

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 20 & 21, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 22 - 28, 2025

09/22/25	Monday	NO MASS
09/23/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Janie Cina
09/24/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
09/25/25	Thursday	NO MASS
09/26/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Lynn Umberger
09/27/25	Saturday	4:00 PM Mary K.
09/28/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Sacraments and Prayer

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Sept. 27: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Sept. 28: 9:30 AM: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Sept. 27: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 28: 9:30 AM: Easton Eckes, William & Thomas Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 28: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Sept. 29: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

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 13 & 14, 2025

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
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Adult Envelopes	\$1,497.00
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Plate	\$ 272.00
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Support Our School	\$ 60.00
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Catholic Education	\$ 90.00
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Total	\$1,919.00
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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER REITHER

This bulletin letter is part two of the Rebuild my Church initiative. The Bishop is inviting us to consider the 7 pillars of a parish fully alive on mission. I would invite you to reflect on these questions and maybe even jot down a few concrete examples under each category where you might see our parish as strong or lacking in these signs of parish vitality. I would love to hear from you what you came up with! Remember renewal is always a work of the Holy Spirit which is first and foremost internal before it is external.

Seven Indicators of Parishes Fully Alive on Mission

In examining these indicators, many parishes may discover a need to reimagine or restructure themselves if they want to come fully alive.

1) Vibrant Sunday Mass

Masses are celebrated in a dignified manner that follows liturgical norms and includes adequate and well-trained liturgical ministers. Newcomers have a positive Sunday Mass experience at the parish and are likely to return or tell others about it (*possible considerations*: culture of hospitality, music, preaching, accessibility for the disabled, amenities for parents and families, etc.).

2) Stable & Healthy Leadership

The parish structures in the city or region allow for healthy, capable, and long-tenured pastors to lead the parish(es) in their evangelizing mission. They allow for healthy, capable, and long-tenured school chaplains to bolster the evangelizing mission of their schools. There is robust and effective collaboration with deacons, lay staff, and volunteers, in a way that frees up priests to exercise their apostolic ministry more fruitfully and allows complementary gifts to enrich the parish community.

3) A Culture of Discipleship

Members have been and continue to be transformed by their joyful encounter with Jesus in a way that attracts the curiosity of newcomers. Members regularly engage in all kinds of prayer, especially receptive and silent prayer. Young members are discerning and discovering their vocation, with support from other parishioners. Volunteering in ministries in the parish includes experiences of encounter, fellowship, and faith formation, not just an isolated checking off of tasks (cf. Acts 2:42).

4) A Culture of Accompaniment

First-time visitors find their encounters with parishioners to be positive and hospitable. Those who are curious, newer to faith, or rediscovering faith feel welcomed. The parish ensures the formation of lay apostles who pray and discern well, who are skilled listeners, and who generously and patiently accompany others.

5) Missionary Outreach

Parish members look beyond their church building and effectively reach out to the poor, the sick, the aged, the addicted, abuse survivors, etc. Parish members are interested and involved in connecting with inactive members, those who have left the Church, and those who do not yet know Jesus.

6) Faith Formation

Adults, including parents as primary educators, have easy access to resources that allow them to grow and be formed in their faith. The parish has responsible ownership of its Catholic school, ensuring that they are strong in their Catholic identity. In those schools, they actively seek out opportunities to nurture evangelization and discipleship.

7) Stewardship

The parish regularly calls its members to discern and grow into their baptismal charisms. The pastor discerns and orders the gifts of the community in a way that promotes stable leadership, maximum involvement, and visible communion. The parish has adequate, if not abundant, volunteers for its operations and especially for its evangelizing mission. The parish honors the human needs of priests, staff, and volunteers with realistic expectations and communal support. The parish's tithing is sufficient to provide for clergy and for a justly paid staff suitable for evangelizing mission (beyond mere self-preservation).

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Family Game Day September 21 TODAY 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 28th:**
Mass Participation

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

Rectory Housekeeper: We are looking to hire a housekeeper to do basic cleaning of the church rectory twice a month (~4-5 hours per time). Please reach out to Fr. Reither if you are interested in applying:
treither@diolclergy.org

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 UPDATE: School is in full swing and a few items on the Amazon Teacher's Wish List are still left. If you're interested in checking those lists out, head to the Facebook page and check them out. Thank you to those who have supported them already!
(<https://stcharlesgenoa.org>)

Retreat World's Fair is September 27th. Come check it out and cheer on our school families in the parade. The parade starts at NOON and is a two-way parade. Hope to see you there!

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.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Mass of Hope and Healing - La Crosse:

September 23, 2025 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main St, La Crosse, WI 54601, USA

Most Reverend Gerard Battersby, Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, **September 23, 2025** at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A book of remembrance will be available before and after Mass for those who would like to inscribe the name(s) of their child(ren). Votive candles will be given to families before Mass in remembrance of each child. Candles will be lit and carried forward by family members, just before the entrance procession, and placed before the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After Mass, refreshments will be served along with a display of resources and books in the Gathering Space. Volunteers with name tags will be present to offer assistance, support, and comfort.

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".

40 Days for Life: From **September 24 – November 2nd**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood in La Crosse and help spread the word about the important community outreach. Sign up here: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse>. Everyone is invited to our opening rally featuring Ramona Trevino, a former abortion clinic manager from Texas, who experienced conversion and reverted to her Catholic faith. It will be held at 12 PM at the Northside Community Center, 1300 Caledonia Street, with free lunch following the talk.

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

Annual Pancake Breakfast – October 12, 2025:

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **October 12** from 7:30 – gone or Noon (whichever comes first). Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for Adults; \$5 children ages 6-12; 5 and under free. Make your pancakes just the way you like them with our topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last).

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;
(Interested: Contact AHS Athletic Director Pam Donarski at pam.donarski@awquinasschools.org)

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 28: K-5th Grade CCD 8:30 AM – Mass Participation
Wed. September 24: 6 – 10th Grade CCD 6:30 PM
Sat. September 27: PTO St. Charles School Float at Retreat World's Fair 12:00 NOON
Sat. October 04: Trivia & December 06: Trivia
Sun. October 05: Fellowship Sunday