

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12 & 13, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 14, 2026 to September 20, 2026

09/14/26	Monday	NO MASS	
09/15/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Anthony & Lorraine Curti
09/16/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
09/17/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
09/18/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
09/19/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Alfred & Marie Berra
09/20/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Sep. 19: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Sep. 20: Ari Trussoni

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Sundays: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

Servers

Sat. Sep. 19: Reid & Grady Nicklay

Sun. Sep. 20: Henry, Oscar & Reagan Levendowski

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sep. 20: Priscilla Martin

Baptism

Contact parish at least 1 month prior:

608-519-4391

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Sep. 14: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

Mon. Sep. 21: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith Magnuson

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.

Ushers September 2026

Saturday: Larry Kelsey, Alvin Berra

Sunday: Ketih Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni, Alvin Berra & Tim Gianoli

Sacrificial Giving:

September 5 & 6

Prayer Requests

Call 608-519-4391 - requests will be passed to Father Reither & over 20 "prayer warriors" on the prayer chain.

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,035.00
Plate	\$ 409.25
Total	\$ 3,444.25

Sacraments and Prayer

Church Hours

The church is open every day from 7 AM - 7 PM

From the Desk of Father Reither

Last week I wrote about the “indispensable minimum” in living the Christian life in what it means to be a practicing Catholic. This indispensable minimum (presupposing one is following the moral law and a life of prayer) are listed as the 5 precepts of the Church. Today we will look at the first precept in more detail. Here they are again in case you have forgotten:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church

The first precept states that we shall attend Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation. This indispensable minimum comes to us from the 3rd commandment to keep holy the Lord’s day. The precept is very beneficial for us to recapture in our society. While I may not be very old, I can still remember a time in the not too distant past when in our culture Sunday was treated as a sacred day. The idea of package deliveries happening on a Sunday was almost unheard of. Team sports and practices never were the norm. Now the only place closed on Sunday seems to be Chick-Fil-A. Weekends have become, for our culture, just as busy as weekdays. When we lose sight of the sacred and become consumed with busyness we largely become less happy and more stressed. Written on the soul of every human being is a hunger for worship for the Living and True God. Every human being worships something. It’s the thing that we value the most in our lives. The thing that we hold as our first priority. If it’s not the true God who gives us His rest, it will be the demanding god of production and busyness. There is a need to recapture Sunday Mass as the most important thing of our week to restore the peace that only God can give.

In the early 4th century the Martyrs of Abitene recognized this reality. When the persecution during the reign of Emperor Diocletian outlawed the celebration of the Mass, 49 Christians in Abitene defied the edict and continued to celebrate Mass privately in their homes, knowing full well that they were risking their own lives by doing so. When they were caught and arrested the Proconsul asked them why they had disobeyed the imperial decree, they answered: “*Sine dominico non possumus*” (“We cannot live without Sunday”) and for that witness to the practice of the faith they were put to death and live in heaven as saints forever.

This is what the Church means that skipping Mass on Sunday without serious reason (illness, travel conditions, impossibility etc...) is a mortal sin because we cannot live without Sunday. In addition to Sunday Mass, there are 5 other holy days that are considered so important to our faith that the Church extends the obligation to attend Mass on those days as well (see below).

May the Holy Spirit help us to continue to see the celebration of the Mass as the true foundation of our Spiritual lives! - Fr. Reither

List of Catholic Holy Days of Obligation in the United States:

1. **January 1, 2026** – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
2. **August 15, 2026** – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
3. **November 1, 2026** – Solemnity of All Saints
4. **December 8, 2026** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5. **December 25, 2026** – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

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. Please contact the parish office to register and for additional details.

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

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 at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua from 6:30 to 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.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Head Teacher Update

Two weeks into school, and we are feeling good! We still haven't had a Monday, but that is getting remedied this week. As we celebrate our grandparents this week by inviting them to have lunch with us, we want to give a special thank you for all they add to our lives. We hope they always know how deeply they are loved just for being who they are.

No School - Friday, September 18- teacher in service

It's baaaaa-ack!!! St. Charles PTO is sponsoring another **Trivia Night Saturday, October 24 at 6 PM**. Please mark your calendars and join in the fun! Call the office to sign up. Please leave your name, phone number and an estimated number of players on your team.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Important Words to Know and Understand Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Community

The fifth characteristic is that we participate in our parish community and foster deeper relationships with individuals with whom we can share and grow in our faith.

A disciple knows that one's faith is not meant to be lived in isolation. We are part of a family. "We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24). Disciples of Jesus actively seek each other out and look for opportunities to celebrate the love of God together, whether that be at Mass, on retreat, at a restaurant, at work or school, or even at a football game. (Discipleship Quads, Dcn. Bob Rice)

October is Respect Life Month - Find Resources

Each year we celebrate Respect Life Month in October, with Oct. 4 being Respect Life Sunday. The U.S. Bishops' website has many pro-life resources to view and to download. This year the theme is "Mary, Mother of Life," featuring a beautiful poster, prayers, and reflections. Scan the QR code for details.



Join us for Oct. 16 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet

On Friday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass," at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with Fr. Justin Kizewski speaking on the vital topic of **"The Art of Dying Well: Spiritual Preparation for Death."** As the end of life draws near, much attention is paid to medical decisions, life insurance, a will, a cemetery plot, etc., but *nothing is as important as preparing the soul for passage into eternal life.*

Fr. Kizewski will shine a light on the beautiful teaching and practice of the Church as she accompanies us, and our loved ones, in the last days and hours of life. All are invited to attend this special evening. Scan the QR code for more information



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Oct. 9-11 for People Suffering from Pain of Abortion or Miscarriage

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Our weekend retreats are a unique and effective process designed to help you experience God's mercy and compassion. In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment, you can grieve your loss while understanding and releasing any deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt you may have. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" that combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. Participant testimony: "I have been through 14 years of therapy and anti-depressants. I've confessed my abortion a hundred times. Just when I thought I could take the pain no longer, I found Rachel's Vineyard. This weekend literally saved my life." The retreat will be held Oct. 9-11 at a location in the La Crosse area. For more information, contact Amy at 608-860-6698, or Hope4U@diol.org.

DeSoto Lions Club Chicken Q

Sunday, September 13 from 11-2 at the Community Center

St. Rose Convent Open House

Tuesday, Sept 15

2:30-4 p.m.

St. Rose Convent

701 Franciscan Way, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Young adults and college students who are curious about learning about the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration are welcome to visit St. Rose Convent in La Crosse for this special event that will include free refreshments, tours, presentations and a chance to chat with sisters.

Contact Vocations@FSPA.org or call 608-782-5610 x292 to inquire, register.

Remembrance Walk

Saturday, September 19th at 5:00 PM at Coon Valley Legion Hall, 105 Park Street, Coon Valley

40 Days of Life

Opening rally of 40 Days for Life with Tallulah Caulfield on Sunday, September 27 at 1PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall (130 Losey Blvd), La Crosse

Parish Events Calendar

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
Sept. 21	6:30PM Women's Bible Study
Sept. 23	Rural Life Celebration in Bangor
Sept. 25	No school-inservice
Sept. 27	6:30PM Men's Lectio Group
Sept. 28	6:30PM Women's Bible Study
Sept. 29	6:30PM Healing the Whole Person In partnership with & held at Viroqua