

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8 & 9, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 10, 2026 to August 16, 2026

08/10/26	Monday	NO MASS	
08/11/26	Tuesday	NO MASS	
08/12/26	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Aaron Malin
08/13/26	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
08/14/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Terry Pitzner
08/15/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Don Curti
08/16/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Aug. 15: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Aug. 16: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Aug. 15: Volunteers

Sun. Aug. 16: William Mitchell, Lorenzo Trussoni,
Henry Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 16: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Aug. 10: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle,
Linda Pedretti

Mon. Aug. 17: Conrad & Nancy Kirby, Keith
Magnuson

Ushers August 2026

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

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 1 & 2

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,060.00
Plate	\$ 375.10
Support Our Schools	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 2,465.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

It was a blessing last week to see how so many of you generously responded to the Time and Talent survey, offering your gifts and talents in the service to the Church. In the upcoming week, we will compile the responses and you should hear from your respective groups when the next training will begin. If you missed out last week, you can still contact the parish office to put in your Time and Talent survey.

This goes together well with our last reflection on the four marks of a parish fully alive on mission. Once again here they are:

1. A Culture of Discipleship and Accompaniment
2. Keeping the Lord's Day Holy
3. Stable and Healthy Leadership
4. Charisms and Responsible Stewardship

Charism is a Greek term which means gift. St. Paul used this term in a Christian context to describe the free gift of God given to the Baptized for the building up of the whole Body of Christ. Every Christian has been given a Charism (usually, there are two or three dominant ones).

A parish fully alive on the mission of Christ to make disciples should be actively discerning the Charisms of the parishioners and giving them opportunities and support in living out that Charism. And the Lord is not outdone in Generosity. When we give generously from our Charisms, we are filled with life, even when there may be trials or difficulties in ministry. For too long the status quo for many Catholic parishes was just the "warm body" approach. Whoever is willing to say yes will be thrown into ministry without question of whether or not they had the gifts and the Charisms to serve in that area. This often led to burn-out amongst a dwindling number of volunteers and an idea of just putting in enough time till one could respectfully tap out. But the Charisms are truly meant to be lived throughout our whole Christian life. It is important that Charisms are discerned with Humility and that means listening to the advice of others. While I may think I'm a great artist, no one has ever accused me of being one. Likewise, I never thought I was a good teacher, but the feedback from my students was very positive. Sometimes we learn more about what our Charisms are from the wisdom of others. If you are unsure how God may be calling you to use your Charisms for the Church, please reach out and we can discern together. Again, these Charisms are not about being asked to give more than we can or to just fill a hole, but they are meant for the whole flourishing of the Christian life. Please see below for more on Charisms from the Catechism.

Charisms

799 Whether extraordinary or simple and humble, charisms are graces of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly benefit the Church, ordered as they are to her building up, to the good of men, and to the needs of the world.

800 Charisms are to be accepted with gratitude by the person who receives them and by all members of the Church as well. They are a wonderfully rich grace for the apostolic vitality and for the holiness of the entire Body of Christ, provided they really are genuine gifts of the Holy Spirit and are used in full conformity with authentic promptings of this same Spirit, that is, in keeping with charity, the true measure of all charisms.²⁵³

801 It is in this sense that discernment of charisms is always necessary. No charism is exempt from being referred to and submitted to the Church's shepherds. "Their office [is] not indeed to extinguish the Spirit, but to test all things and hold fast to what is good," so that all the diverse and complementary charisms work together "for the common good."

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Women's Bible Study

Women of St. Charles- Are you interested in digging deeper into scripture? A new bible study will be starting this fall in place of our Women's Book Club. We will be reading 1 Corinthians and discussing what it means to be in the world but not of it. We will be meeting at a parishioners home on Monday evenings 6:30-8pm for 6 weeks on the following dates: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/26. You do not need any materials other than a bible. For the first week, please read 1 Corinthians chapters 1-2 and be ready to discuss. All women are welcome. We still have a few spots open! Please contact the parish office to register and for additional details.

Homecoming Picnic

Enclosed in the bulletin is the wrap up of the picnic fundraiser. WOW! We did great! Thank you to all that helped in every way possible. Working together made this picnic a great success.

Time & Talent

If you were unable to attend the August 1 & 2 weekend Mass but would still like to share your time & talent with St. Charles parish, please either complete the sheet in the back of the church, contact Father Reither or the office.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Registration and information is out to our registered families! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Volunteer and School 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 time frame will include Safe Environment also. Please call the office with questions and to register.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Aug 15-16

Registration due this weekend! Our next Evangelization Summit will be held at St. Charles Parish in Chippewa Falls on Saturday, August 22, from 9am to 3:15pm. The theme will be "Peter as a Model of Discipleship and a Healing Encounter with Christ." This is an opportunity for parish leaders or volunteers to unite together around a shared vision of parishes fully alive on mission, and to connect you with more tools and resources. There will be fresh content for those who attended the first two summits, but new attendees are welcome!



Calling all women who like to read! A local Well Read Mom group is looking forward to exploring this year's theme of the Year of the Woman with some fantastic books, including A Room with a View by E.M. Forester and Joan of Arc by Mark Twain. We are **open to women of all stages of life** who are interested in reading high quality literature and growing in friendship. We will meet on the second Saturday of the month throughout the school year at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua to discuss great books and have fun. Check out wellreadmom.com or contact the office to receive information in regards to signing up.

FREE LifeTeen Empower Youth Ministry Training Event | August 22, 2026 | St. Joseph, Stevens Point:

LifeTeen is bringing an Empower Youth Ministry Training Event to St. Stephen Catholic Church in Stevens Point on August 22, 2026. Due to a grant from generous donors, anyone from the Diocese of La Crosse or the Diocese of Green Bay is able to attend the upcoming LifeTeen Empower Youth Ministry Training Event being held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stevens Point on August 22, 2026 for free. The regular cost per person is \$85. Please gather all who work with youth in your parish to join us that day. To register, go to <https://web.cvent.com/event/9bad8bb8-f371-4edf-8e58-b488c71045cb/register>

When you register enter the code:
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Rural Life Day Sept. 23, 2026 - Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor

Join us for the 45th Annual Rural Life Day Celebration at Creamery Creek Farms, 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-Emeritus William Callahan, 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 Farms is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.

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.

Resources on Faithful Citizenship

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference has prepared resources to help Catholics reflect on what it means to be a faithful citizen, based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) document, [*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility*](#). We invite you to consult the 2026 *Letter from Wisconsin’s Bishops*, plus *Overview of Catholic Social Teaching*, as well as other Faithful Citizenship resources, by scanning the QR code on the right.



Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Prayer

The second characteristic of a disciple is that we are committed to times of prayer on a daily basis, both individually and with family, and frequently with the parish, where we are thankful to God for the blessings of the day and we seek His will. Prayer becomes an important part of our life.

Wisconsin Bishops Approve WCC Website on Immigration Resources

The bishops of Wisconsin have approved an extremely helpful website, <https://www.wisconsinatholic.org/immigration-resources/>

featuring Church teaching on the subject and many other resources. The balance and clarity of the Church’s voice on this topic is vital. To access the website, scan the QR



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 & Eucharist Minister training
Aug. 30	10:30AM Lector & Eucharist Minister training