

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29 & 30, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 31, 2026 to September 7, 2026

08/31/26	Monday	NO MASS	
09/01/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Lynn Umberger
09/02/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
09/03/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
09/04/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
09/05/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
09/06/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	† Karl Tully

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Sep. 5: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Sep. 6: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Sep. 5: Volunteers

Sun. Sep. 6: Liam, Brad & Henry Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sep. 6: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Sep. 7: Tom & Pam Jeffers, Carolyn
Umberger

Ushers September 2026

Saturday: Larry Kelsey

Sunday: Ketih Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni, Tim
Gianoli

Prayer Requests

Call 608-519-4391 - 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:
608-519-4391

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 608-519-4391 if
someone is seriously ill and needs the Sacrament of
the Anointing of the Sick.

Sacrificial Giving:

August 22 & 23

Pallottine Mission \$ 435.00

Estimated Weekly Need \$ 7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$ 2,320.00

Plate \$ 287.00

Total \$ 2,607.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

With September just around the corner and the starting of a new school year, summer is rapidly coming to an end. Our school will officially start September 1st. This year we will have 20 students that are enrolled ranging from 3K-6th grade. As announced last spring, we will also have two new teachers joining us for the upcoming school year. Please continue to pray for our teachers and students as they embark on another year!

Our school continues its mission “to provide for the spiritual, human, and intellectual development of each child in a Catholic environment.” The goal of all Catholic education is to form intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. As many from our older generations know who were taught by the Sisters to memorize their Baltimore Catechism, the purpose of our existence in this world is to know, love, and serve God so that we may be happy in this world and the next. Our teachers help fulfill that purpose (in conjunction with our parents) each day as they seek to form our students to follow Jesus and thus know his peace and joy in their hearts.

This formation is a lifelong process. It doesn’t end simply because we have graduated school and finished CCD. We know that the Christian life is not an easy one. It is necessary to carry our Cross that the Lord has given us. As we heard in our Gospel reading today: “Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” But the Cross is not the end of the story. We know that every Cross carried with Jesus contains within it the promise of future Resurrection. May we have the courage to continue to follow after Jesus in all our sufferings and trials of life.

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On another note, a couple weeks ago the college students who were staying at St. Charles and doing service projects cleared out a Marian Grotto on one of the trails leading through the bluffs. If anyone has a 3-4 foot statue of our Lady of Lourdes that they would like to donate for our Grotto (or if you would like to help sponsor a new one) please let me know. Also, if anyone knows what happened to the old St. Frances Cabrini statue that used to be in our parish I would like to know about that too!

God bless,

Fr. Reither

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Our participation in Christ's sacrifice

618 The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men".⁴⁵² But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men.⁴⁵³ He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]",⁴⁵⁴ for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps."⁴⁵⁵ In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries.⁴⁵⁶

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

“Share your story—the Rural Life Committee is honoring those that have owned a farm for 100 years or more. All that is necessary is to fill out the application and submit. Then join us for a blessed day with Mass, awards and share a meal together.” If you are interested in sharing your story, contact the office for an application.

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

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome back students, families, and staff! We are so excited for another year at St. Charles! This year we have two new teachers joining us. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders will have Miss Emily Rux; and 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will have Mr. Sam Gallagher. I (Miss Mary Kate Donovan) will be spending my days with the 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten students. We are looking forward to creating the family-like community that epitomizes St. Charles. We ask God to watch over our students; to give them sharp minds, a love for learning, and the strength to persevere; and to help them to be a good friend to others. For our staff, we ask God to provide patience, energy (lots of it!), and wisdom; and to help guide us with grace and love as we teach our young minds. Only a few more days, and we'll be starting back on September 1st!

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

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Obedience

The fourth characteristic is that we seek to understand and obey the teaching of Christ as passed on to us through the Apostles and modern-day apostles of the Catholic Church, which are the bishops.

The Church is our Mother and she shares with us the revelation of Jesus. The disciple understands there is not a difference between what Jesus taught and what the Church teaches, just as the head cannot be separated from the body. He or she humbly seeks to learn more about what God has revealed through the Church and live in obedience to it.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Fall into love all over again!

Remember why you fell in love and get the tools you need to keep your marriage on the right path. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, scan the QR code.



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 register email region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Wisconsin Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on End of Life Decisions

In November of 2024, Wisconsin's bishops released the 4th edition of their pastoral letter on end of life decisions, [*Now and at the Hour of Our Death*](#). This excellent document provides guidance on many aspects of end-of-life planning and decisions. Scan the QR code to the right for more information.



NEW - Comic Book on the Life of Blessed Brother James Miller:

Voyage Comics has produced a comic book showcasing the life of Blessed James Miller, FSC. Written by Voyage Comics founder Philip Kosloski, the comic book, titled "Missionary Martyr: Brother James Miller," begins with James Miller as a young boy growing up on his family farm near Ellis, Wisconsin, shows his first encounter with the Christian Brothers at Pacelli High School, and his years in formation with the Brothers learning Spanish and first recognizing his missionary call to serve in Central America. In 30 pages, featuring stunning graphics, the comic book details Brother James' unique personality and deep devotion to serving his students and communities in the various roles he held as a Brother: soccer coach, teacher, handyman, fire chief, administrator and more. Recommended for middle and high school readers, the story also conveys the heightened political climate that the Christian Brothers in Guatemala faced in the time before Brother James' murder. Scan the QR code on the right.



Mass of Hope and Healing | Sept. 8 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman:

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A candle ceremony will take place at 6:30 PM, prior to the beginning of Mass. Please arrive early to receive your votive candle(s) in remembrance of any child(ren) lost. Candles will be lit and grieving families will carry them forward to surrender to a priest. After Mass, refreshments will be served and volunteers will be present to offer assistance, support, and comfort. We welcome all who mourn, and encourage anyone to come and be supportive. Scan the QR code on the right for more information.



HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON

Do you want to be healed, to know yourself better, and understand why you do the things you do? This 8 week program from the John Paul II Healing Center is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. During this time, you'll begin a journey to **spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness**—entering the sometimes-hidden places of the heart, facing pains and woundedness, and experiencing a deep encounter with the authentic healing love of Jesus Christ. **Sessions are on Tuesdays evenings in Marian Hall at ABVM in Viroqua from 6:30 to roughly 8 pm starting September 29 and continuing October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24. Cost is \$25 per person.** For more information or to sign up, contact the office.

WALKING WITH WOMEN, PRAYING W/ SCRIPTURE

All women are invited to attend Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture. We gather to be present to one another, leaving the world and the busyness of life behind. Our focus is to foster a deeper relationship with God through meditation on His living word. Meditating on God's Living Word is a life-changing and transformative experience. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 10th (6 pm - 7:30 pm) at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman – St. Joseph Hall. Meetings take place every third Thursday (altered around holidays) September through May. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com with questions. Come and enjoy encountering the Love of Christ!

Parish Events Calendar

Sept. 1	8:00AM First Day of School
Sept. 4	8:30AM Adoration
Sept. 6	10:30AM Fellowship
Sept. 7	Labor Day-No school
Sept. 13	6:30PM Men's Lectio Group
Sept. 14	6:30PM Women's Bible Study
Sept. 18	No school-inservice
Sept. 19	5:30PM Faith on Tap