

September 20, 2026



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Mass Schedule

Daily Liturgy:

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am
In-Person or **YouTube Live**

Weekend Masses

4:00 pm Saturday*

8:30 & 10:30 am Sunday

*Saturday 4 pm Mass is **Live -**
streamed and then available on
YouTube for viewing on-line

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm



Our church is equipped with a
hearing-loop for hearing aid
wearers. Switching your
hearing aid to the "T-Mode" position
should allow you to hear the service.
We also have a Bluetooth system
available for use.

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St. Charles Borromeo Church

2025-26 CMA Goal: \$105,000

ALL THINGS NEW

*Embracing Our
Mission in Christ*



2026/2027 Catholic Ministries Appeal



Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo Parish is a Christ-Centered, Catholic worshipping community which serves the diverse needs and celebrates the God-given gifts of our parishioners and the global community in a spirit of joy and generosity.

Masses

Sunday, September 20—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a

4:00 pm (Sat.) Joyce Sheils—*Penny & Reeder Families*
 Thomas David Casey—*Wife & Family*

8:30 am Sherry Luciano—*Bill & Claire Kelly*

10:30 am Evie (Botsford) Adams—*The Nichols Family*

Monday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Mt 9:9-13

8:00 am David W. Loomis—*The Bray Family*

Tuesday, September 22

Prv 21:1-6,10-13/Lk 8:19-21

8:00 am Evelyn (Botsford) Adams—*Mike & Ceil Schneider*

Wednesday, September 23

Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

8:00 am Nancy Militello—*Jim Gallagher*

Thursday, September 24

Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

8:00 am Alex & Beryl Lemos—*John & Carol Leary*

Friday, September 25

Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

8:00 am Emvano Cortes—*Family*

Saturday, September 26

Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

4:00 pm Audrey Hulme—*Mike & Ceil Schneider*

Sunday, September 27—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

8:30 am Carol Nearing—*Ann Worth*

10:30 am Ken Bell—*Sisters, Judy & Ellen*



*The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week
 in Loving Memory of*

Evie (Botsford) Adams

at the request of the St. Charles Parish Staff



**Come Be a Part of
 The Children's Choir
 at St. Charles
 Borromeo Church**

Charley's Angels

Our wonderful youth choir is for singers in grades 1–12. They are the music ministers for the children's liturgies held throughout the year. We rehearse on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:10 am (after the 8:30 Mass, before the 10:30 Mass) in the Music Room in Church. The first rehearsal is next **Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 am**. The next rehearsal on October 4 will be at **9:30 am** as usual. We have a great time!

**For more information or any questions,
 contact Marcia at 585-766-3940 or
 e-mail: mewsic2@aol.com**

Week Ahead

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am Parish Breakfast—PC (*until 12:30 pm*)

12:00 pm AA "Rebos" Group—BMC/2

Monday, September 21

Tuesday, September 22

12:15 pm Al-Anon Group—BMC/10

1:00 pm Bible Journaling Session—BMC/Library

7:00 pm AA "Sober" Group—PC

Wednesday, September 23

1:00 pm Fun Senior Group—BMC/22

6:30 pm Schola Rehearsal—CH

7:30 pm Sanctuary 24 Rehearsal—CH

Thursday, September 24

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

Sunday, September 27

11:30 am Charley's Angels Choir Rehearsal—CH (MR)

12:00 pm AA "Rebos" Group—BMC/2

Legend: CH=Church BMC=Borromeo Ministry Center
 PC=Parish Center

It's That Time! VOTE for St. Charles!

It is time to VOTE for St. Charles Borromeo

as your favorite local church in the

"Entertainment & Leisure: Place of Worship" category
 for the 2026 Rochester Community's Choice Awards!
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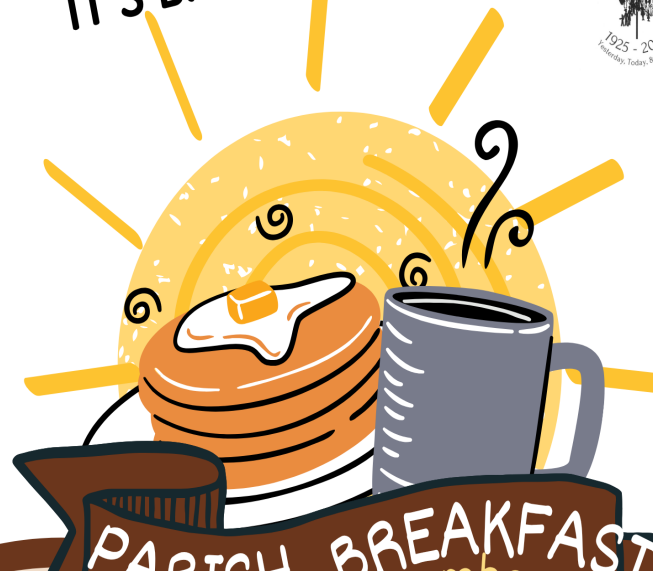
STEWARDSHIP REPORT**SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026****(11TH WEEK OF FISCAL YEAR 2026/27)**

