister to our students there. As such, starting next week, we will not have daily Mass at St. Charles so that I can celebrate Mass in the morning with the school kids. As the new school year begins, it is traditional to offer prayer to the Holy Spirit that He might guide the coming year with His Grace.

Please pray throughout this week especially for guidance from the Holy Spirit for our schools.

Weekly Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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 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.

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

Healing the Whole Person

Do you want to be healed? Do you want freedom from unhelpful patterns of thought or sin you can't seem to break? Do you want to know yourself or others better?

Healing the Whole Person

8-week series provides the framework for understanding and receiving Christ's healing and peace in the heart of the Catholic Church. Using videos featuring Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sir Miriam James Heidland presenting John Paul II Healing Center's Healing the Whole Person teaching, each workbook journaling activity for private reflection and prayer. The 8-weeks also includes optional small groups and opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer with a prayer ministry teach trained by the John Paul II Healing center.

Wherever you find yourself now is not the end of your story. God's is here. God has more for you. This series is time set aside for God to guide you through.

Sessions start **October 2** at 6:30 PM and run 8 consecutive Thursdays. All nights will be held at Mary, Mother of the Church. There is no cost to attend but space is limited to 50 people. For more information or to register, email Natalie Elskamp at LaxLoveHeals@gmail.com

The La Crosse Jail Ministry (Chris Magnuson)

The La Crosse Jail Ministry is in need of men's shoes or sandals, especially sizes 9 to 12. If you could help, it would be much appreciated! Donations can be dropped off at Coulee Life Church, N5761 County Road SN next to Sand Lake Elementary. There is a bench inside the first set of doors and donations can be dropped there during the week from 9 AM to 6 PM. In the event that the doors are locked, please email infor@couleelife.church or call 68-783-4770 OR if it is easier for you to donate through Chris Magnuson of our St. Charles parish, you can do that too, (kcmagnuson@gmail.com)

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.aquinascatholicschools.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)
Thu. September 18: St. Charles Women's Group 6:30 PM (Cafeteria)