

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22 & 23, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 24, 2026 to August 30, 2026

08/24/26	Monday	NO MASS	
08/25/26	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Larry Cina
08/26/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
08/27/26	Thursday	8:00 AM	People of St. Charles
08/28/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Kathy Clark
08/29/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
08/30/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Aug. 29 Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. Aug. 30: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Aug. 29: Volunteers

Sun. Aug. 30: Thomas Mitchell, Henry
Levendowski, Giovanni Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 30: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Aug. 24: Diane Pedretti, Dorothy Stokke,
Phyllis Munyon

Mon. Aug. 31: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle,
Linda Pedretti

Ushers September 2026

Saturday: Larry Kelsey

Sunday: Ketih 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

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

Baptism

Contact parish at least 1 month 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 15 & 16

Pallottine Mission	\$ 1,001.00
<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$ 7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,395.00
Plate	\$ 276.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 75.00
Total	\$ 4,746.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19

This weekend's Gospel reading reminds us of the great authority that Jesus has entrusted to His Church on earth. This authority is not exercised apart from Christ, but through Him. From this verse in scripture comes the doctrine of the Catholic Church on the infallibility of the teachings of the Church on Faith and Morals. Infallibility does not mean that the leaders of the Church are sinless; we are unfortunately all too aware of the failures of the leaders of our Church over the course of its 2,000 year history. However, we have this promise of Christ that the Church would not fall into error when teaching and interpreting the Gospel. Much like the role of a referee in a game, the teaching office of the Church is there to authentically guide the Church in the practice of the faith. See the Catechism teaching below for more on this authority that Christ has entrusted to His Church.

The teaching office

888 Bishops, with priests as co-workers, have as their first task "to preach the Gospel of God to all men," in keeping with the Lord's command. They are "heralds of faith, who draw new disciples to Christ; they are authentic teachers" of the apostolic faith "endowed with the authority of Christ."

889 In order to preserve the Church in the purity of the faith handed on by the apostles, Christ who is the Truth willed to confer on her a share in his own infallibility. By a "supernatural sense of faith" the People of God, under the guidance of the Church's living Magisterium, "unfailingly adheres to this faith."

890 The mission of the Magisterium is linked to the definitive nature of the covenant established by God with his people in Christ. It is this Magisterium's task to preserve God's people from deviations and defections and to guarantee them the objective possibility of professing the true faith without error. Thus, the pastoral duty of the Magisterium is aimed at seeing to it that the People of God abides in the truth that liberates. To fulfill this service, Christ endowed the Church's shepherds with the charism of infallibility in matters of faith and morals. The exercise of this charism takes several forms:

891 "The Roman Pontiff, head of the college of bishops, enjoys this infallibility in virtue of his office, when, as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful - who confirms his brethren in the faith he proclaims by a definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals.... The infallibility promised to the Church is also present in the body of bishops when, together with Peter's successor, they exercise the supreme Magisterium," above all in an Ecumenical Council. When the Church through its supreme Magisterium proposes a doctrine "for belief as being divinely revealed," and as the teaching of Christ, the definitions "must be adhered to with the obedience of faith." This infallibility extends as far as the deposit of divine Revelation itself.

892 Divine assistance is also given to the successors of the apostles, teaching in communion with the successor of Peter, and, in a particular way, to the bishop of Rome, pastor of the whole Church, when, without arriving at an infallible definition and without pronouncing in a "definitive manner," they propose in the exercise of the ordinary Magisterium a teaching that leads to better understanding of Revelation in matters of faith and morals. To this ordinary teaching the faithful "are to adhere to it with religious assent" which, though distinct from the assent of faith, is nonetheless an extension of it.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Volunteer and Staff Training

We have safe environment training scheduled for our parish and school on **Thursday, August 27th** with several sessions as options to attend. Annual training is required for all those who volunteer and work in our parish and school. Training at 10:30 AM, 1:15 PM, 3:45 PM & 5:15 PM. There is school employee and volunteer training from 8:00 -12. This includes the mandatory annual training. Please call the office with questions.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Family school packets were e-mailed. If you would like a printed copy, please reach out to the office.

Back to School

Back to school is being held on **Thursday, August 27th from 3:30-6:00 PM** at the school. Parents, please remember to bring your completed paperwork. Students can bring their items for school to be left in their classroom. There will be Safe Environment Training, background checks, transportation, etc. available for parents to complete at either 3:45 PM or 5:15 PM.

Religious Education

Registration for Catechesis of The Good Shepherd Levels 1 & 2, Sacramental Prep, God's Plan in Scripture & Encounter/Envision will also be on **Thursday, August 27th from 3:30-6:00 PM** at the school. There will be Safe Environment Training, background checks, transportation, etc. available for parents to complete at either 3:45 PM or 5:15 PM.

School Wish Lists

We have a few wish lists ready to go! Please check them out at our web page:

www.stcharlesgenoa.org

or on our Facebook page.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Rural Life Day Sept. 23, 2026 - Creamery Creek in Bangor

Join us for the 45th Annual Rural Life Day Celebration at Creamery Creek, hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family. Rural Life Day is a beautiful event that brings together several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop Gerard Battersby, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards and the blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude our celebration with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Creamery Creek is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.

GIVEN: Unveiling the Mysteries of Marriage One Day Retreat | Saturday Oct 17, 2026 from 8AM-2:30PM | St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point.

"God destined us to experience communion with our spouse as an expression of our communion with him. This is what we vowed when we married and what it means to be devoted." (Schuchts 171). All ages and stages of married, engaged, and dating couples are encouraged to attend. To registration email region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com

High School Leadership Retreat | October 23-25, 2026 | Crossroads Adventure Camp

This retreat will be a time for high school age students and chaperones to come together to pray and learn how to take active leadership roles in their parishes and schools. This year, we will be focusing on small groups and mentoring. Time and again, we witness how effective high school students are with engaging and encouraging their younger peers in the Catholic faith. Scan the QR code for details.



Retrovaille:

Whether you have drifted apart, or arrived at separation or divorce, there is hope. Retrouvaille [rétro-vī] means rediscovery or joyful reunion. The Retrouvaille program is a lifeline of hope and healing for marriages of all ages, and even couples who are separated or divorced but want to try again.

For more information, frequently asked questions, or to register for the next program, register by phone: Fully confidential Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille toll free local program info: 1.877.922.HOPE (4673).

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office for Safe Environment or on the diocesan

website at:

diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting.

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Parish Events Calendar

Aug. 24	8:00AM teachers back to school
Aug. 27	8:00AM school & parish training
Aug. 29	9:00AM Altar Server training 5:00PM Lector, Usher & Eucharist Minister training
Aug. 30	10:30AM Lector, Usher & Eucharist Minister training
Sept. 1	8:00AM First Day of School