

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19 & 20, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 21, 2026 to September 27, 2026

09/21/26	Monday	NO MASS	
09/22/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Lynn Umberger
09/23/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
09/24/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
09/25/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Berneal Collins
09/26/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Don Curti
09/27/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Sep. 26: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. Sep. 27: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Sep. 26: Volunteers

Sun. Sep. 27: Abigail, William & Thomas Mitchell

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sep. 27: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Sep. 28: Diane Pedretti, Dorothy Stokke & Phyllis Munyon

Ushers September 2026

Saturday: Larry Kelsey, Alvin Berra

Sunday: Ketih Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni, Alvin Berra & 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: **September 19 & 20**

On-line contribution (August) \$ 400.00

Estimated Weekly Need \$ 7,032.69

Adult Envelopes \$ 870.00

Plate \$ 185.00

Total \$ 1,055.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

Continuing with our series on the 5 precepts of the church on what it means to be a practicing Catholic, we will look at today the second precept on Confession. Here is the full list again if you may 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 second precept comes to us from Canon Law: *“After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year”* (CIC 989).

To confess one's sins at least once a year is in the words of the Catechism the *indispensable minimum*, that does not make it the ideal frequency in which the faithful should take part in Confession. Indeed, the Church recommends one attend confession frequently even to confess just venial sins. This is because the unique grace of the sacrament helps us to avoid sins in the future and to heal the wounds caused by sin on our soul. The Church has not specified what frequently means, but if I was to say “I frequently go to the movies”, you would be surprised if that meant I only go once a year. In my own recommendation, I think it is a good medium for the average person to go to confession at least once a month. Of course if one has the misfortune of having a mortal sin on their souls, they should go as soon as possible.

It is important to remember that the sacrament of Confession is not meant for the “failures” in the Christian life, as if the closer we get to God the less we would be going to Confession. In fact many of the greatest saints in the Church went to Confession at least once a week. Again this sacrament is not for those who just couldn't try hard enough, those who are spiritually healthy go to confession frequently because the closer we get to God the more apparent our sins are. God in his love wants the whole of our hearts, not just a part of them.

Like any virtue, it may be hard at first to get into the practice of going to confession frequently especially if it has been a while since you last went. My recommendation is to just do it, as they say in the commercials. I try to go to confession every month myself and I do not always look forward to it, but I have never regretted receiving the forgiveness of the Lord. May the Lord give us the courage to always seek his forgiveness! - Fr. Reither

See these words written by David in Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose fault is removed, whose sin is forgiven. Blessed is the man to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no deceit.

Because I kept silent,* my bones wasted away; I groaned all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength withered as in dry summer heat.

Then I declared my sin to you; my guilt I did not hide. I said, “I confess my transgression to the LORD,” and you took away the guilt of my sin.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped fulfill the school's wishlists! We greatly appreciate all the gifts we have received. We feel the love and support for our little school with a big heart. Thank you!

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.

Head Teacher Update

We so enjoyed having our grandparents come visit us for lunch this past week! We hope they had fun too! Being able to spend some time together as we ate, talked, and played at recess will be remembered for years to come.

This will be our fourth week of school already. The time has gone by quickly, and we continue to work hard each day to learn all we can. We have been learning more than just reading, writing, and arithmetic. We've been learning about being a good friend, a conscientious classmate, and an attentive participant at school and at Mass.

No School - Friday, September 25- teacher in service

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

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.

Original Sin and God's Ongoing Gift of Mercy

Knowledge of the effects of the Original Sin reminds us of our human weakness, but it also reveals God's mercy. Though we inherited the effects of sin, we are not left in despair. God pursues us, heals us, and calls us back into communion. Let us turn to Him with humility, gratitude, and trust, remembering that in Christ, even the greatest sins can be forgiven and the deepest wounds can be healed.

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.



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.

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

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 details.



Parish Events Calendar

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