ATTENDANCE.....	181	4:00PM
	140	8:30AM
	255	10:30AM
STREAMING	16	
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	592	

Sunday Offering\$9,277.50**PLUS: ONLINE (ACH/Credit Cards) Giving.....\$1,646.00****TOTAL Collected\$10,923.50****WEEKLY BUDGET: \$13,175**

*Fr. John thanks you for your presence along
with your spiritual & financial support
throughout the year!*

IT'S BACK!!!! **THIS WEEKEND!** 



PARISH BREAKFAST
Sunday, September 20

9:30AM-12:30PM

PARISH CENTER -- FREE**

Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Tea and
LOTS of Syrup!

****DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED****



\$125 went to **Catholic Charities Family & Community Services** this past weekend. **Notre Dame Learning Center** will be this weekend's Parish Sharing recipient.

This weekend our parish sharing will go to the **Notre Dame Learning Center**. It has been in operation since 2004 as a ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, but is a separate non-profit. The Center provides education opportunities for city children in grades 1-9 at the Charles Settlement House (northwest location) and Bishop Kearney High School (northeast location). Tutoring is on an individual level and for one hour per week at a scheduled time for each subject (math, reading).

They are always looking for tutors and will train volunteers. Tutors are provided with program material and instructions for each child based on his/her need. Their website is: ndlcenter.org.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
15TH ANNUAL

Ladies Luncheon & FUNDRAISER

Beach Luau
Join us for a tropical afternoon of faith, fellowship and fun!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2026
11:00 A.M.
(DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 A.M.)
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\$25 PER PERSON
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JENNIFER LEWKE
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER
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Readings for September 20, 2026 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9)

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

2nd Reading (Philippians 1:20c24,27a)

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.



Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16a)

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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A Message from Bishop Bonnici....

*Thanks to the generosity of the Diocese of Peoria and Bishop Louis Tylka, the Diocese of Rochester will be receiving a "substantial" first-class relic of Bishop Sheen. The week after Bishop Sheen's Beatification in St. Louis on September 24, Bishop Tylka will be visiting the Diocese of Rochester to bring us the relic. We will receive this relic in a special Mass on **Tuesday, September 29 at 7 pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral. I cordially invite you all to join me for this special event when Bishop Sheen returns to his Cathedral, our Cathedral!*

*Also, I would like to use this special occasion to make an appeal: pray for vocations to the Priesthood. I ask that all of the faithful of the Diocese of Rochester to join me in asking Blessed Fulton Sheen **every day** to send us good and holy priests. So, I humbly beg you, pray for vocations. I ask every person in the Diocese of Rochester to pray **one Hail Mary** everyday for vocations, and to add Bishop Sheen's prayer: "**Lord, infuse young hearts with vocations.**" What a great thing if we all unit in this common prayer, and what a great thing to ask Blessed Fulton Sheen, the Sixth Bishop of Rochester, to pray for.*



A listing of the Relic Locations & Dates is on Page 5 for your information.



Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour



Come pray with the relic of
Rochester's sixth bishop!

Locations & Dates

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

Rochester

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. STEPHEN

Geneva

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Spencerport

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY

Geneseo

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOSEPH

Penfield

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER

Horseheads

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Ithaca

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, 7:00pm



The Road Less Traveled

—Deacon Don Eggleston

E-mail: Donald.Eggleston@dor.org

There is a phrase, around for many years, with which I have deeply struggled. That phrase is:

“There, but for the grace of God, go I.”

When used in its most charitable form, it is usually meant humbly: *I recognize that I could have been in that person's situation, and I am grateful that I wasn't.* But there is a theological and human problem hiding inside it. It can unintentionally suggest:

I am safe because God spared me, while that person is suffering because God did not spare them.

