

THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 27 & 28, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Parochial Administrator: Fr. Timothy Reither

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 29 – October 3, 2025

09/29/25	Monday	NO MASS
09/30/25	Tuesday	NO MASS
10/01/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/02/25	Thursday	NO MASS
10/03/25	Friday	NO MASS
10/04/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Trent Pedretti
10/05/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Oct 04: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Oct. 05: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Oct. 04: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Oct. 05: 9:30 AM: Felicity Mitchell, Lorenzo

Trussoni & Liam Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 05: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Linda Pedretti

Mon: Oct. 06: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn Umberger

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.

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: September 20 & 21, 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
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Adult Envelopes	\$1,867.00
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Plate	\$ 195.00
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Total	\$2,062.00
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What is OCIA and why should I go?

OCIA (**O**rders of **C**hristian **I**nitiative of **A**dults) formerly known as RCIA is the process of formation someone undergoes to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church as an adult.

Typically, this would include someone not yet baptized, someone who was baptized in a different church, but who would like to enter the Catholic Church, and someone who has perhaps been baptized, but for whatever reason had fallen away from the Church and now would like to get back in the practice of the Faith and receive confirmation.

This time of formation and sacramental preparation usually culminates at the Easter Vigil Mass where the candidates and catechumens are formally received into the Church. After receiving the sacraments, the newly made Christians (neophytes) would continue a process of post baptismal formation so that the roots of their new faith may continue to grow down deep.

“Good stuff Father, but why should I attend OCIA? I’ve been a Catholic my whole life.” Excellent question. This year, I am opening up the OCIA sessions to anyone who would like to grow deeper in the Faith. Even if someone has been Catholic their whole life, there is always more we can learn about God, Jesus, and the Church he founded. The more we love someone, the more we want to know about them, and the more we know about them the more we can then truly love them.

Over the course of the year, we will be examining the topics of God, Jesus, the Church, Prayer, the Moral Life, Social Justice, and the witness of the saints among other topics. Questions and other ideas for discussion can be presented too.

Any of our parishioners are welcome to come to any or all of the sessions as they desire. I would also encourage you to invite anyone you know who may be thinking about joining the Catholic Church or if they are just curious and would like to know more. Again, there is no full commitment needed and no signing on the dotted line, but just an invitation to learn more about our Faith.

OCIA sessions will typically be scheduled twice a month after Sunday Mass from 10:45-Noon. Light refreshments will be provided. Sessions will begin with a large group presentation before breaking off into small group formation.

Our First Session will begin **Oct 12th at 10:45 AM** in the school gym. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or if you would like to optionally RSVP so I can just get an idea of how many might be coming.

I hope to see you there!
In Christ,
Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Father Reither will be gone this week so there will be no daily mass.

Fellowship Sunday : It's October and Fall is in the air; football, pumpkins and colorful leaves. October 5th is also the first Sunday, and that means it is Fellowship time after Mass. Come on over to the gym and maybe share some colorful Fall stories with your friends.

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, **October 5th 8:30AM**; Middle School/High School: Wednesday, **October 15th 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

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>)

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

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.

Life Chain – Stand Up for Life! The La Crosse Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 5th from 2 – 3 PM along Lose Boulevard in La Crosse. Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA in a peaceful and prayerful public witness for 1 hour praying for our nation and an end to abortion. Please join fellow parishioners at the corner of Losey Blvd and Madison Street where they will have signs for you (a suggested donation of 50 cents per person or \$1 per family). As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning of life to its end and at every point in between. Even if you only have a few minutes, please come and join us in standing up for LIFE!

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

Sat. October	04: Trivia & <u>December 06: Trivia</u>
Sun. October	05: CCD 8:15 AM
Sun. October	05: Fellowship Sunday
Wed. October	15: Middle School/High School CCD 6:30 PM