

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi
June 6 & 7, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 1 - June 7, 2026

06/08/26	Monday	NO MASS	
06/09/26	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
06/10/26	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
06/11/26	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Larry Cina
06/12/26	Friday (Solemnity of the Sacred Heart)	8:00 AM	† Deceased Family Members
06/13/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Tom Bigelini
06/14/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Jun. 6: Jayne Coster

Sun. Jun. 7: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Jun. 6: Volunteers

Sun. Jun. 7: Henry, Oscar & Raegan Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jun. 7: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Jun. 8: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

Mon. Jun. 15: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith Magnuson

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 30 & 31

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,420.00
Plate	\$ 316.51
Cemetery Upkeep	\$ 430.00
Total	\$ 3,166.51

From the Desk of Father Reither

“In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." (CCC 1374)

We don't serve bread and wine here.

The Feast of *Corpus Christi* (the Body and Blood of Christ) which we celebrate today, is a celebration of the most treasured gift of the Church, the Holy Eucharist. This gift, also called Holy Communion, is not a mere sign or symbol of God's love for us, but as the constant tradition of the Church has taught: the bread and wine offered on the altar through the words of the priest become the true Body and Blood of Christ.

Although the visible signs of bread and wine remain (e.g. touch, taste, smell...), it is not appropriate to refer to the Eucharist or Holy Communion as “the bread and the wine” because the bread and wine have ceased to exist and have been changed into the Real Presence of Christ. When we hold the Eucharist, we are holding Jesus himself in His most humble form. It is the great Mystery of our Faith and a stumbling block for many (just read John chapter six!) but it is the truth that we know from the words of Jesus: “This is my Body...this is my Blood”.

The Catechism also reminds us to receive this sacrament in a worthy manner:

“To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." [1 Cor 11:27-29] Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.” (CCC 1385) “To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast [one hour prior] required in their Church. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.” (CCC 1387)

Eucharistic Miracles

There have been many Eucharistic miracles throughout the history of the Church. In fact, one of the Church's newly canonized saints, Carlo Acutis, made a whole website dedicated to Eucharistic miracles. It is not every day you can find a website made by a saint in heaven! You can still check it out here: www.miracolieucaristici.org

One of the Eucharistic miracles that I got to see while in seminary was the one in Bolsena, Italy. In 1263 a German priest, who struggled in his faith of the Eucharist, was celebrating Mass when at the moment of consecration, the Host was transformed into flesh, and blood trickled down from it onto the altar linens. This miracle strengthened the wavering faith of the priest in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It was investigated by the Pope at that time and confirmed as an authentic miracle. The blood stained corporal is still walked in procession on the feast of *Corpus Christi* which I was able to take part in.

In modern times some of these Eucharistic Miracles have been scientifically examined and the results have shown that the blood type is AB and the flesh is from human heart tissue with no explanation as to how they are still preserved and in good condition all these years later and this has been the same result across time and the countries in which these miracles have taken place.

May we always have the courage to place our faith in the hidden Jesus! -Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

This Friday, June 12 on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart we will be offering an hour of Adoration in Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 8am morning Mass. This will be done in conjunction with the US Bishops who will be consecrating the whole of the United States to the Sacred Heart on the 250th anniversary of the founding of our Nation. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Enthronement to the Sacred Heart

Fr. Reither is available to assist with the ceremony of enthroning one's home to the Sacred Heart. This meaningful ceremony is a way of intentionally inviting Jesus to be King of one's home and family. More information can be found here:

diolc.org/sacredworship/devotions/enthronement-of-the-sacred-heart/

sacredheartapostolate.com

Scam Warning:

Just a friendly reminder that our parish staff will never reach out in an email asking for help buying gift cards for staff or for Fr. Reither. This is a common ploy used by scammers to impersonate parish staff with a fake email in order to try to steal money from well intentioned parishioners. If something ever seems off, please reach out directly to our parish office to confirm!