And that can make another person's suffering seem like a kind of divine allocation—*God gave me grace, but not them.*

For a Christian, particularly, I think there is a richer way to understand the instinct behind the saying.

Instead of “There, but for the grace of God, go I,” perhaps:

“There go I—and by the grace of God, I will not turn away.”

That changes the emphasis dramatically. The point isn't “*Thank God I'm not that person.*” It is “*That person's vulnerability is also mine. Their suffering calls me into compassion, solidarity, and love.*”

There's also something important in the biblical understanding of grace: **grace isn't simply God's protection from bad things.** The people we encounter who suffer are not necessarily people whom God has withheld grace from. Sometimes grace is present *within* the suffering—in the person who endures it, in those who accompany them, and in the love that emerges around them. I am finding this to be very true.

It is natural to focus our attention on our own suffering or the suffering of loved ones, and to question “why.” It is important however to widen our lens a bit; to recognize that suffering has been a part of our human condition since the time of Original Sin in the Garden of Eden, and to recognize the scale and scope of suffering in our world today amongst even the most innocent and vulnerable. Suffering is not limited to the few or ungraced. When we are able to widen our view, we can replace the older phrase with this:

“That person's vulnerability is also mine. Their suffering calls me into compassion, solidarity, and love.”

That is a call to which Jesus asks us to respond each day.

Thanks be to God.





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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious
because I am
generous?”

Thus, the last will
be first, and the
first will be last.”

- Mt 20:15-16



Coffee Hours are Back!

Our Evangelization Team is happy to report that our first parish coffee hours since the summer break were a wonderful success! Both gatherings were **well attended and filled with good conversation, laughter, and fellowship.** The traditional **10:30 Mass Coffee Hour in the Parish Center** welcomed many familiar faces, while our **new Coffee Hour following the 8:30 Mass in the back of the church** also had a great turnout.

It was wonderful to see parishioners gathering together, meeting new people, and simply enjoying time with one another. These informal opportunities for fellowship are an important part of building a welcoming and connected parish community. **Both coffee hours will continue monthly!** We hope you will join us for a cup of coffee, donuts, and some good parish fellowship.

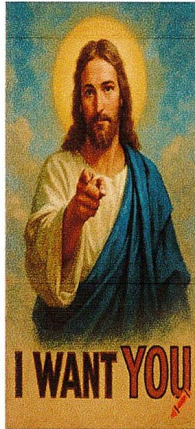
Watch the bulletin for the dates and details of our next Coffee Hours. We look forward to seeing you there!



Altar Server Ministry is Returning at St. Charles Borromeo!

Do you feel called to be an Altar Server at Weekend Masses or even curious about serving? The Altar Server Ministry is open to all youth in **grades 5 or higher** who have received their **First Holy Communion**. Serving at weekend Masses is a wonderful way to grow closer to Jesus, learn more about the Mass, and actively participate in our parish community.

If your child is interested in joining this vital ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 663-3230 or by email: gstcharl@dor.org. We are looking to start training in the new few weeks.



TO BE A CATECHIST!

Are You Being Called to Teach Our Parish Youth or Adults?

Catechists and Aides are Greatly Needed!

There are several programs to choose from:

Family Faith	Penance & Communion	Summer Faith Formation	Confirmation	OCIA
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No degree or experience needed - Just a love of God and neighbor and a passion for sharing our Catholic faith!

Please contact Maura Spencer

maura.spencer@dor.org

663-8000 x 1

Now Registering for Faith Formation 2026-2027!

Programs are for children in grades 1-7

There are **two** options for Faith Formation starting this month...

Home Study OR Family Faith

For more information, pick up a registration packet at the church, check your parish website, or contact Maura Spencer at maura.spencer@dor.org

In addition, if you have a child going into 2nd grade or higher who has not made their sacraments of First Penance and First Communion, please contact the Faith Formation office at 663-8000 to be added to the distribution list to receive details.

We are in Great Need of Volunteers! Please consider sharing your faith with our parish youth by helping in this incredible ministry.

Call 663-8000 ext 1 to learn more about being a volunteer catechist.

**Thank you for bringing your
children closer to Jesus!**

Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Your Father says, "Will you work eight hours in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You answer, "Yes." You work hard for seven hours. Then your Father says to two other people, "Will you work one hour in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You shout angrily, "Father, you are not fair." He says, "You agreed to work eight hours for one hundred dollars. That is fair."



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

When I am first or when I am last, thanks for giving me what I need, Father.

Mission for the Week

I will do chores and give the money that I earn to the poor.





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