

Pentecost Sunday May 23 & 24, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 25 - May 31, 2026

05/25/26	Monday	NO MASS	
05/26/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Janie Cina
05/27/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
05/28/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
05/29/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Brad Magnuson
05/30/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Don Curti
05/31/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. May 30: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. May 31: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. May 30: Volunteers

Sun. May 31: William & Thomas Mitchell & Henry Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 31: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Tues. May 26: Arnie & Diane Pedretti & Dorothy Stokke

Mon. Jun 1: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn Umberger

Ushers June 2026

Saturday: John Nickley & 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

1st 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: May 16 & 17

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,320.00
Plate	\$ 314.00
Total	\$ 2,634.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

Sunday of Pentecost

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit:

- in the Scriptures he inspired;
 - in the Tradition, to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses;
 - in the Church's Magisterium, which he assists;
 - in the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ;
 - in prayer, wherein he intercedes for us;
 - in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up;
 - in the signs of apostolic and missionary life;
 - in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation.
- (CCC 688)

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the day on which the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church. As the Catechism quote stated above, it is within the Church that we recognize the different ways in which we know of the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is important that we look for these signs of the Holy Spirit because He is not seen on His own. The Holy Spirit is made known by His working through others. That is why the Holy Spirit is often described as being like the wind: "The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8) "And suddenly a noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:2)

We do not see the wind, but we can feel when it is moving and where it is drawing us. We must continue to pray every day that the Holy Spirit may guide us throughout our lives and that we may always live by His inspiration. Another sign of the Holy Spirit's presence in one's life is by looking for His fruits. There traditionally have been identified 12 fruits that of the Holy Spirit. These fruits are a sign someone is living by the Spirit in their hearts. Here is the list below. It can be good to use it as a kind of self examination. Would others be able to describe us using these adjectives? From there it is always good to ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in His inspirations. -Fr. Reither

The 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

"charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity."

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

The Homecoming picnic is just around the corner (Sunday, July 5th)! We have the sign up genius ready so you can add your name.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949AFAD22A6F94-64076249-homecoming>

Raffle tickets are available in the back of the church, let's try to get them all sold!

We have several Mass offerings available for the month of June. If you are interested, please contact the office.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Friday, May 29th @ 10:00 AM our 6th grade students will be graduating! Come help them celebrate this milestone.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Open Farm and Potluck at the Merciful Heart of Jesus Farm

E3161 State Highway 56, Genoa, WI 54632

Saturday, May 30th, 2026

Starting at 10:30am

Potluck meal at 12 noon,

Please bring a dish to share! Ending at 2pm

All are welcome to come and see the progress on our facilities, learn about our community and mission, and share fellowship with us and others. Feel free to ask the Sisters any questions you may have about their community!

Franciscan Congregation of Divine Mercy
fcofdivinemeracy.org

franciscancongofdivinemeracy@gmail.com

(608) 689-3003

This summer, please consider joining us up in Viroqua for FOCUS' Crux Bible Study. This study is centered on proclaiming the core message of the Gospel, and creating a space for encounter with both our Lord and with our local Catholic community. Throughout these 5 sessions, where we will explore topics like, "What am I made for?", "Who is Jesus?", and "Do you know the Father's love?" Bring your difficult questions and an open heart, and prepare to encounter the Gospel in a new way. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Carly Zadow with any questions (608-792-4872 / zadow2021@gmail.com)!

Where: Marian Hall (basement) at ABVM, 400 Congress Avenue, Viroqua, WI 54665

When: 6:30pm on Thursdays June 18 & July 2, 9, 16, and 23.

A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veterans' Section at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026 beginning at 11:15 a.m. Msgr. Robert Hundt will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome to participate.

Diocese of La Crosse Summer Discernment Camps:

Dare to Follow Retreats: June 9–10 & August 10–11

For boys entering grades 6-8, interested in learning about priesthood. Join us for activities, discernment and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our area.

Threshold Retreat: July 10–12

For high school men entering grades 9-12, interested in learning about priesthood. Join us for a retreat filled with prayer, recreation and reflections on the priesthood.

To learn more about these discernment retreats and to register visit: thepriesthood.org/events

Tell the President and His Cabinet - No More Excuses on Life

In a vital action alert from Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life, she implored us to insist that the Trump Administration:

- Enforce the Comstock Act to STOP the illegal mailing of Chemical Abortion Pills.
- Reinstate medication safety protocols the last Administration gutted — protecting women and preborn babies.
- Cut off every federal tax dollar to Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion vendor.
- Direct the EPA to investigate how Chemical Abortion Pills are poisoning America's waterways.

These are literally life-and-death issues, and the President has the power to act on every single one of them – today. No new legislation needed. No 60-vote threshold. No waiting on Congress. All it takes is the will to do it. To learn more and to make your voice heard, scan the QR code to the right.



Rachel Ministries: Hope and Healing after the Loss of a Child

Anyone suffering the loss of a child as a result of miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion knows that the tremendous pain of losing a child, no matter the circumstance, holds a sacred place in a parent's heart. Grief can be stifled by the busyness of our lives, the immensity of the pain, the difficulty of the circumstances, or the feeling of being alone. Volunteers at Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse desire to walk alongside those suffering in this way on a journey of healing, offering spiritual accompaniment and connections with needed resources within the Catholic Church. To learn more about Rachel Ministries' pathways to healing, including special Masses and a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, scan the QR code to the right.



U.S. Bishops' Action Alerts on Hunger, Immigration, and Human Trafficking

The USCCB Action Alert website asks us to make our voices heard on several key issues:

- The 2026 Farm Bill that addresses international food insecurity and nutrition programs.
- Immigration enforcement that respects human dignity and religious freedom.
- Much-needed legislation that addresses the scourge of human trafficking.



To learn more, and to make your voice heard, scan the QR code to the right.

Training for Accompanying Aging Populations | June 8 - 11, 2026 | 12 pm - 3 pm

Whether you serve aging parishioners navigating memory loss, support families caring for elderly loved ones or simply want your parish to be a place of belonging across every season of life, the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) is offering a summer intensive designed for every parish. This year, the focus is accompanying aging populations.

Any adult who is interested in receiving this online training will be asked to pay \$10, with the ministry for persons with special needs through the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization covering \$65 of the total cost of \$75.

Too often, older adults, and persons who love them, feel unseen or unsupported in their faith communities. This intensive is a chance to change that—equipping parishioners with practical tools and a deeper theological foundation to meet aging populations where they are. Don't miss this helpful training. For more information, contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org to register.

Parish Events Calendar

May 29: 10:00 AM Graduation Mass