

THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 4 & 5, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 6 – 12, 2025

10/06/25	Monday	NO MASS
10/07/25	Tuesday	8:30 AM †Judy & Shawn Bourgois
10/08/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
10/09/25	Thursday	NO MASS
10/10/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Jim Pedretti, Jr.
10/11/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Craig Guanella
10/12/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Oct. 11: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. Oct. 12: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Oct. 11: 4:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Oct. 12: 9:30 AM: Abigail Mitchell, Emma

Kendhammer & Henry Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 12: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Oct. 13: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

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: September 27 & 28, 2025

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,636.00
Plate	\$ 362.31
Votive Lights	\$ 36.00
Total	\$2,034.31

From the Desk of Father Reither

Month of the Rosary

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. The power of family prayer cannot be underestimated and the Rosary is a powerful tool that can truly bring families together. There are many great resources online to help children engage this form of meditative prayer. Don't be afraid if you have to start small either, even one decade a week as a family can be quite transformative. Here is an excerpt from Pope John Paul II's letter encouraging families to rediscover the mystery and power of the Rosary:

The family: parents...

"As a prayer for peace, the Rosary is also, and always has been, *a prayer of and for the family*. At one time this prayer was particularly dear to Christian families, and it certainly brought them closer together. It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the Rosary... *The family that prays together stays together*. The Holy Rosary, by age-old tradition, has shown itself particularly effective as a prayer which brings the family together. Individual family members, in turning their eyes towards Jesus, also regain the ability to look one another in the eye, to communicate, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God.

Many of the problems facing contemporary families, especially in economically developed societies, result from their increasing difficulty in communicating. Families seldom manage to come together, and the rare occasions when they do are often taken up with watching television. To return to the recitation of the family Rosary means filling daily life with very different images, images of the mystery of salvation: the image of the Redeemer, the image of his most Blessed Mother. The family that recites the Rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the centre, they share his joys and sorrows, they place their needs and their plans in his hands, they draw from him the hope and the strength to go on."

... and children

"It is also beautiful and fruitful to entrust to this prayer *the growth and development of children*. Does the Rosary not follow the life of Christ, from his conception to his death, and then to his Resurrection and his glory? Parents are finding it ever more difficult to follow the lives of their children as they grow to maturity. In a society of advanced technology, of mass communications and globalization, everything has become hurried, and the cultural distance between generations is growing ever greater. The most diverse messages and the most unpredictable experiences rapidly make their way into the lives of children and adolescents, and parents can become quite anxious about the dangers their children face. At times parents suffer acute disappointment at the failure of their children to resist the seductions of the drug culture, the lure of an unbridled hedonism, the temptation to violence, and the manifold expressions of meaninglessness and despair.

To pray the Rosary *for children*, and even more, *with children*, training them from their earliest years to experience this daily "pause for prayer" with the family, is admittedly not the solution to every problem, but it is a spiritual aid which should not be underestimated. It could be objected that the Rosary seems hardly suited to the taste of children and young people of today. But perhaps the objection is directed to an impoverished method of praying it. Furthermore, without prejudice to the Rosary's basic structure, there is nothing to stop children and young people from praying it – either within the family or in groups – with appropriate symbolic and practical aids to understanding and appreciation. Why not try it? With God's help, a pastoral approach to youth which is positive, impassioned and creative – as shown by the World Youth Days! – is capable of achieving quite remarkable results. If the Rosary is well presented, I am sure that young people will once more surprise adults by the way they make this prayer their own and recite it with the enthusiasm typical of their age group." (Rosarium Virginis Mariae - Pope St. John Paul II)

In Christ,
Father Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Congratulations! Please keep in your prayers those of our parish who have recently received God's grace in the Sacraments:

Jack Wagner & Jamie Pinski: Married 9 27 2025

Henry Phillips & Kallin Lenz: Married 8 2 2025

Baptized in Christ:

Marcus Paul Mitchell 9 28 2025

Fellowship Sunday! : It's October and Fall is in the air; football, pumpkins and colorful leaves.

This weekend is the first Sunday in October, 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 12th at 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: 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!

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 **TODAY 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!

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).

De Soto Lutheran Church: Salisbury Steak Supper **October 16, 2025** 4 – 6:30 PM: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, desserts \$15/person. Carry outs available. Proceeds – support the church’s mission work in giving to those in need!

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.

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 Boys Tennis Head Coach & Assistant Coach;
High School Girls Wrestling Head 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.

Parish Events Calendar

Mon. October	06: PTO at 5:15 PM (Cafeteria)
Sun. October	12: Kindergarten – 5 th Grade CCD
Sun. October	12: OCIA 10:45 AM - Noon
Wed. October	15: Middle School/High School CCD 6:30 PM
Sun. October	26: OCIA 10:45 AM – Noon