

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 3 & 4, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
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Mass Schedule & Intentions for January 5 – January 11, 2026

01/05/26	Monday	NO MASS
01/06/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM † Andrew Granchalek
01/07/26	Wednesday	NO MASS
01/08/26	Thursday	NO MASS
01/09/26	Friday	8:00 AM † Francis Thayer
01/10/26	Saturday	4:00 PM People of St. Charles
01/11/26	Sunday	9:30 AM † Eileen TeKrony

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Jan: 10: 4:00 PM: Jayne Coster
Sun. Jan. 11: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Servers

Sat. Jan. 10: 4:00 PM: Volunteers
Sun. Jan. 11: 9:30 AM: Perpetual, William &
Thomas Mitchell, Liam Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jan. 11: 9:30 AM: Kelly Hutchison

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Jan. 05: Tom & Pam Jeffers; Carolyn
Umberger
Mon. Jan 12: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle &
Linda Pedretti

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 27 & 28, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$ 15,960.00
Plate	\$ 903.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00
Votives	\$ 25.00
Religious Education	\$ 30.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 4,000.00
Christmas Donation	\$ 10,110.00
Total	\$ 27,093.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

1-4-2026

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The word Epiphany comes from a Greek root that means manifestation or revelation. Today's feast day celebrates the three great revelations (i.e. Epiphanies) of God's divinity as recorded in the Bible. The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. Their gifts reveal this holy Child's identity; a gift of gold for Christ's Kingship, incense (used in worship) which shows His divinity, and myrrh (used in burials) for His future sacrifice on the Cross. The second Epiphany remembered on this feast day was at Jesus' Baptism when the voice of the Father was heard by those on the Jordan river, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him". The third Epiphany celebrated today was at the wedding feast in Cana when Jesus revealed his divinity by turning the water into wine and from then his disciples began to believe in him.

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the twelfth day of Christmas, on January 6th. In the United States, this feast has been moved to Sunday. In many families, the three king figures are moved a bit closer to the Nativity scene every day from Christmas Day until Epiphany. It is traditional for parish priests to bless water, chalk, and incense on Epiphany, and use them for the blessing of homes during this time. The blessing of homes (schools, places of employment, etc.) on Epiphany revives the beautiful custom of making our homes sacramentals. Sacramentals make us more mindful, receptive and cooperative with God's grace. This blessing also reminds us that Christ is the One Who enlightens our hearts and homes with His love. He is the source of our hope, our comfort and our joy. Marking doorways with blessed chalk is also a witness of faith. Any family may use the blessed chalk to mark above the main door of their house and, if possible, over all exterior doors. You can find the prayers and instructions in the insert of today's bulletin.

Christmas Thank You:

I want to give a special word of thanks to all of you who brought cookies, food, and other gifts to the rectory this Christmas season! I appreciate it very much and I am so thankful for the welcome you have given me in my first 6 months here at St. Charles. May God continue to bless you with his presence throughout the Christmas Season and the rest of our New Year!

-Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Thank you from the St. Charles classroom teachers for the anonymous Christmas gift. God Bless you for your generosity – it is truly appreciated.

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.

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!

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

We have a number of open spots for Mass intentions in 2026. What are Mass intentions? When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular person, or intention. By doing so special graces from God are applied upon that person or intention. For the souls of those who have died, the Mass remains the most powerful prayer we have for them since it is the offering of Christ himself. The act of offering prayers for the dead at Mass goes back to the earliest days of the Church. Canon Law also confirms this practice and states, “In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating, or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention” (Can. 945 §1). 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

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.

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/>

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.

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's 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!

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. For information or to register, email lacrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Behold Young Adult Retreat:

All young adults ages 18–35 are invited to step away from the noise and into something real at the third annual Behold Retreat.

This year's theme is **Lambs Among Wolves**. The day is focused on what it actually means to be on mission as Catholics, not in theory, but in the middle of real life. Saturday, January 17, 2026, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Holy Cross Diocesan Center

Through inspiring talks, quiet time for prayer and reflection, small groups, Confession, Adoration, and Mass, we'll dive into how God sends us back into the world with purpose, courage, and clarity.

Register by January 10 at: bit.ly/4aMqPmx \$30 includes the full retreat and a meal. Nursing infants are welcome. Come to be renewed. Leave ready to live on a mission.

The Best Gift for your Spouse--Harmony and Hope! A weekend for married couples facing a difficult time in their relationship to be held in Wausau area Feb 13-15, 2026 provides a path to rediscover the spouse you fell in love with. "We could not talk without arguing. Eventually, our marriage entered a second honeymoon. We are now able to live in harmony thanks to the skills we learned in the Retrouvaille program." For more info, couples' comments and reviews visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-877-922-4673 (Fully confidential).

Parish Events Calendar

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

Wednesday, January 14: 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