

THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 30 & 31, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 1 - 7, 2025

09/01/25	Monday	NO MASS
09/02/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
09/03/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
09/04/25	Thursday	NO MASS
09/05/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Joe & Ernabelle Cina
09/06/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Bridget Kavanaugh
09/07/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Sept. 06: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Sept. 07: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Sept. 06: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Sept. 07: 9:30 AM: Henry & Oscar Levendoski;

Emma Kendhammer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 06: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Sept. 01: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

Mon. Sept. 08: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn Umberger

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

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 23 & 24, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need \$ 7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$10,297.00

Plate \$ 308.00

Total \$10,605.00

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER REITHER

"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility is a virtue greatly admired but strongly avoided by many of us. Humility has long traditionally been understood as the opposing virtue against the deadliest of the seven deadly sins, Pride. This wound of pride in human nature stems all the way back to the beginning when Adam and Eve chose to place their trust in themselves rather than in God's Love for them.

The unique etymology of the word humility (literally: "from the earth") invites us to return to our true nature, for from the beginning God formed man out of the dust of the earth. As Pope Francis once wrote in a reflection before Lent: we are dust, but dust that God loves.

Humility reminds us that we need not be afraid of our weaknesses and limitations as human beings, God created us as he desired and as he loved us. The truly humble person does not try to hide his talents (false humility) nor inflate his abilities but is content in how he actually is, neither more nor less.

If you struggle with Humility (probably all of us) there is a great Litany of humility one can pray to help grow in it:

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*

From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*

That others may be loved more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be esteemed more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be praised and I go unnoticed, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be preferred to me in everything, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

St. Charles CCD

Our parish CCD classes will be beginning on Sunday, **September 7th** at 8:15 AM for grades K05, and Wednesday, **September 10th** at 7:30 PM for our 6th-10th graders. This year we are excited to welcome children ages 5 and up to join CCD. Please reach out to the office to sign up and register your children. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tessa Ledoux (tessaledoux1011@gmail.com) or contact the office (608-689-2642)

Parish Fellowship

Mark your calendar. Next Sunday, **September 7**, is the first fellowship of the fall. Come on over to the gym after Mass and swap some summer stories with fellow parishioners. 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 – Friday 6 – 2 PM.

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 & EVENTS

PTO Butter Braids Fundraiser

There are some order blanks in the vestibule for the St. Charles PTO fundraiser (Butter Braids). Money raised help to pay for special teachers (music, art, physical education), field trips, textbooks, technology and other school-related expenses. Forms and money must be turned in to the school by Thursday, September 4 with checks written out to St. Charles PTO. Butterbraids must be picked up at school at 3:15 PM Monday, September 15. Questions, text or call Megan Olson at 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com.

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 – Trivia Events

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 & OUR COMMUNITY

44th Annual Rural Life Day

The 44th Annual Rural Life Day will be held at the Wetherby Cranberry Co., in Warrens, WI on Monday, **September 27th**. 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!

With hosting this event, comes many expenses, and we (DOL) are asking each parish (and each society within the parish) to help the Van Wychen's with covering some of these costs. Any money collected over and above will be donated back to Project Milk. Contributions may be put in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Rural Life Day".

St. George All School Reunion (Kathy Pedretti)

There will be a St. George All School Reunion in Lansing at The Buck Stops Here on **September 27**. Mass in Harpers at 4 PM; 5 PM Social Hour at The Buck followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. Dinner choices are: Brisket Dinner, Fried Chicken Dinner, Catfish Dinner, or Smoked Pork Chops. Any questions contact Kathy Pedretti (katsof6@yahoo.com).

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 off. In the event that the doors are locked, please email 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)

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.

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

VOCATION REFLECTION MINI-RETREAT

A vocation reflection mini-retreat will be held **October 12, 2025, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM** at the

St Rose Convent. This in-person mini-retreat is an opportunity for young adults, ages 18- 30 discerning their call and exploring options for their future to visit the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse, WI for a time of guidance and reflection. Come practice discernment methods and hear how others have gained the clarity of purpose they seek. All are invited to come early for Catholic Mass at 10 a.m. and free lunch is included. For more information call 608-782-5610 or email vocations@fspa.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.

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 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)

Parish Events Calendar

Thu. September 04: Butter Braids Orders Due

Mon. September 15: Butter Braid Order Pick Up; 3:15 (School)

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

Sat. October 04: Trivia

Sat. December 06: Trivia