

THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 6 & 7, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 8 – 14, 2025

09/08/25	Monday	NO MASS
09/09/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Mary Jane Bente
09/10/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
09/11/25	Thursday	NO MASS
09/12/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Guthrie Larson
09/13/25	Saturday	4:00 PM Mary K.
09/14/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Sept. 13: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. Sept. 14: 9:30 AM: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Sept. 13: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 14: 9:30 AM: Kanoa, Nalani & Keilana
Rodgers

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sept. 14: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

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

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	\$1,930.00
Plate	\$ 175.00
Votive Lights	\$ 30.00
Support Our School	\$ 50.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 25.00
Total	\$2,210.00

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER REITHER

Another School year is off and running!

Our school year began this past week with a traditional Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, asking in a particular way for the guidance of the Holy Spirit over the course of the upcoming year.

We welcome 23 students back to our school and new this year is our 3K program. It is good to see the halls of the school filled with kids again.

The mission of our Catholic school is simple, **to have our students encounter the love of Jesus Christ in their Spiritual, Human, and Intellectual formation.** This mission is inseparable from the primary mission of our parents to their children. While we are able to instruct kids in the content and practice of the faith, it is in the home where the faith is lived and breathed that it truly becomes something real and not just what is “done at school”. I truly thank all of our parents who have entrusted their kids to us and know of my prayers and support as you seek to raise your kids in the faith. I invite all of our parishioners to continue to pray for a fruitful school year for all of our students!

Another area of great joy for the Church this weekend is the canonization of **Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis!** A canonization is an official declaration of the Church that they are sharing now in the glories of heaven and that their lives are worthy of imitation. The canonization of saints comes after the confirmation of at least two miracles (defying any natural explanation) attributed to their intercession.

I encourage everyone to take some time to read about their lives, but in short they were two young saints deeply in love with Jesus and they desired to share that love with others. Carlo Acutis, our first millennial saint, used the internet to promote devotion to Holy Communion by showcasing the various Eucharistic Miracles.

Carlo died from leukemia in 2006 when he was only 15 years old. Pier Giorgio loved to climb mountains and would bring his friends on prayer excursions up the hills. He also would care for the poor from where he probably contracted polio which would lead to his death when he was only 24 years old. With our new friends in heaven I invite you to pray with them for your families, our parish, and especially the youth to whom these saints belong.

Prayer to Pier Giorgio

Heavenly Father,
Give me the courage to strive for the highest goals,
to flee every temptation to be mediocre.
Enable me to aspire to greatness, as Pier Giorgio did,
and to open my heart with joy to Your call to holiness.
Free me from the fear of failure.
I want to be, Lord, firmly and forever united to You.
Grant me the graces I ask You through Pier Giorgio's intercession,
by the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer to Carol Acutis

O God our Father,
we thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people,
and a message of love for all. You made him fall in love with your son Jesus,
making the Eucharist his “highway to heaven.” You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,
and you made him, through the Rosary, a cantor of her tenderness.
Receive his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted.
Grant me too, through his intercession, the grace that I need (*mention your intention*)
for the glory of your name. Amen.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Parish Fellowship

Mark your calendar. **TODAY, 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!

St. Charles CCD

Our parish CCD classes will be beginning on Sunday, **September 7th** at 8:15 AM for grades K-5, and Wednesday, **September 10th** at 7:30 PM for our 6-10th 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 or contact the office (608-689-2642)

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! 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 team 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 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 07: CCD 8:30 AM (K-5th grade);
Wed. September 10: 7:30 PM (Grades 6-10th)
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