

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11 & 12, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 13, through July 19, 2026

07/13/26	Monday	NO MASS	
07/14/26	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Terry Pitzner
07/15/26	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Larry Cina
07/16/26	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Janie Cina
07/17/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
07/18/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
07/19/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	† Don Walcker

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Jul. 18: Stephanie Nicklay

Sun. Jul. 19: Crystal Lavey

Servers

Sat. Jul. 18: Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Jul. 19: William & Thomas Mitchell, Henry Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jul. 19: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. July 13: Priscilla Martin, Marian Noegle, Linda Pedretti

Mon. July 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby, Keith Magnuson

Ushers July 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 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:

July 4 & 5

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,725.00
Plate	\$ 420.25
Total	\$ 5,145.25

From the Desk of Father Reither

We were very blessed to have the Bishop come and celebrate Mass with us last week as part of the installation Mass of myself as the official pastor of St. Charles. I've never heard so many usages of the word hell in a homily, but in such a noncondemning/good way. It is true, Jesus does not want us to go to hell, so he has given us the Church and the sacraments and pastors and teachers and preachers and you and I to help us in our journey towards heaven. Yet, at the same time, God does not take away our free will, because love without freedom is slavery.

There is an old practice that is part of the Spiritual life that we should ask ourselves the question (especially when we find ourselves getting caught up in many different things): Where am I going and for what? Which is to say, is what I am doing leading me closer to God or away from him?

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ... "This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.*"

The Christian life is one of daily conversion. Christian conversion means a willingness to turn from a current path of life that is not directed towards Jesus, and to make a conscious choice to follow him. Our Bishop in speaking to the priests during our clergy conferences a couple weeks ago said that there will be no true renewal in our diocese if we don't take seriously the personal call to conversion and it must first be personal. All of us can probably come up with many good ideas about how other people should change, but (if you're like me at all) when it comes to ourselves it suddenly seems harder to come up with something.

Today let us be like the people in the Gospel who both hear the word of God and let it take root in our lives! God bless, Fr. Reither (*El Pastor*)

Conversion comes in many different ways. Here is a list of gestures that the Catechism lists:

CCC 1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by:

- gestures of reconciliation,
- concern for the poor,
- the exercise and defense of justice and right,
- by the admission of faults to one's brethren,
- fraternal correction,
- revision of life,
- examination of conscience,
- spiritual direction,
- acceptance of suffering,
- endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness.
- Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Service Saturday - July 18

Our next Service Saturday will be held on Saturday, July 18th starting at 8:30 AM and ending at 12:00 PM.

Do you have a powerwasher/scrub brush? We are looking to powerwash/scrub the outside of the school, shed, garage and some chairs from inside the school.

Are you handy with construction? We are looking to get Father's chicken coop fixed up! We have a list of needed supplies in the office!

Do you like to talk and visit? Come sign up to visit our parishioners that are in assisted living or nursing homes or are homebound. We are looking for some people that would be willing to travel to Viroqua, La Crosse and Stoddard.

Window washing...we are hoping to make a clearer view looking out the windows in the school, church and rectory.

Cemetery Clean Up-there are several branches, trees, etc. that are needing to be cut down and cleaned up.

Gutter clean out-we've had an overload of water coming down in places that it shouldn't be! We are looking to get all of the gutters cleaned out.

Please contact the office if you are available to help. Many hands make light work. A luncheon at noon will follow, please bring a dish to share.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

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 PTO. Parishioners can drop off clean, gently used items. The PTO benefits through your purchases, volunteer hours and donations. Due to space limitations, please contact (608) 615-1005 for donation times, acceptance and exclusions.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Prayer for the Priest at the Parish: Seven Sisters Apostolate:

The "Seven Sisters Apostolate" was begun in 2001 as a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. Would you prayerfully consider organizing a group of seven women, where each woman will pray one Holy Hour per week, on a specific day on their own, for the parish priest? After the pastor has a committed group, subsequent groups may be formed for others, such as for Bishop Battersby, the parochial vicar etc. Further details please contact the office.

A disciple of Jesus Christ

Those who believe and live out by imitating Jesus' message and way of life are His disciples (meaning pupil or learner). To His disciples, Jesus reveals the mystery of His Kingdom and gives them a share in His mission, joy, and His sufferings. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, glossary) Jesus wants an intimate communion with His disciples, which He expresses in these words: "Abide in Me, and I in you" (John 15:5). "He who eats My flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in Him" (John 6:56).

The word disciple relates to the word discipline, specifically regarding a student learning a discipline, which is a process. We are children of God in a life-long learning process. As collaborators, Jesus wants us to learn so we can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, interiorize His teaching and His very Life and become co-laborers to help others encounter Him and become His disciples.

Retrovaille:

Whether you have drifted apart, or arrived at separation or divorce, there is hope.

Retrouvaille [ˈretro- vī]: means rediscovery or joyful reunion. The Retrouvaille® program is a lifeline of hope and healing for marriages of all ages... even couples who are separated or divorced but want to try again.

For More Information call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673)

“Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life.”

We are pleased to introduce a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries in our diocese! Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 80th will be invited to participate in “Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life.” This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Each couple is invited to bring two guests with them.

Couples can register by emailing Laura Boden at lboden@diolc.org.

Mass and Reception Dates:

July 19, 2026: 1:00pm at St. Olaf Catholic Church, Eau Claire
August 9 2026: 1:00pm Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse



Couples celebrating their 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th anniversary will also receive a special packet by mail, including a certificate and a letter of congratulations. We look forward to honoring the beautiful witness of married life with you!

Come and See Come and See!

The Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus are hosting a retreat day for young women ages 18-29 on Saturday, August 1. Come meet the sisters and spend time with our Eucharistic Lord. Scan the QR code for more information



Donate to Venezuela Relief, following the two devastating earthquakes

The death toll in Venezuela has risen to 3300 and is still climbing after the two catastrophic earthquakes on June 24. Entire city blocks have been reduced to rubble. Please donate to the Church’s relief efforts if you can, through the Pontifical Mission Societies. Scan the QR code for more information.



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, scan the QR code.



U.S. Bishops’ Action Alerts on Human Trafficking, and on Status of Haitians in the U.S.

Please urge your Representative to support anti-trafficking legislation (H.R. 1144), and urge Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to support Senate bill 4814 to protect the temporary status of Haitians in the U.S., as it is simply not possible for hundreds of thousands of Haitians to be returned all at once in a safe and orderly manner. To learn more and to make your voice heard, scan the QR code.



******Homecoming raffle & game winners are posted in the back of the church******

Parish Events Calendar

Jul 18: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Service Saturday