

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

June 28 & 29, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 30 – July 6, 2025

06/30/25	Monday	NO MASS
07/01/25	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
07/02/25	Wednesday	8:00 AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory
07/03/25	Thursday	NO MASS (8:30 AM at St. Mary's in Viroqua)
07/04/25	Friday	8:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
07/05/25	Saturday	4:00 PM † Janie Cina
07/06/25	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers

Lector

Sat. July 05: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. July 06: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. July 05: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. July 06: 9:30 AM: Easton & Dekker Eckes;

Felicity Mitchell & Lorenzo Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. July 06: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. June 30: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

Mon. July 07: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Ushers (July 2025)

Saturday: Larry Kelsey & _____

Sunday: Keith Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni & Tim Gianoli

Prayer Requests

Call 608-689-2642 - 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

2nd Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

2nd Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Baptism

Contact parish at least 2 months prior:
608-689-2642

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) 689-2642 if someone is seriously ill and needs the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Sacrificial Giving; June 14 & 15 2025

Estimated Weekly Need	\$7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$1,340.00
Plate Offering	\$ 268.00
Total	\$1,608.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Gratitude and Blessings

Peace to you! I am grateful for everyone who helped and/or participated in the Eucharistic Procession after Mass and the potluck farewell reception for me last Sunday. There were so many beautiful and grace-filled moments. This will be my final weekend as pastor at St. Charles. How fitting is it as our parish says farewell to one pastor and "hello" to a new pastor, that we celebrate the Apostles Peter and Paul? These great apostles and missionaries brought the Good News to many and were martyred for their love of the Lord Jesus. We too are sent by Jesus to bring the Gospel to the whole world -- to Stoddard, Genoa, De Soto, and even Ferryville, Romance, Redmound, and Retreat!

Please sign up to volunteer for next week's Homecoming Picnic. Also take note the information about the Vacation Bible School this week, and the Evening Mission Event with the Dominican Sisters on Tuesday, July 1st at St. Charles School!

Looking back at the past five years, I started counting and writing down the many blessings the Lord has given to our parish community. Every year we have made our Diocesan Annual Appeal goal. This year we were over goal more than the past 5 years. We pledged over goal for our 5 year Capital Campaign and have already been able to do repairs on the bell tower. Overall, our finances have stabilized since the post-2020 instability and we finished "in the black" last year and are projected to make it this year too.

We have hosted 5 Journey program seminarians from various dioceses. We hosted then-Deacon Alex Kren for the summer of 2022. This was made easier because of the renovation of the rectory bathrooms in the spring of 2022. Our school has maintained enrollment between 21 and 25 students. We have a good teaching staff! In 2022 we started an OCIA program and because of our great team, have received several new Catholics into the Church and our parish. We have grown in our hospitality gifts as a parish community and thus have welcomed many new families to our parish, who describe our parish as "home" and a "spiritual oasis." There has been growth both in our community life and our spiritual lives. More parishioners are regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, attending our monthly Eucharistic Adoration, First Friday devotions, and participating in bible studies, prayer groups, book clubs, service and ministry groups.

I am so grateful for each of you here at St. Charles parish, for your faith, your support, and your prayers for me this past 5 years. It has been a blessing to serve as your pastor. I will continue to remember you in my prayers and whenever I celebrate the Holy Mass. You are certainly welcome to stay in touch with me. I will be keeping my email address (top of the bulletin). My new snail mail address is:

Notre Dame Church, 117 Allen Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

May the Lord continue to bless you, your families, and our parish. St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!
-Fr. Sedlacek

St. Charles Parish News

URGENT! Homecoming Picnic Volunteer Sign Up

The final meeting of the Homecoming Picnic Committee will be at 6 p.m. Monday, June 30, at the school. We will finalize plans for the July 6 fund-raiser and fill Fish Pond bags. All are welcome to join us. And if you haven't yet signed up to volunteer, please do so with this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949AFAD22A6F94-homecoming#/> Committee members will be available after both Masses this weekend to help people sign up.

