

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 7 & 8, 2026

#### ***St. Charles Borromeo Parish***

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### **Mass Schedule & Intentions for February 9 - February 15, 2026**

02/09/26	<b>Monday</b>
02/10/26	Tuesday
02/11/26	<b>Wednesday</b>
02/12/26	<b>Thursday</b>
02/13/26	Friday
02/14/26	Saturday
02/15/26	Sunday

<b>NO MASS</b>	
8:30 AM	† Larry Cina
<b>NO MASS</b>	
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8:00 AM	Alanna Hurlburt
4:00 PM	† Carol Walcker
9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

#### **Ministry Volunteers Lector**

Sat. Feb. 14: 4:00 PM: Stephanie Nicklay  
Sun. Feb. 15: 9:30 AM: Travis Klinkner

#### **Servers**

Sat. Feb. 14: 4:00 PM: Grady & Reid Nicklay  
Sun. Feb. 15: 9:30 AM: Felicity & Abigail  
Mitchell & Brad Klinkner

#### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Sun. Feb. 15: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

#### **Sacrificial Giving Tabulation**

Mon. Feb 9: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle &  
Linda Pedretti  
Mon. Feb. 15: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith  
Magnuson

#### **Ushers February 2026**

Saturday: John Nicklay & Tim Woodhouse  
Sunday: Conrad Kirby, Tom Urbanek & Chris  
Stokke

#### **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**

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays: After the 8 AM Mass

#### **Baptism**

Contact parish at least 1 month 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 31 & February 1**

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,580.00
Plate	\$ 234.00
Catholic Life Magazine	\$ 60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,874.00</b>

## From the Desk of Father Reither

*“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”*

There is a tendency in our modern culture to view anything that has to do with one's faith as a personal and therefore private matter. We are often told (or subconsciously pressured) to keep our faith to ourselves and don't go forcing your views on others.

While it is true that we can never force someone to accept the truths of the Faith, the invitation needs to be given to the whole world. Jesus saw his disciples not as people who would hoard the truth for themselves, but would share and invite others to live in it as well. *“Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.”* This is the work of evangelization.

There is a new church initiative called “invite one back”. The reality in our church today is that there are more than enough empty pews for us to fill and we all know others who used to come to church, but are no longer for any number of reasons. Sometimes the best way to bring someone back to Jesus is a personal invitation. This could be in a conversation, a letter, or phone call. There really is no need to argue and debate. Few people are argued into accepting truth and if they are, they usually feel hurt because they lost the argument! However, a joyful, free invitation can go a long way. It is also important that we witness Christ by the way that we live our lives. Being patient in times of suffering, forgiving others who have hurt us, volunteering and helping those in need etc. these are all ways in which the light of Christ can shine through our actions.

### ***The Catechism of the Catholic Church:***

905 Lay people also fulfill their prophetic mission by evangelization, "that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life." For lay people, "this evangelization . . . acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world."  
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*This witness of life, however, is not the sole element in the apostolate; the true apostle is on the lookout for occasions of announcing Christ by word, either to unbelievers . . . or to the faithful.*<sup>441</sup>

If you feel that the Lord is calling you to invite someone back to the practice of the faith, first pray for that person. It is always God who gives to hearts the grace of conversion and we must first prep the soil so that it may be receptive. Then pray for wisdom and courage to be able to witness the faith and not be afraid of what others will think or of being rejected. In that way, may the light of Christ continue to shine in our hearts for others to see and glorify God!

God bless,

Fr. Reither

## ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

### PTO:

**Friday, February 20th** is our **FIRST** fish fry of the season! Meal includes a 3 piece fish dinner with baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw and bun. Desserts and drinks available. Come join us for dinner!

Another **St. Charles School Trivia Night** will be held on Saturday, February 28! Come and join in the FUN! There will be no buzzers or putting you on the spot. Teams can be as small as 2 or as big as 10. They will come up with their answers together and turn in one answer sheet. The cost to play is \$10/player. A simple taco supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening starting at 5:30. Trivia begins at 6:00. Lifelines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10. Come prepared!

