

**THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 23 & 24, 2025**

**St. Charles Borromeo Parish**  
707 Eagle Street, P. O. Box 130, Genoa, WI 54632  
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**Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 26 - 31, 2025**

<b>08/25/25</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>08/26/25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM † Lynn Umberger
<b>08/27/25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>08/28/25</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>08/29/25</b>	<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
<b>08/30/25</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
<b>08/31/25</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

**Ministry Volunteers Lector**

Sat. Aug. 30: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti  
Sun. Aug. 31: 9:30 AM: Travis Klinkner

**Servers**

Sat. Aug. 30: 4:00 PM: Volunteers  
Sun. Aug. 31: 9:30 AM: Perpetua, Felicity & Abigail Mitchell

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Aug. 31: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

**Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Aug. 25: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke  
Mon. Sept. 01: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

**Ushers (September 2025)**

Saturday: Larry Kelsey & \_\_\_\_\_  
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  
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 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 15 & 16, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$2,442.00
Assumption	\$ 85.00
Plate	\$ 211.00
Mission Coop (MADHA TV)	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,938.00</b>

## **FROM THE DESK OF FATHER REITHER**

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

The question of our salvation lies at the very heart of our human condition and has plagued the hearts and minds of many over the centuries. Will it be easy or hard to get into heaven? Will everybody and his dog get in or will only the few elites?

At first glance, Jesus seems to ignore the man’s question in our Gospel today, but in reality, He is giving the question of salvation its proper focus. Rather than focusing on numbers and dividing others by who’s in and who’s out, Jesus turns the focus from others back to ourselves.

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate”. With these words, Jesus teaches that our salvation is not something we should take for granted is automatic, but rather it is something that must be intentional. Ultimately, our salvation comes from our relationship to God and receiving his Grace. The wicked who were locked out of heaven, did not really have a relationship with the Lord as evidenced by His words: “I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!”

God wills that all people will be saved (1 Timothy 2:4) and come to the knowledge of the truth. In the wonderful and mysterious plan of God, He has given His Body the Church the great task of working with Him for the salvation of the world. This is what it means to be an evangelist, that we seek to bring others into relationship with Jesus so that they may be saved. Let us continue to pray that many may be open and have the courage to seek and find the narrow way

**The following prayer is one given by the USCCB for the New Evangelization.**

“‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?” –Romans 10:13-15

Heavenly Father,  
pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture. Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News. Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others. Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

- If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?
- If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?
- If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

**God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS**

### **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](mailto:office@stcharlesgenoa.org).

## **ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 & OUR COMMUNITY**

### **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Day**

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Day will be held at the Wetherby Cranberry Co., in Warrens, WI on Monday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Join Bishop Battersby for Mass at 10 AM followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops and machinery and a delightful lunch. Wetherby Cranberry Co. is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI. This is your chance to celebrate rural life, enjoy the beauty of God's creation and maybe even leave with a craving for cranberries!

### **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](mailto: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 off. In the event that the doors are locked, please email [infor@couleelife.church](mailto:infor@couleelife.church) or call 608-783-4770 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> at [vocations@fspa.org](mailto: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](mailto:marie.v.allen@charter.net) or visit [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://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](http://www.aquinaschools.org/employment).

### **Coaches Needed**

High School Varsity Boys Tennis Head Coach & Assistant Coach;  
High School/Middle School Volunteer Trap Head Coach;  
Middle School Track & Field Head Coach  
Middle School Softball Head Coach;  
Middle School Girls Tennis Assistant Coach;  
Middle School Boys Tennis Assistant 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](mailto:megan.bauer@aquinasschools.org)).

### **Parish Events Calendar**

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)