Summer Vacation Bible School – June 29 - July 4

Vacation Bible School is here! It will be put on by two Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist (from Ann Arbor, Michigan) and will take place at St. Mary's church, 400 Congress Ave, Viroqua, on Monday-Thursday, June 30th-July 3rd from 8 AM – Noon. This day program is for all kids entering or completing Grades K-6th. To register for the day program, please fill out this [Google Form](#) or email or call the Parish Office. office@stcharlesgenoa.org. (608) 689-2642. Cost: Free Will Offering. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tessa Ledoux. tessaledoux1011@gmail.com

Evening Mission with the Dominican Sisters

This week, the Dominican Sisters will also be offering Evening Missions for all parishioners at various area parishes where they will tell their story and do a Q&A. They are coming to St. Charles on Tuesday, July 1st! Please join us as they share about their life as a Dominican religious sister, and answer our questions.

Monday, June 30 at 6:30 PM - Evening Mission at St. Mary's in Gays Mills

Tuesday, July 1 at 6:30 PM - Evening Mission at **St. Charles** in Genoa

Wednesday, July 2 at 6:30 PM - Evening Mission & Soup Supper at Viroqua

Thursday, July 3 at 6:30 PM - Evening Mission at Sacred Heart in Cashton

Friday, July 4

Families are welcome to pack a lunch and join the Dominican Sisters at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, 5250 Justin Road. 11:30 AM – meet outside the shrine church; 11:45 Rosary Walk; 1:00 Mass; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet

122nd Homecoming Picnic – Sunday, July 6

The 122nd St. Charles Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 6th. The annual event is held on the first Sunday in July. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each meal includes Pogy's grilled chicken and sides, as well as a serving of homemade risotto, which is a cheesy rice delicacy passed down through generations of Italian immigrants who settled in the area. Raffle drawings will begin at 3 p.m. Most events will be held outdoors, with dining options available inside the adjacent school. Entry is free and open to the public. Meals cost \$15 each, smaller hot dog plates available for younger attendees for \$6. For more information, visit St. Charles School and Parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSchoolGenoa>.

Frances Garden Prayer Service – Sunday, July 6 after Mass

Our parish dedicated the Frances Garden section for babies and children in our cemetery 6 years ago. There are spaces for burial for babies and infants and a memorial stone for all our parish children who died by miscarriage, stillbirth, or during infancy. We will have to have a memorial prayer service on Sunday July 6th right after the 9:30 AM Mass at the Frances Garden, which is by the Holy Family statue in the new section of the cemetery. All are welcome to attend before getting your chicken dinner. For more information about the Frances Garden or adding a name to the memorial stone, please contact Beth Mitchell

happymitchell04@gmail.com.

Cancelled - Thursday Adoration and Confessions on July 10th

We usually have a monthly parish adoration and confession time on the 2nd Thursdays of the month. However, Adoration and Confession on Thursday, July 10 is cancelled, since Fr. Reither will be out of town that week on a mission trip.

Sisters of Divine Mercy and Merciful Heart of Jesus Farm

Exciting news! An approved order of religious Sisters will be moving into our area this summer. The Franciscan Congregation of Divine Mercy was founded in our diocese near Marshfield a few years ago by Mother Mary Veronica. There are currently 3 or 4 Sisters in their community and they are hoping to grow. Their work centers around the message that Jesus gave to St. Faustina revealing His mercy for us. They do work with healing which includes working with animals. And so, they have had a farm outside of Marshfield for the horses and other animals. They discerned to move closer to La Crosse and will be closing on a property half-way between Genoa and Viroqua on Hwy 56. Let us welcome them into our local church communities in Genoa, Viroqua, and environs. I know these Sisters personally. If you would like more information about them, please visit their website: <https://www.fcofdivinemeracy.org/> I also have copies of Mother's latest letter in the vestibule.

