

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
September 13 & 14, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Parochial Administrator: Fr. Timothy Reither

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 15 – 21, 2025

09/15/25	Monday	NO MASS
09/16/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Chet & Mary Jane Bente
09/17/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
09/18/25	Thursday	NO MASS
09/19/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Kelly Bryant
09/20/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Janie Cina
09/21/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Sacraments and Prayer

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Sept. 20: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Sept. 21: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Sept. 20: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 21: 9:30 AM: Ezio Olson; Dekker Eckes & Lorenzo Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 21: 9:30 AM:

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Sept. 15: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. Sept. 22: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

Ushers (September 2025)

Saturday: Larry Kelsey & _____

Sunday: Keith Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni & Tim Gianoli

Prayer Requests

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

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; September 6 & 7, 2025

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$ 7,032.69</u>
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Adult Envelopes	\$4,077.00
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Plate	\$ 192.50
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Support Our School	\$ 180.00
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Catholic Education	\$ 50.00
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Total	\$4,499.50
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Fellowship:	\$ 150.00
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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER REITHER

Last week I briefly talked about the new initiative going through the diocese right now call Rebuild my Church. This initiative is inviting all Catholics in the diocese to prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit is calling the Church in a path of renewal and conversion.

Bishop Battersby has stressed that this process must be grounded in prayer. If it is not grounded in prayer, our human tendency is often times directed to simply arguing for our own point of view which may in fact not be what God is asking of the Church in this time. I have included here some more information from the diocesan website that explains the initiative greater detail.

Why “Rebuild My Church”?

800 years ago, St. Francis of Assisi was praying in the dilapidated church of San Damiano.

From the cross, Jesus said, “Francis, go and rebuild my Church, which, as you see, is falling into ruin.” It was a pivotal moment in his life.

We in the Diocese of La Crosse find ourselves in a similar moment today. Several signs point to decline and ruin. Jesus is calling us to renewal and more abundant life. As with St. Francis and his followers, abundant new life comes only when we are willing to die and rise with Christ.

After months of listening, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to pivot from maintenance to mission. This will be an extended process of soul-searching, listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd, and discovering together how best to structure our parishes in the years ahead. It begins this fall with you attending a listening session!

The next two listening sessions that are closest to our parish are:

- 1. Blessed Sacrament (Thursday, Oct 16 - 6:30 PM)**
- 2. Mary Mother of the Church (Sunday, Oct 19 – 1 PM)**

In preparation for these meetings the Bishop has asked us to prayerfully reflect on these 7 pillars of viability (these can be found described in greater detail in the pamphlets in the back of the church):

- 1) Vibrant Sunday Mass**
- 2) Stable and Healthy Leadership**
- 3) A Culture of Discipleship**
- 4) A Culture of Accompaniment**
- 5) Missionary Outreach**
- 6) Faith Formation**
- 7) Stewardship**

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Family Game Day September 21 after Mass: Join the fun with games for all ages, indoor and outdoor (weather permitting). Feel free to bring your favorite games and snack to share. Games played can vary based on group sizes and interests. (Jessica Flansburgh)

St. Charles CCD: 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 or contact the office (608-689-2642)

Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, **September 14th** at 8:15 AM.

Middle School/High School: Wednesday, **September 24th** at 6:30 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

Welcome to a New School year! The teachers have made out their Wish-Lists for Amazon with items to help the students of St. Charles. If you'd like to help purchase any of these items, please check out the St. Charles web page or Facebook. Thank you so much for your generous support of our school. (<https://stcharlesgenoa.org>)

RedLou Library (Pizza of the Month): The RedLou Library provides books for a St. Charles Library whereby students may check out books each week all year long! RedLou personnel switch and refill the books all year long. Great River Roadhouse has selected RedLou Library as the recipient for the "pizza of the month donation". For the **entire month of September** if you order the pizza of the month from the menu a portion of the sales from these pizzas comes back as a donation to RedLou Library. Stop by and have a pizza of the month and help contribute to the RedLou Library. If you choose not to have a pizza of the month you can donate to RedLou Library in a RedLou tip jar. Ask at the counter. RedLou Library will be at the Roadhouse each **Friday in September**. Thank you!

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! Doors open at 5:30 PM. Food and drinks available for purchase. 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. You can purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. There is a handout with instructions in the vestibule OR for questions, Contact Megan Olson: 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 at (608) 615-1005.

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

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 America:

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 the team for the upcoming 25-26 school year. If interested contact Principal Mrs. Megan Bauer (megan.bauer@aquinassschools.org)

Parish Events Calendar

Sun. September 14: K-5th Grade CCD 8:30 AM
Mon. September 15: Butter Braid Order Pick Up 3:15 PM (School); PTO Meeting 5:30 PM (Cafeteria)
Thu. September 18: St. Charles Women's Group 6:30 PM (Cafeteria)
Wed. September 24: 6 – 10th Grade CCD 6:30 PM
Sat. October 04: Trivia & December 06: Trivia
Sun. October 05: Fellowship Sunday