

THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 18 & 19, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

707 Eagle Street, P. O. Box 130, Genoa, WI 54632

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Parochial Administrator: Fr. Timothy Reither

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 20 - 26, 2025

10/20/25	Monday	8:30 AM	† Irene Barilani
10/21/25	Tuesday	NO MASS	
10/22/25	Wednesday	NO MASS	
10/23/25	Thursday	NO MASS	
10/24/25	Friday	8:00 AM	† Louise & MaryAnn Bornheimer
10/25/25	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Janie Cina
10/26/25	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Oct. 25: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Oct. 26: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. Oct. 25: 4:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Oct. 26: 9:30 AM: Henry Levendoski; Giovanni

Trussoni; Thomas Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 26: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Oct. 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby; Keith Magnuson

Mon. Oct. 27: Arnie & Diane Pedretti; Dorothy Stokke

Ushers (October 2025)

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse

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: October 11 & 12, 2025

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
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Adult Envelopes	\$1,430.00
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Plate	\$ 400.00
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Votive Lights	\$ 18.00
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Total	\$1,848.00
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From the Desk of Father Reither

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

ARTICLE 2: THE BATTLE OF PRAYER

2725 Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God.

We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The "spiritual battle" of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer. "Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary." – Luke 18:1

Both Jesus, in the Gospel and our Catechism, speak of the necessity to pray always and that prayer is a battle. But how can we pray always? Must we be constantly reciting Hail Mary's under our breath? While there is a time for vocal prayer and it is right that we do so, but prayer at the core, is the raising of our minds and our hearts to God. While we must take certain times of our day to explicitly pray, outside of those times, we keep prayer alive by continuing to desire and love the Lord throughout the day.

Think of it after the example of a married couple. Husband and wife both promise to love each other till death do they part. At times it is necessary that they renew that commitment in word and in deed. In order to make that happen, they must be intentional about scheduling date nights and to reaffirm each other with their words. At other times, they keep that promise alive by the implicit desire of their hearts.

As we apply the same idea in our relationship with God, we must have time each day, even if only for a short time, to intentionally engage in prayer with the Lord, either by praying the rosary, reading the Bible, in meditation etc...

At other times we keep prayer alive in our hearts by continuing to desire God implicitly throughout our day. I encourage all of our families to come up with a goal of prayer each day so that we can continue to seek the Lord in all that we do.

God bless,
Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

St. Charles CCD: Save the date! We will have a CCD Family Night on Wednesday, **October 22nd** at 6:30 PM for all CCD children and parents (Kindergarten – 10th Grade). We will have some speakers for the parents and a movie for the younger kids. We will have popcorn, cookies, and drinks. If you would like, please bring a snack or dessert to share. We hope you can attend! This will be a great way to grow closer as a community, and grow in our faith. Please reach out to Tessa Ledoux with any questions.

Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, **October 19th**
NO CLASS; Middle School/High School:
Wednesday, **October 29th** at **6:30 PM**.

Women's Book Club will be meeting Wednesday, **October 29th** at 7 PM. We are reading *The World is Too Small! – The Life and Times of Mother Cabrini*. We hope you can join! Please reach out to Tessa Ledoux with any questions and meeting information.

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:

Halloween party: Thursday, **October 30th** from 6 – 8 PM in the St. Charles cafeteria (free Kids/Family event). Please take a flyer from the entrance and share/invite your friends. If you are able to give a head count to Jessie at 608-780-1148 by October 28th that would be great, but not mandatory. We will have some food, drinks, games and music.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, **November 9th** at School – more information to come!

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!

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.

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.

Mary, Mother of the Church: Trunk or Treat **October 31** from 4 – 7 PM. Candy and Treats giveaways. Favorite trunk contest – Hot Chocolate and Cider – Bonfire.

Lower Coon Valley Lutheran Church: Fall Gathering **November 1** 10 AM – 1:30 PM. Basket Raffle, Bake Sale and Lunch of Chili and Baked Potato Bar. Doors open at 10 AM – serving free-will lunch, bake sale, and basket drawings at 1 PM. For basket tickets contact Nancy Larson 508-386-7411 or Nlarson@mwt.net. Or church email: lcvlc2015@gmail.com. lcv2015/2gmail.com. Need not be present to win.

De Soto Lutheran Church: Harvest Festival Saturday, **November 1** from 10 AM to 1:30 PM. Baked goods – Homemade Crafts, Raffle Items, Seasonal Quilted Items, Fun Baskets, Tied Blankets, Gift Cards. Lunch Menu: Soup, BBQ, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs and Bars.

St. James & Providence Academy is holding their 59th Annual Holly Berry Fair on Saturday, **November 8**, 2025, 8 AM – 2 PM in the Providence Academy Gymnasium, 716 Windsor Street (across the street from St. James church). Booths include Bakery (we have lefse!), \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 10 AM-Noon. NEW! Kid's Games to win prizes from 9 AM-1PM. Homemade Beef Stew, Gourmet Coffee & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

Karuna House (A La Crosse Non-Profit Helping to House the Homeless): Karuna House is holding the 2nd Annual Gala "A Home for the Holidays" event on Saturday, **December 13** at the Radisson Hotel from 5:30 – 11 PM. This event will feature a cocktail reception, dinner, auctions, dancing and lots of fun surprises!

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.aquinasatholicschools.org/employment.

Coaches Needed

High School 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

Dona Orski at pam.donarski@awquinasschools.org

Cathedral Elementary School is looking for a full-time Custodian! This 40-hour per week position includes cleaning and light maintenance. If interested, please contact CES Principal, Mrs. Teresa Eliason Teresa.eliason@aquinasschool.org or ACS HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org.

Blessed Sacrament Elementary School is looking for a part-time Food Service Assistant. The position runs approximately 7 AM – 1 PM. Candidates should be willing and able to take the ServSafe Food Safety Class at WTC, have strong time management and attention to detail, and be able to follow directions while also working independently when needed. Basic kitchen skills are preferred, and the role requires the ability to stand for several hours, lift 20-30 pounds, and perform repetitive tasks. If interest, please contact BSE Principal Mrs. Megan Bauser (megan.bauer@aquinasschools.org or HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org.

Parish Events Calendar

Wed. October 22: CCD (K-10th Grade) Family Night 6:30 PM

Sun. October 26: OCIA 10:45 AM – Noon

Thu. October 30: Halloween Party (St. Charles School Cafeteria) 6 – 8 PM

Sun. November 09: PTO Pancake Breakfast