Footsteps of St. Charles Pilgrimage to Italy 2025

This pilgrimage is still happening and Fr. Sedlacek is still going! There is time to join us on an unforgettable Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Italy on **September 29-October 8, 2025**. The pilgrimage includes Rome and going through the Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year, visiting Assisi, Milan, and more. In Rome and Milan we will stop at sites significant in the life of St. Charles Borromeo, our parish patron. The cost is \$6,300 per person (price includes flights, transportation, housing, and most meals). For more information, email Fr. Sedlacek or pilgrimage coordinator, Vincenzo, at vincenzo@vincenzoinrome.com

St. Charles School News and Events

SCRIP Gift Cards

Earn money back for St. Charles Parish by purchasing gift cards. If you missed the deadline for ordering

physical gift cards, you can still purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. Contact Megan Olson with questions: Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

The Second-Hand Shack

The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street, La Crosse. They donate a portion of her profits to local non-profits, including St. Charles PTO. Parishioners can drop off clean, gently used items. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact Sarah for donation times, acceptance and exclusions.

News from the Diocese and our Community

JohnCinaSeven 11th Annual Pumpkinball Tourney

June 27-29th @Genoa Park. Chicken Q tickets are available. Do you want to volunteer, donate, play etc. or maybe you know of a need? Check out our website: <https://www.johncinaseven.com/> for more details and fun for the whole family! Feel free to connect with Jessie Cina at 608-780-1148.

Jail Ministry Brat Barn Fundraiser – July 19

How can you support those who visit the inmates in our La Crosse jail? Sign up for a three-hour shift to cook brats & raise money for La Crosse Jail Ministries at Festival's Brat Barn. Saturday Shifts occur at: (1) 9 am to noon (2) noon to 3:30 pm and (3) 3:30 pm - 7 pm on July 19th. If you'd like to sign up for a shift, email Chris Magnuson (president@lacrossejailministry.org), or Pastor Laura (laura@firstcongolax.org).

RESCHEDULED: March for Life Wisconsin has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 26, 2025

This joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life has been rescheduled to 2-4pm on Saturday, July 26, 2025, on the State Street steps at the State Capitol in Madison. Please join us then to stand for life! More information at MarchforLifeWisconsin.org or contact Lesley Chisholm, Pro-Life Wisconsin Outreach Director at 262-796-1111 x116 or Lesley.C@ProLifeWI.org.

St. Patrick's Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale – July 25-26

127 11th Ave. N., Onalaska, WI

Friday, July 25, 7:30 am - 4 pm

Saturday, July 26, 7:30 am - 3 pm

Holiday items, Collectors corner with antiques and unique items, household items, furniture, bikes, toys, bedding, jewelry, baked goods, and so much more! Donations for the [St. Patrick Rummage Sale](#) will be accepted starting June 25. Contact the parish office for drop-off times and information at 608.783.5535, ext. 2.

3rd Annual Picnic on the Lawn – St. Mary's, Coon Valley Saturday, July 26, 2025

All are welcome to join us for a fun-filled afternoon at our 3rd Annual Picnic on the Lawn on July 26 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM! Delicious pork prepared by Simply Smoked, walking tacos, kids' hot dogs and ice cream treats. Live music by Jen Wilder (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM) and Leather and Lace (1:00 – 3:00 PM), a bounce house, dunk tank, parents vs. kid's games, and more! Goodwill donations are appreciated. Some of the entertainment and beverages will be available for a small fee. Don't forget your lawn chair—and come enjoy a wonderful summer day with friends, family, and neighbors!

Events at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dedication Anniversary - July 31, 2025

Come and celebrate the Anniversary of the Shrine's Dedication, a day to thank God for this place of pilgrimage under Our Lady's mantle since 2008. Cardinal Burke will offer the 12:15 pm Mass. More information at GuadalupeShrine.org/Events

Healing Your Marriage – Aug. 15-17

Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) or visit website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org. Fully Confidential and affordable. The next program begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area, August 15-17, 2025.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

If you are a Catholic woman over the age of 21, please consider joining our Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court La Crosse #1183. To learn more about our court and the Catholic Daughters, please contact Marie Allen, 608-784-5189, email: marie.v.allen@charter.net or visit www.catholicdaughters.org

Parish Events Calendar

Mon. June 30: Homecoming Picnic Committee Meeting 6 PM in the School Gym

June 30-July 4: Vacation Bible School with the Dominican Sisters at St. Mary's, Viroqua.

Sun. July 06: 122nd Homecoming Picnic

Sat. July 05: 1st Saturday Mass at St. Mary's Hermitage. 9 AM

Thu. July 10: Cancelled: Adoration and Confessions. Fr. Reither out of town.