

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26 & 27, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 28, 2026 to October 4, 2026

09/28/26	Monday	NO MASS	
09/29/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Chet & MaryJane Bente
09/30/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
10/01/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
10/02/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Ray Berra
10/03/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
10/04/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	Kirby grandchildren

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Oct 3: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. Oct. 4: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Oct 3: Volunteers

Sun. Oct. 4: Henry Levendoski, Brad Klinkner & Sebastian Kimmel

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Oct. 4: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Oct. 5: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith Magnuson

Ushers October 2026

Saturday: John Nicklay, Alvin Berra, Tim Woodhouse & _____

Sunday: Conrad Kirby, Tom Urbanek, Chris Stokke & Nate Trussoni

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**

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,605.00
Plate	\$ 117.00
Religious Education	\$ 20.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 9,782.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

Continuing our theme on the “indispensable minimum” of what it means to be a practicing Catholic, today we will examine the Third Precept of the Catholic Church.

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

“You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.” This is something that the older generation might remember being called fulfilling one’s “Easter Duty”. This precept often confuses people when they hear it. Why does the church only require one to receive Holy Communion once a year? Don’t we have to attend Mass each Sunday?

That is true, while the Church only requires one to receive once a year, one still must attend Mass every Sunday, because one does not have to receive Communion to fulfill one’s obligation. There might be several legitimate reasons for not receiving Communion at Mass (illness, missing the 1 hour fast, needing to go to Confession etc.)

I wish to clarify that it is a good and important spiritual practice to receive Holy Communion frequently (even daily if possible) as many of the Popes have reaffirmed over the years. Our lives become spiritually impoverished by not receiving the Eucharist. Remember these precepts are truly the “indispensable minimum”, not the Spiritual Ideal. Contextually this precept came from a time in the church when most faithful Catholics would go for years without receiving communion from real or perceived feelings of unworthiness. To help address this situation, the Church required one to at least receive Communion once a year (hence the yearly requirement to confess one’s sins so as to be in a state of Grace to receive Holy Communion). At least once a year then one would have to “get right with the Lord” so as to not go years in a state of sin/separation.

For us today, it is a good opportunity to appreciate the great gift we have as a Church to have the opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist at every Mass. It is also good to reflect on whether or not we have taken the immense generosity of God, in making the Eucharist so accessible, that it has become something almost routine or taken for granted. A sort of participation award for attending Mass.

We must always approach the Lord as the saints did, with fear and trembling. Not because God is evil and vengeful, but because He is Holy and we are not. And evil cannot survive in God’s presence. We will be purified. We must allow ourselves to be changed by every reception of Holy Communion. And we will, for better or worse. There is no static reception of the Eucharist.

May we truly come to experience the greatness of such a gift!

God bless, Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Fellowship Sunday

Fall into the fun with fellowship next Sunday, October 4th, directly after Mass over at the school gym. It's a great time for fellowship, meeting others and a light brunch!

CCD, Sacramental Prep & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

CCD & Confirmation classes will be starting on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30PM for grades 4 through 10.

Reconciliation and First Communion & CGS-Level I classes will be starting on Monday, October 19th from 3:30-5PM.

CGS-Level II classes will be starting on Wednesday, October 21st from 3-5PM in Viroqua at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary church.

If you have not registered and would like to, please reach out to the office.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

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

As Catholic School teacher's, we spent Friday, September 25th with the Diocese of La Crosse. We started with Mass and spent the rest of the day at Aquinas learning about the best practices to be able to teach our students about Catholic life & how to apply it. We are looking forward to having our first full week of school in October and celebrating life and the rosary.

PTO Update

Butterbraids have arrived! If you ordered any, please reach out to whomever you ordered from or they will be getting a hold of you soon to deliver! Thanks for the continued support of our school!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

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.

Respect Life Month (October)

October is Respect Life Month. Catholic Charities offers free, confidential pregnancy and parenting support and adoption services. For pregnancy support, call 1.844.64GRACE (1-844-644-7223) or text 715.600.6391. For adoption information, call 888.212.4357.

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.

Building Brighter Futures: Legacy Guild Dinner Celebrates Casa Hogar’s Strong Foundation:

Supporters of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II are invited to the 2026 Annual Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner on Friday, November 6, 2026, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. RSVP by Friday, October 23, 2026 to info@frjoesguild.org.

The Rosary is a Powerful Prayer

October is the month of the Rosary. In praying the Rosary, we think about one great saving event in the life of Jesus while we pray a decade: one Our Father, ten Hail Mary’s and a Glory Be. While we meditate on a mystery of Jesus’ life, we come to know Him better and find that the events of Jesus’ life guide us in dealing with the challenges we face. Further, we will find greater peace by praying a decade, each day, or even a full Rosary. For assistance, please visit

<https://diolc.org/catechesis/going-deeper-in-prayer>

Calling All Kids and Teens to the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Contest!

Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski devoted his life to the poor-building churches, schools, orphanages and soup kitchens, and bringing the love of Christ to those who needed it most. Now there's a meaningful way to introduce his story to the next generation: the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Contest.

Open to children and teens, the contest invites young people to learn about Fr. Joe's life of faith and service, then express what they've discovered through their own creativity. Entries can take almost any form-drawing, painting, storytelling, poetry, sculpture, photography, music, digital art, or another medium of the young artist's choosing. Awards will be given in three age divisions, plus a \$150 Best of Show – but more than that, it’s a chance to help carry Fr. Joe’s legacy forward.

Entries are due November 15, 2026.

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.



<u>Parish Events Calendar</u>	
Sept. 28	6:30PM Women’s Bible Study
Sept. 29	6:30PM Healing the Whole Person In partnership with & held at Viroqua
Oct. 2	9:00AM Adoration 2:30PM Adoration
Oct. 4	10:30AM Fellowship
Oct. 5	6:30PM Women’s Bible Study
Oct. 6	6:30PM Healing the Whole Person In partnership with & held at Viroqua
Oct. 7	6:30PM CCD & Confirmation