

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 10 & 11, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 12 – January 18, 2026

01/12/26	Monday	NO MASS
01/13/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Dick Rady
01/14/26	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/15/26	Thursday	NO MASS
01/16/26	Friday	8:00 AM † Rudy & Lena Walcker family
01/17/26	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
01/18/26	Sunday	9:30 AM † Andrew Granchalek

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; January 3 & 4

Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,415.05
Plate	\$ 416.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 30.00
Religious Education	\$ 30.00
Catholic Life Magazine	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 9,911.05

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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

From the Desk of Father Reither

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today's feast is always a little strange when we think about it. Jesus did not need to be baptised for the forgiveness of sins (like the rest of us do) because He was in fact, sinless. However, in the mysterious plan of God, Jesus wanted to be numbered among sinners. By his baptism, the waters of baptism were blessed for all of us.

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (CCC 1213)

This week we close out Christmas and begin the new liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the time we are encouraged to grow in the grace of our baptism. While many of us may not even remember the day of our Baptism, it still remains the most important day of our lives for on that day the gates of heaven were opened to us and we were reborn as true children of God. Through our Baptism we began to share in the life of Grace, which is God's own life dwelling within us. God's Grace is always a free gift; it is not based on our own personal worthiness, nor can it be "earned" by good behavior. We are still free to reject His Grace, we do this whenever we choose to sin, but it is always God's free gift that He offers us the Grace to turn back to Him in repentance.

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you" - John 15:16. This truth is especially seen in infant baptisms. "Let the Children come to me", was our Lord's command in the Gospel (Matthew 19:14). This is the basis for the Church's teaching that new parents should and are obliged to bring their children as soon as possible to the waters of Baptism, indeed within the first weeks after being born, for the gift of being an adopted child of God and sharing in the life of Grace should never be delayed. , "We love because he first loved us." - 1 John 4:19. Yes, our response to God's love is necessary, but it always comes second. We do not choose to love God and then he shares his love with us, but already God's grace of repentance is being offered to us. Whether we choose to accept or reject it is up to us.

As we begin again this new season in the liturgical year, let us hold fast to the great gift we have been given in Baptism and continue to seek to live within His Grace by rejecting sin and by seeking to live the life of virtue.

God bless,

-Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

School: No school/in-service January 19th

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.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

CCD

There is NO CCD/Confirmation class this Wednesday, January 14th!

Grades K-5 Sunday, January 11 8:15-9:15

Grades 6-10 Wednesday, January 21 6-8:30

MASS INTENTIONS

We have a number of open spots for Mass intentions in 2026. To schedule a Mass for a particular intention please reach out to our parish office. The suggested offering is \$20 per Mass.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is coming to the Diocese of La Crosse | February 13-15, 2026 | Sparrow's Nest, Sparta, WI

Looking for a way to rekindle the love and romance in your marriage? Your marriage is your most important human relationship. This powerful experience of discovery helps you renew your commitment, deepen your intimacy and reignite the passion that brought you together. Space is limited....sign up at <https://wwme.org/>

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat | April 25-26, 2026 | Franciscan Spirituality Center 920 Market St. La Crosse, WI 54601

The Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat provides sacramentally married couples with an opportunity to begin their spiritual journey together (or deepen it if it already exists). The retreat can fruitfully be attended by any sacramentally married

couple. The retreat includes daily Mass, talks, and time for couples to encounter the Lord together. The retreat also serves as an introduction to the Domestic Church movement for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. Questions about the retreat can be emailed to Jeff and Alice Heinzen:

lacrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Behold Retreat for Young Adults 18-35|

January 17, 2026 | Holy Cross Diocesan Center

All young adults ages 18-35 are invited to the third annual Behold retreat! This retreat will take place on January 17th, 2026, from 9 AM-5:30 PM, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse, WI. This year's theme is "Lambs Among Wolves." Through several inspiring talks, times of reflection, small groups, Confession, Adoration, and Mass, we will dive into what it means to be "on mission" as Catholics. Please register using the QR code. Registration ends on January 11th! The cost is \$30 and includes a meal. Nursing infants are welcome!"



Pope Leo XIV's *Dilexi Te* ("I Have Loved You") - Resources Available

Dilexi Te is Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation. Building on a theme dear to Pope Francis and bringing to completion a document he was working on when he died, Pope Leo focuses on the preferential love for the poor so prominent in the Gospels and in Catholic Social Teaching. To read *Dilexi Te* and for links to a variety of resources on it from the Holy See and from the USCCB, visit the <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/>

Marriage Help! Are you lonely, frustrated, or angry with your spouse and unable to see how to change your situation? Retrouvaille (pron. Retro-vī) is a lifeline for struggling marriages.

Call 877-922-HOPE (4673) for Feb 13-15, 2026 weekend availability in Wausau area. More info at HelpOurMarriage.org

**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

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 sign up.

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.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate, and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor, or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at:

diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to submit their reports directly to the appropriate civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Parish Events Calendar

Sunday, January 11: Kindergarten – 6th Grade CCD 8:15 am

Wednesday, January 21: Middle/High School CCD 6:30-8 pm

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

Sunday, January 25-31: Catholic Schools Week