Homecoming Picnic-volunteer sign up

The homecoming committee will meet on Monday, June 8 at 6:00 PM at the school, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please sign up to volunteer by clicking the link or scanning the QR code

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



Raffle tickets are printed and available at the back of the church. Please take a handful with you to sell. Sold tickets can be turned in at the office or in the Sunday basket marked "Raffles tickets".

The 123rd Homecoming Picnic- Sunday, July 5th

The 123rd Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 5th. Food, catered by Pogy's, will be served from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Each meal includes Pogy's famous grilled chicken and sides, as well as a serving of homemade risotto, which is a cheesy rice delicacy passed down through generations of Italian immigrants who settled in the area. Raffle drawings will begin at 3 p.m. Most events will be held outdoors, with dining options available inside the adjacent school. Entry is free and open to the public. Meals cost \$15 each, smaller hot dog plates available for younger attendees for \$6. For more information, visit St. Charles School and Parish Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSchoolGenoa>.

Collection for Cemetery Upkeep

Thank you to those that made an offering for the cemetery upkeep, it is greatly appreciated. If you were unable to do so previously but would still like to, there is a special envelope included in your parish offertory envelopes for Cemetery Upkeep. The money collected will be placed into our cemetery account to help defray the cost of maintenance for our historical and beautiful cemetery. Thanks again for your generosity!

We have one Mass offering available on June 30 and several for the month of July.. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Summer office hours (effective June 1):

Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM -2:00 PM
School building will be closed the week of:
June 15 through 19.

Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the parish office by Thursday at noon of each week.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

There have been some changes made to the **safe environment training** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. We have created a training day for all volunteers in our parish and school. **Please mark Thursday, August 27th on your calendar.** Training is being offered at 10:30 AM; 1:15 PM; 3:45 PM; and 5:15 PM. Please contact the office to sign up for one of these times.

The Second-Hand Shack

The Second-Hand Shack is located in the log cabin building at the intersection of South Avenue and 13th Street, La Crosse. They donate a portion of her profits to local non-profits, including St. Charles Parent Teacher Organization.

Parishioners can drop off clean, gently used items. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact Sarah for donation times, acceptance and exclusions.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

A Catholic Phrase to Understand Better: Having a relationship with Christ

Having a relationship with Christ means having a sense of personal connection, of familiarity, with Jesus, similar to the feeling of connection we have with a spouse, a family member or a really close friend. To grow in friendship with Jesus, just ask: "Jesus, please help me to know You better. I don't want to just know *about* You, I want to know *You*." Talk to Him often during the day, tell Him your joys, your troubles, your hopes. Read slowly from one of the Gospels, meditating on the words and deeds of Jesus, asking Him to help you to see how they apply to you. Then rest in silence and listen. Do this for a few minutes each day.

The Open Farm & Potluck on May 30th at the Merciful Heart of Jesus Farm with the Sisters of Divine Mercy was successful! If you were unable to attend and would like to know more, please visit their website at: <https://www.fcofdivinemeracy.org/>

This summer, please consider joining us 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 or the parish office.

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.

Rural Life Day Nominations:

We are seeking nominations for the following recognition awards for Rural Life Day (Sept. 23, 2026 at Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor):

- **"Friend of Rural Life"** – Makes a significant contribution to the farming community. Not necessarily direct farmers themselves.
- **"Strangers and Guests"** – Farm family that exemplifies Catholic life, involvement in parish and community activities, hospitality, generosity.
- **"Century Farms"** – Families that have maintained 100+ years of continuous family ownership of their farm.

If you have someone in mind, please contact Rural Life Chairperson Anne Marie Elwing with their name and phone number:
annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com.

Consecrating Our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

You are invited to participate in a historic moment. As part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of our nation, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This consecration, a special prayer and act of blessing for our nation and its people, will take place on June 11, 2026. You won't want to miss it. On June 11th, the Mass of Consecration with the bishops will be live streamed at 3 pm <https://www.youtube.com/usccb>

Parish Events Calendar

June 15-19: School building closed

Jul 5: Homecoming Picnic