

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20 & 21, 2026

### *St. Charles Borromeo Parish*

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### Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 22 - June 28, 2026

06/22/26	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
06/23/26	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Janie Cina
06/24/26	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Terry Pitzner
06/25/26	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
06/26/26	<b>Friday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
06/27/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† John Cina
06/28/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

### Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Jun. 27: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Jun. 28: Crystal Lavey

### Servers

Sat. Jun. 27: Volunteers

Sun. Jun. 28: Lorenzo Trussoni, Ezio Olson, Henry Klinkner

### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jun. 28: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

### Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Jun. 22: Arnie & Diane Pedretti & Dorothy Stokke

Mon. June 29: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle, Linda Pedretti

### 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

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:

**June 13 & 14**

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 10,192.00
Plate	\$ 220.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,412.00</b>

## **From the Desk of Father Reither**

If you are reading this, it means I have survived my week long excursion down at Camp Cana with some of our deanery youth! It is great to see how the Lord is at work in the lives of youth who are in attendance. It was a reminder for me that the choice to be a Christian in today's society must always be a conscious choice. The default option now encouraged by our culture is to choose a life outside of the practice of the faith. Much like the situation for the people of Israel in the time of Josua, we must make a choice to serve the Lord and all of the sacrifices that that entails: *“Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve him completely and sincerely. Cast out the gods your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. If it is displeasing to you to serve the Lord, choose today whom you will serve, the gods your ancestors served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”* - Joshua 24:14-15

As we continue through this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart, I also wanted to encourage the devotion of the First Fridays in Honor of the Sacred Heart. Pope Francis recommended this devotion especially in our own time caught up as we are by the many demands that pull at our lives when he wrote in his last encyclical:

84. “The promotion of Eucharistic communion on the first Friday of each month, for example, sent a powerful message at a time when many people had stopped receiving communion because they were no longer confident of God's mercy and forgiveness and regarded communion as a kind of reward for the perfect. In the context of Jansenism, the spread of this practice proved immensely beneficial, since it led to a clearer realization that in the Eucharist the merciful and ever-present love of the heart of Christ invites us to union with him. It can also be said that this practice can prove similarly beneficial in our own time, for a different reason. Amid the frenetic pace of today's world and our obsession with free time, consumption and diversion, cell phones and social media, we forget to nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist.”

From Focus Catholic:

### **What is First Fridays Devotion?**

First Fridays devotion is a practice of honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month. It's part of a broader devotion to the Sacred Heart, which has been a significant part of Catholic spirituality for centuries.

### **What is the History of First Fridays Devotion?**

The devotion itself comes with a promise made by Jesus Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the late 17th century. Jesus revealed to St. Margaret Mary the immense love He has for humanity, especially through His Sacred Heart. He promised that those who make a sincere effort to honor His Sacred Heart, particularly through the First Friday devotion, will experience special graces and spiritual benefits. This devotion to the Sacred Heart has been fully approved by the Catholic Church, and Christ gave a 'Great Promise' of final repentance to those who faithfully practice the First Fridays Devotion.

### **The Promises of First Fridays**

Jesus gave a set of promises to those who practice the First Fridays devotion in a spirit of love and devotion. These promises include:

Assistance at the hour of death – Jesus promises that He will give special graces at the moment of death to those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month for nine consecutive months. This means they will receive the strength and peace to face death with confidence in His love.

Grace and mercy for the soul – Not only at the hour of death but also throughout one's life, the person will be blessed with graces to remain faithful to God and be strengthened in times of trial.

A heart united to the Sacred Heart – Jesus promises to be especially close to those who make an effort to honor His Sacred Heart, bringing them deeper intimacy with Him.

## ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

### Homecoming Picnic Updates

The St. Charles Homecoming Picnic is just two weeks away! If you haven't already, please sign up for a volunteer position. Please sign up to volunteer by clicking the link or scanning the QR code

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



All are invited to attend our final planning meeting at **6:00 p.m. Monday, June 29**, at the school.

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We are doing great **selling raffle tickets!** There are only a handful left in the back of the church. Please take some with you to sell. Sold tickets can be turned in at the office or in the Sunday basket marked "Raffles tickets".

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### Faith on Tap - July 11

Plan to attend the next Faith on Tap event on July 11 at 5:30 pm! **Ages 21+ welcome.** Faith on Tap is a time to learn about and discuss different theories, ideas, and topics through laid-back, stimulating conversations.

Beer, wine, and light food are provided. If the weather is nice, we'll meet on the Rectory deck. If not, we'll be in the school gym. Feel free to join at any time during the event. Hope to see you there!

## ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

The school is looking great and brighter with our new paint colors! We are still working on finishing things up including getting the classrooms back in order prior to the new school year starting.

### Can Tabs Collection

Our school is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. They can be placed in the jars in school and at the back of the church. Thank you!

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

### A Catholic Phrase to Understand Better: The Love of Jesus Christ

Jesus loves each person unconditionally, seeing their goodness and their potential. Jesus proves His love by giving His life on the Cross for every person so that our sins can be forgiven and we can be reunited with the Father. Jesus desires that we grow in love of Him, others and ourselves so that each of us can become the person He created us to be.

### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus *from the U.S. Bishops*

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You.

From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with love for all people to return to a right relationship with You.

We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against You and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May Your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to Your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask You to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

## American Saints

In celebration of America's 250th birthday, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion will host a nine-day in-person observance featuring a novena for the United States, praying for unity, holiness, and renewal through Our Lady's intercession.

The Shrine will also present a Carlo Acutis-inspired exhibit on American Saints, Blesseds, Venerables, and Servants of God - including Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski of the Diocese of La Crosse - with talks on their lives and causes, along with opportunities for prayer and veneration of relics. All are invited to join in prayer and reflection for our nation. Scan the QR code for more info.



## Urgent Pro-Life Action Alert:

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.
- Work with Congress to cut off every federal tax dollar to Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion vendor. *TIME-SENSITIVE - This needs to happen before July 4, or millions of dollars in funding to Planned Parenthood will be restored.*
- Direct the EPA to investigate how Chemical Abortion Pills are poisoning America's waterways.



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

## Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical addressing Artificial Intelligence

To read Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, in which he addresses the need to safeguard the human person in this age of artificial intelligence, scan the QR code on the right. At the same website there are additional resources from the U.S. Bishops related to the encyclical and to both the benefits and the dangers associated with AI.



## Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat for Traumatic Pregnancy Loss - Oct. 9-11

A weekend retreat for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Provides a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment for grieving and for releasing deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt. One testimony: "I have been through 14 years of therapy and anti-depressants. I've confessed my abortion a hundred times. Just when I thought I could take the pain no longer, I found Rachel's Vineyard. This weekend literally saved my life." For details on the retreat, which will be held in the La Crosse area, call Amy at 608.860.6698 or contact by email: [Hope4U@diolc.org](mailto:Hope4U@diolc.org). To learn about Rachel Ministries, scan the QR code on the right.



### Parish Events Calendar

<b>Jul 3:</b>	8:30 AM First Friday Adoration
<b>Jul 5:</b>	10:30 AM Homecoming Picnic
<b>Jul 11:</b>	5:30 PM Faith on Tap
<b>Jul 18:</b>	8:00 AM-12:00 PM Service Saturday