

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 27 & 28, 2025

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

707 Eagle Street, P. O. Box 130, Genoa, WI 54632

Website: www.stcharlesgenoa.org

Parish Office: 608-689-2642; Email: office@stcharlesgenoa.org

Parochial Administrator: Fr. Timothy Reither

Email: treither@diolclergy.org

Mass Schedule & Intentions for December 29 – January 4, 2025

12/29/25	Monday	NO MASS
12/30/25	Tuesday	8:00 AM † Roger Heinemann
12/31/25	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/01/26	Thursday (Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God)	9:30 AM † Patrick Breckunitch 7:00 PM People of St. Charles
01/02/26	Friday	8:00 AM † Robert Hunder Arneson & Wells Arneson
01/03/26	Saturday	4:00 PM † Shirley Larson
01/04/26	Sunday	9:30 AM People of St. Charles

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Thu. Jan. 01: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn
Thu. Jan. 01: 7:00 PM Tom Jeffers
Sat. Jan. 03: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti
Sun. Jan. 04: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Thu. Jan. 01: 9:30 AM: Emma Kendhammer, Felicity & Abigail Mitchell
Thu. Jan. 01: 7:00 PM: Lorenzo & Giovanni Trussoni
Sat. Jan. 03: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Jan. 04: 9:30 AM: Lorenzo Trussoni, Oscar & Henry Levendoski; Henry Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 04: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Dec. 29: Priscilla Martin; Marian Naegle; Linda Pedretti

Mon. Jan. 05: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn Umberger

Ushers January 2026)

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

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

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; December 20 & 21, 2025

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	<u>\$7,032.69</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$6,305.00
Plate	\$ 150.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 6,532.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

Happy fourth day of Christmas! Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family. This feast day serves as a reminder of how Jesus has sanctified the family and raised married life to the level of a Sacrament. That means that in a very real way our path to heaven and the surest means of growth in holiness is profoundly tied to family life as God has willed it from the beginning. The fact that Jesus chose to be born in a human family teaches us that the family is not optional. It cannot be redefined or changed to fit the changing cultural sensibilities. Its enduring relevance continues to this day. At the same time, we know that every human family is marked by some form of dysfunction and brokenness (as I say about my family, we put the fun in disFUNction) as each of us suffers from the wound of original sin.

But as the feast of Christmas reminds us, Jesus enters into the midst of human brokenness and suffering to raise us back to himself and he gives the grace to overcome pathways of sin. See again St. Paul's words in our second reading today as an example of striving for holiness in family life.

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."

– St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians

It is not easy and certainly the path to holiness is messy, but when we try with our hearts to follow Jesus and live by his commands, God enters in. As we begin this new year, take some time to consider how you would like to grow closer to God as a family or as a member of a family this upcoming year.

God bless,

Fr. Reither

Prayer for Families (from the USCCB)

 , ' We bless your name, O Lord,
 for sending your own incarnate Son,
 to become part of a family,
 so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries and its joys.

 We ask you, Lord,
 to protect and watch over this family,
 so that in the strength of your grace
 its members may enjoy prosperity,
 possess the priceless gift of your peace,
 and, as the Church alive in the home,

 bear witness in this world to your glory.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

New Administrative Assistant

We are excited to announce that we have a new Parish and School Administrative Assistant who will be taking the place of Carroll Hunder. We are thankful for Carroll's years of service to our parish and please welcome Julie Hurlburt. Please see a little introduction from her below:

"I moved to Stoddard in August of 2022 with my husband Rob and we joined the Parish shortly after. We have 3 daughters Brianna, Catherine and Alanna whom are all grown. We live on a small farm and I enjoy crafting, fishing, hunting, teaching, the outdoors, serving my community and farming. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and I can't wait to see what adventures we will share to grow together."

CCD: Classes resume on Sunday, January 4th & Wednesday, January 7th, 2026.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

School: School resumes on Monday, January 5th, 2026.

