

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5 & 6, 2026

### *St. Charles Borromeo Parish*

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### Mass Schedule & Intentions for September 7, 2026 to September 13, 2026

|          |                  |                |                                         |
|----------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 09/07/26 | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>NO MASS</b> |                                         |
| 09/08/26 | Tuesday          | 8:30 AM        | † Dorothy & Louis Muentner              |
| 09/09/26 | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>NO MASS</b> |                                         |
| 09/10/26 | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>NO MASS</b> |                                         |
| 09/11/26 | Friday           | 8:00 AM        | Deceased & living<br>firefighters & EMS |
| 09/12/26 | Saturday         | 4:00 PM        | † Guthrie Larson                        |
| 09/13/26 | Sunday           | 9:30 AM        | People of St. Charles                   |

### Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Sep. 12: Jayne Coster

Sun. Sep. 13: Crystal Lavey

### Servers

Sat. Sep. 12: Volunteer

Sun. Sep. 13: Lorenzo & Giovanni Trussoni & Ezio Olson

### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Sep. 13: Priscilla Martin

### Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Umberger

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

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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 29 & 30**

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pallottine Mission           | \$ 240.00          |
| <u>Estimated Weekly Need</u> | <u>\$ 7,032.69</u> |
| Adult Envelopes              | \$ 2,075.00        |
| <u>Plate</u>                 | <u>\$ 441.00</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 2,516.00</b> |

## **From the Desk of Father Reither**

### The indispensable minimum

Sometimes we hear the phrase “practicing Catholic”, but what does it actually mean? One might be a Catholic by being baptized in the Church or received as a convert, but to actually live the faith is another thing. Likewise, we might know all of the theology, all of the facts about God, but still not be actively practicing the faith. The Apostle James writes about this in his letter when he said that “faith without works is dead” - James 2:26.

So what does it mean to be a “practicing Catholic?” It means to be living a life of Love. St. Paul in our second reading today speaks of this when he said that all of the commandments, the whole fulfilment of the Law can be summed up in one phrase: “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” To love as Christ has taught us means to will the good of the other.

To be a practicing Catholic then one needs to simply love God, others, and even ourselves as Jesus has taught us. With that in mind, it seems odd to speak about what is the “minimum” that I must do to get to heaven. Passion never counts the cost. When we truly love something or someone, we give ourselves to it entirely. But because of the weakness of our fallen human nature sometimes we need to be reminded of what it actually means to follow Christ and His Church.

The Catechism speaks of 5 precepts of the Church. These it describes as the indispensable minimum to guarantee growth in love of God and neighbor. It presupposes living an active life of prayer and of keeping the moral law. See the Catechism text below for what it means to be a practicing Catholic. These 5 precepts of the Church we will go into over the next couple of weeks, but here they are in full.

May the Lord continue to help us to love and thus fulfill the entirety of the law! – Fr. Reither

### II. The Precepts of the Church

2041 The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. the obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor:

2042 The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.”) requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.<sup>[82](#)</sup>

The second precept (“You shall confess your sins at least once a year.”) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.<sup>[83](#)</sup>

The third precept (“You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.”) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.<sup>[84](#)</sup>

2043 The fourth precept (“You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation.”) completes the Sunday observance by participation in the principal liturgical feasts which honor the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints.<sup>[85](#)</sup>

The fifth precept (“You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.”) ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts; they help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.<sup>[86](#)</sup>

The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.<sup>[87](#)</sup>

## ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

### We give thanks to God for the summer Baptisms of:

Wilda Lou Peyton (daughter of Lane & Hannah)  
Leroy James Phillips (son of Henry & Kallin)  
Landon Donald Hundt (son of Nolan & Theresa)  
Calvin William Clements (son of Cameron & April)

### 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.

**Healing the Whole Person** ~ in partnership with Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua ~

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.

## ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

### Head Teacher Update

One week down, much more fun to be had! We have had four days of school so far, and there are already great strides being made. The students have gotten back into the routine of school even with the summer-like heat we experienced all week. The teachers have been helping to keep the kids cool with an impromptu sprinkler session at recess and some cold-water spray bottles as they re-enter school after recess. It has been a great start to the year, and we look forward to coming back again after Labor Day. We could get used to these four-day weeks!

### School Fundraiser

Butterbraids! If you haven't connected with a student or family member yet the orders have been extended to Sept 11th.

You can also go online at

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/d08b0dd1-2ef9-45d1-9863-4f31c59a0c18>

and put in your order under one of the kids and they will deliver them to you once they arrive.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

**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. More information and registration email [region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com](mailto:region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com)

**Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe** - October 10 from 9-4 there will be a Day of Reflection held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe to discuss Mary's role in scripture and the Life of the Church. Call 608-782-0011 to register.

## Important Words to Know and Understand 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.

### 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 for details



**De Soto Lions Club Chicken Q** - September 13 from 11-2 at the Community Center. A \$15 dinner includes ½ BBQ grilled chicken, baked beans, homemade macaroni salad and dinner roll. Presale tickets available from any Lions member or tickets sold at the door!

**St. Peter's Church Annual Sauerkraut Supper-** Wednesday, October 14 from 4-7:30 at St. Peter's Church on Hwy 33 in Rockland. A \$16 dinner includes church made kraut & pork, polish sausage,

glazed carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy and homemade pie. There will also be bake sale items, raffles and a beverage tent.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church** - On Thursday, October 1, from 3-5 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Coon Valley, there will be an Advanced Care Planning Workshop. If you would like to attend, please call 608-637-7711 to register.

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - On Thursday, October 8, from 5-7 at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua, there will be an Advanced Care Planning Workshop. If you would like to attend, please call 608-637-7711 to register.

### St. Charles Endowment Fund

Did you know that our parish has an endowment fund? This fund helps support the longevity of St. Charles parish and school by providing a stable source of income from the interest of the fund. Any money added to the fund remains part of the principle and is never removed. The greater the principle, the more benefit the parish receives. If you are interested in making a legacy gift to the fund please reach out to the parish office!

### Parish Events Calendar

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sept. 7</b>  | Labor Day-No school                                                         |
| <b>Sept. 13</b> | 6:30PM Men's Lectio Group                                                   |
| <b>Sept. 14</b> | 6:30PM Women's Bible Study                                                  |
| <b>Sept. 18</b> | No school-inservice                                                         |
| <b>Sept. 19</b> | 5:30PM Faith on Tap                                                         |
| <b>Sept. 21</b> | 6:30PM Women's Bible Study                                                  |
| <b>Sept. 23</b> | Rural Life Celebration in Bangor                                            |
| <b>Sept. 25</b> | No school-inservice                                                         |
| <b>Sept. 27</b> | 6:30PM Men's Lectio Group                                                   |
| <b>Sept. 28</b> | 6:30PM Women's Bible Study                                                  |
| <b>Sept. 29</b> | 6:30PM Healing the Whole Person<br>In partnership with & held at<br>Viroqua |