It would help if you could let us know if you're coming by Wednesday, February 25. Please call the office at 608-689-2642 with your team's name, approximate number of players on your team, and contact person's name and phone number. See you there!

2024-2025 School Years books need to be picked up! Please call the office to get yours.

## ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

### CCD:

February 11: CCD All Families Night 6:30 PM  
February 15: K-5 CCD 8:15-9:15 AM

Our CCD Family Night is coming up! Please join us on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm for a fun and exciting evening. All families are welcome to attend.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We have 1 open spot for Mass intentions in February and 7 open spots in March. To schedule a Mass for a particular intention please reach out to our parish office. The suggested offering is \$20 per Mass.

## WOMEN'S LECTIO DIVINA

Our next meeting will be on February 10th 6 pm in the St. Charles School cafeteria. We plan to meet every second Tuesday at 6 pm. All women are welcome! Any questions, please contact the parish office.

## MEN'S LECTIO DIVINA

All men are welcome to join St. Charles Men's Lectio every second Sunday and fourth Monday at 6:30-8 pm in the school. Opportunity to visit with other men about growing closer to God through discussion and praying with scripture. No commitment, come when you can. Any questions, please contact the parish office.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

**Evangelization Summit:** Our first evangelization summit will be held on Tues, March 10 at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse from 9am-3pm. This is a chance to spend a day with others who are also eager to see their parishes more alive on mission, and grow into a shared vision. Following the day, based on needs identified by participants, we will begin offering specific formation resources ("How do we do this?") tailored to the needs identified by participants. Scan here to register!



On February 13th, the Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby, Bishop of La Crosse, and the wider community will honor the life, martyrdom, and missionary love of Blessed Brother James Miller



One of the many special moments during the day will be praying, through the intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller, intentions we receive from the community. Your intention can make a miracle possible.

Simply scan the QR code to the right to submit prayer intentions. Please share!

### **“Warmth of Love” Donation Drive for Ukraine**

As winter tightens its grip on Ukraine, millions of families are facing brutal cold under unimaginable circumstances. Because of Russia’s ongoing aggression, homes, hospitals, and entire communities are left without stable heat, electricity, or basic necessities. Temperatures fall far below freezing, and for many, especially the elderly, children, and the wounded this cold is not just uncomfortable, it is life-threatening. What should be a season of rest and family has become a daily struggle for survival. Through the “Warmth of Love” Winter Donation Drive for Ukraine, you have the opportunity to bring real, tangible warmth to those who are suffering. Every donated item whether it is winter clothing, blankets, medical supplies, or essential goods becomes a lifeline. These gifts travel directly to people who have lost so much, reminding them that they are not forgotten and that compassion still crosses borders, even in times of war. Your generosity does more than protect bodies from the cold, it restores dignity, hope, and the knowledge that love is stronger than violence. Items can be dropped off at the church or school or scan the QR code to donate financially. Pickup will take place the week of February 23.



### **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](mailto: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](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to 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, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

### **February 15: Preparing for Lent**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Each one of us needs cleansing and healing in our lives and so the 40 days of Lent are a call to enter this time of “purification and enlightenment.”

However, before we turn our attention to faults, failures and making sacrifices, we want to focus on God’s love and review all the ways that He has blessed us. Our starting point in preparation for the season of Lent is to realize and remember what God has done for us, recently or even looking farther back. And, of course, we want to be thankful! For the next several days, set aside some quiet time to think of five different things each day for which you are thankful to Jesus. The list could include such things as your spouse, health, children / grandchildren, food, a warm house. Remembering and thanking God for His generous love is the best way to enter Lent, but also, to continue this practice throughout Lent.

### **Parish Events Calendar**

**February 9: Men’s Lectio Divina 6:30 pm**

**February 10: Women’s Lectio Divina 6 pm**

**February 11: CCD All Families Night 6:30 pm**

**February 15: K-5 CCD 8:15-9:15 am**

**February 18: Ash Wednesday**

**February 23: Women’s Book Club**  
**Men’s Lectio Divina 6:30 pm**

**February 27: Stations of the Cross**

**February 28: Trivia 5:30**