

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17 & 18, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 19 – January 25, 2026

01/19/26	Monday	NO MASS
01/20/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Orville Hurlburt
01/21/26	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/22/26	Thursday	NO MASS
01/23/26	Friday	8:00 AM † Terry Pitzner
01/24/26	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
01/25/26	Sunday	9:30 AM † Kenneth Weinberger

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Jan. 24: 4:00 PM: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. Jan. 25: 9:30 AM: Students of St. Charles School

Servers

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Sun. Jan. 25: 9:30 AM: Students of St. Charles School

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 25: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon: Jan 19: Conrad & Nancy Kirby, Keith Magnuson

Mon. Jan. 26: Arnie & Diane Pedretti, Dorothy Stokke

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; January 10 & 11

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,295.00
Plate	\$ 344.50
Votives	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 1,654.50

From the Desk of Father Reither

As we begin a new liturgical season in the Church, it is always good to take time to consider what the new season asks of us as Christians. The color of “ordinary time” is green which is the color of growth and things alive. This time above all is dedicated to the ordinary growth in discipleship that is a daily requirement of a follower of Jesus. This year we will be hearing from the Gospel of Matthew. A good plan for this year would be to read through the whole Gospel again, but especially to Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount, chapters 5-7. Those chapters outline Jesus’ own words in how the Christian is to live in the world. May we continue to heed his call of following after him during the “ordinary times” of our life!

I also want to thank everyone who participated in our school meeting this past Wednesday as we discussed the possibility of our school becoming officially accredited and the potential of joining the Wisconsin School Choice Program. As this decision has the potential to affect our school for many generations, I want to be sure that it has the strong support of the people who care most about the future of our parish and the mission of our school. We will not and cannot act without that support because the process of accreditation requires many hands to make *lighter* work. The main cost of becoming accredited is not so much financial as it is time consuming in preparing the required materials. The main benefit to our school would be the intentional strategic planning required to become accredited as well as the significant financial benefits/opportunities that are available for accredited schools.

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to know more about what this all entails, please feel free to contact me and I can help answer your questions. If you would be willing to help with any of the processes of becoming accredited please also let me know. Again, if there are not enough people willing to help to make this happen, we will not be able to move forward with it.

In all things please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance for our parish and school as we recall the words of psalm 127: “Unless the Lord build the house, in vain do the builders labor”. Come Holy Spirit!

-Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

School:

You are cordially invited to the Catholic Schools Week **Annual Author's Chair**, followed by a Community Luncheon, Friday, January 30th. Author's Chair showcases the writing talents of our students. Students will read their written works on stage in the Gym, starting at 10:30 AM. A Community Lunch will follow. If you plan to attend, please contact the school office.

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

Open House at St. Charles: Please join us after Mass on Sunday, **February 1**, from 10:30-12:30, to view the classrooms, see what we've been doing, grab a brochure, and pass the word along to anyone who might want to register with us.

2026-2027 School Year: Enrollment is open for St. Charles 3K-6th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested, OR if you know of families that may be interested, please have them call the office (608) 689-2642 for an application. You may also call or email Fr. Reither (608-689-2646; treither@diolclergy.org), OR Mrs. Hytry (608-689-2642; phytry@stcharlesgenoa.org). There are flyers in the office if you would like to give them to others that may be interested.

PTO:

Sip n Paint - January 30th at 6pm. Snacks and apps provided. Drinks available for purchase. Only 40 spots available. Please text/call Jessie at 608-780-1148 to get signed up. It'll be Kelly's last teaching expo.

Save the date - Spring Carnival April 26th - if you have new items to donate please drop them off at the school marked spring carnival. Raffle tickets are in the process of being made.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

CCD:

Grades K-5 Sunday, January 18 8:15-9:15
Grades 6-10 Wednesday, January 21 6:30-8

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

Blessed Sacrament Parish Women's Club is having a Heritage Bake Sale on Saturday, February 7 from 9-1 located on Losey Blvd in La Crosse.

Open enrollment for Aquinas Catholic Schools starts on Monday, January 19. They are having an open house for middle and high school on Wednesday, January 14th from 5-7pm.

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. Visit <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.

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

<https://diolc.org/social-concerns/>

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. Find out how you can help by visiting <https://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. Visit <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

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

Scholarships for Individual Youth for Diocesan Sponsored Events:



We are pleased to share that scholarship funds are now available for individual youth who would like to participate in Diocesan-sponsored Youth Ministry events. These scholarships are intended to help young people ages 11–18 take part in meaningful faith-building experiences.

- Eligible events: Scholarships may be used for the following diocesan events: Adventure Camp, Sealed! Confirmation Retreat, Youth Leadership Camp.
- How It works: Families simply need to fill out the individual scholarship application form to be considered. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parish Events Calendar

Sunday, January 18: Kindergarten–6th Grade CCD 8:15 A.M.

Wednesday, January 21: Middle/High School CCD 6:30-8 P.M.

Sunday, January 25-31: Catholic Schools Week

Friday, January 30: Author’s Chair 10:30 A.M

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February 1: School Open House 10:30-12:30