School: No school January 19-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Catholic Schools Week: Sunday, January 25 – Saturday, January 31, 2026

Scrip Gift Cards: Earn money back for St. Charles Parish by purchasing gift cards. You can purchase cards on the RaiseRight app. There is a handout with instructions in the vestibule OR for questions, contact Megan Olson at: Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

3K (3-year old Kindergarten): St. Charles School is excited to announce the reopening of a 3K (3-year-old Kindergarten) program for the coming school year! Potential students must be 3 years old by **September 1st** to start at the beginning of the school year, or turn 3 by **January 23** to begin at the start of the second semester. There will be 3-day or 5-day options. Please call the school office (608-689-2642) to let us know of your

interest, or pass the information along to someone who may be interested. Come join our school family!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Healing Ministry for those Who Have Lost a Baby

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email Hope4U@diolc.org. There are also healing retreats offered in the Diocese of Madison. For more information, visit <https://madisondiocese.org/rachel>

La Crosse SEEK January 29 – February 1, 2026:

SEEK is a national conference for an encounter with God, personal transformation and growth in community! This year it will be locally at UW-La Crosse Student Union. Experience the transforming love of Jesus through inspiring speakers, worship, and community! SEEK is for everyone to attend: college students, families, and adults (under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult). The 4-day conference is adapted to fit most work and school schedules: **Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturday all day and Sunday morning.** The price is \$50 for the entire event. There will be an optional free childwatch on Saturday, **January 31st**. Please register on the Roncalli Newman or Blessed Sacrament website.

Jan. 17 Pro-Life Workshop with Emily Geiger: *Effective Dialogue with 'Pro-Choice' People - What we've learned from talking with thousands*

Join us for an engaging and practical workshop with Emily Geiger of the Equal Rights Institute, designed to help Catholics communicate the truth about the dignity of human life with clarity, charity, and confidence. Emily's proven approach to pro-life dialogue has been tested on college campuses across the country. A dynamic and thoughtful speaker, she has appeared on MSNBC, EWTN, Relevant Radio, Focus on the Family, Christianity Today and more. This workshop will equip participants with concrete tools for meaningful, respectful conversations—especially in challenging or emotionally charged situations.

- Date: Jan. 17
- Time: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Location: Our Lady of Peace Parish, 1414 W 5th St., Marshfield 54449
- Lunch: included.

Visit diolc.org/respect-life for complete details and to register.

This Christmas, Help Catholic Charities Love our Neighbors in Need:

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst (especially in winter) to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Especially in this holy season of Christmas, find out how you can help by visiting cclse.org

CALIX: A Catholic Substance Abuse Recovery Support Group:

Calix is an association of Catholics wanting to live free of addiction to alcohol or drugs, and it is also for affected family members. It is not a substitute for AA or Al-Anon, but provides a Catholic perspective to complement these 12-step programs. “Calix,” Latin for “chalice,” was founded in Minneapolis in 1947 by a group of five men, all recovering alcoholics, who saw their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. If you are interested in learning about the Calix group that meets every other Tuesday by Zoom in the Diocese of La Crosse, email Christine at healthandharmonywi@gmail.com. To learn more about Calix, visit <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

Mary, Mother of the Church (2006 Weston S., La Crosse) is hosting a small discussion format and viewing the series *The Search* from Formed.org, a seven-part video-based spiritual experience. *The Search* proclaims the Gospel in words that modern ears are ready to hear and images that modern eyes can't help but see and remember. It is hosted by the well-known Catholic evangelist Chris Stefanick and also features scientists, artists, philosophers, and other people from all walks of life proclaiming how their searches for meaning led them to Jesus and the Gospel. *The Search* is not just meant to be watched – and it certainly not meant to watch alone. That is why we will be meeting on Mondays from 6-7:30 PM beginning **January 5th** to watch, discuss, and truly benefit and grow from experiencing *The Search*. No matter where someone is in their faith, all are welcome. There is no cost!

Parish Events Calendar

Sunday, January 4: Kindergarten – 6th Grade CCD 8:15 am
Fellowship after mass
OCIA 10:45-noon

Wednesday, January 7 : Middle/High School CCD 6:30-8 pm

Sunday, January 18: Sip N' Paint PTO fundraiser

Monday, January 19: No school-Martin Luther King Jr. Day