

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18 & 19, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 20, through July 26, 2026

07/20/26	Monday	NO MASS	
07/21/26	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Alfred & Marie Berra
07/22/26	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Terry Pitzner
07/23/26	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
07/24/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Janie Cina
07/25/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
07/26/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Jul. 25: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Jul. 26: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. Jul. 25: Volunteers

Sun. Jul. 26: Ezio Olson, Lorenzo & Giovanni Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jul. 26: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. July 27: Diane Pedretti, Dorothy Stokke, Phyllis Munyon

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 11 & 12

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,755.00
Plate	\$ 192.75
Support our school	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 2,972.75

From the Desk of Father Reither

As I write these words the smoke from the Canadian wildfires has just settled in and the heat advisories are in full effect. On days like this, I try to remind myself that I am not shoveling 3ft of snow so I should be thankful. To try and channel my (non-existent) poetical side, it is said that where there is smoke there is fire. It is amazing that smoke from a fire from hundreds of miles away is affecting our lives here in Genoa. To be metaphorical, I would like to see St. Charles on fire with the Holy Spirit, so much so that lives are affected by it miles around. That can only happen through the work of the Holy Spirit who chooses to use you and me as his ministers in the world. As many of you know, the Diocese of La Crosse is continuing on its path of spiritual renewal and pastoral planning, seeking to move from a maintenance mentality to being fully alive on mission. This process of renewal is not primarily concerned with managing decline and closing parishes, but rather is seeking to focus our attention on evangelizing with these 4 key signs of a parish on mission:

- 1) A Culture of Discipleship and Accompaniment
- 2) Keeping the Lord's Day Holy
- 3) Stable and Healthy Leadership
- 4) Charisms and Responsible Stewardship

Over the next few weeks in my letter here I will focus on each of these four core principles so that we can grow deeper in our understanding of the goal of this pastoral planning. In the first place, what does a culture of Discipleship and Accompaniment look like in a parish?

Active discipleship, means intentionally seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord with true conversion of heart, desiring to conform our lives to His teaching through a life of prayer, service, and avoiding sin. A culture of accompaniment is a reminder that no one comes to faith alone. We are in need of others to support us on the way and to help us grow deeper in the faith. Over the past 6 months, could you say that there has been someone in your life who either encouraged or challenged you to grow deeper in your faith? Have you in the past 6 months done that for someone else? In order to accompany others, we ourselves must learn how to first receive to be open to share. As we go further down this path of spiritual renewal, it is my intention that opportunities and training for this kind of intentional discipleship and accompaniment would be present in our parish. Here is more from Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* on Personal Accompaniment:

169. In a culture paradoxically suffering from anonymity and at the same time obsessed with the details of other people's lives, shamelessly given over to morbid curiosity, the Church must look more closely and sympathetically at others whenever necessary. In our world, ordained ministers and other pastoral workers can make present the fragrance of Christ's closeness and his personal gaze. The Church will have to initiate everyone – priests, religious and laity – into this “art of accompaniment” which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. *Ex* 3:5). The pace of this accompaniment must be steady and reassuring, reflecting our closeness and our compassionate gaze which also heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life.

170. Although it sounds obvious, spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God, in whom we attain true freedom. Some people think they are free if they can avoid God; they fail to see that they remain existentially orphaned, helpless, homeless. They cease being pilgrims and become drifters, flitting around themselves and never getting anywhere. To accompany them would be counterproductive if it became a sort of therapy supporting their self-absorption and ceased to be a pilgrimage with Christ to the Father.

171. Today more than ever we need men and women who, on the basis of their experience of accompanying others, are familiar with processes which call for prudence, understanding, patience and docility to the Spirit, so that they can protect the sheep from wolves who would scatter the flock. We need to practice the art of listening, which is more than simply hearing. Listening, in communication, is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur...

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week:

July 19 - 25, 2026

The Lord God calls us to love Him and each other as He loves us. In marriage, this takes on a unique quality as the complementarity of husband and wife become the "one flesh" union that Sacred Scripture so beautifully teaches. And, God's gift of children is the fruit of such a noble love!

God commands that husband and wife be stewards of His gift of procreation in marriage. The natural methods of family planning are shown to cooperate with God's design. Jesus sanctified marriage and elevated it to represent His love for His Church. Marriage "in the Lord," therefore mirrors the very love of Christ! This makes Christian marriage unique and parallels the Lord's gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

Information on the methods taught in the Diocese of La Crosse and instructor contact information can be found at

diolc.org/marriage/natural-family-planning/method.

2026-2027 Safe Environment Training

Online training has been updated. We are off to a good start. Training completed in June of 2026 will **NOT** be accepted for 2026-27 training. We have a live training scheduled for our parish and school on **Thursday, August 27th** with several sessions as options to attend. There is training at 10:30 am, 1:15 pm, 3:45 pm & 5:15 pm. Annual training is required for all those who volunteer in our parish and school.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

RedLou Library

The RedLou Library is available for our students from 4-6pm on Wednesday, July 22. Stop by to grab a book!

Register for the 2026-2027 School Year!

There is still time to register new students for the 2026-2027 school year. Spread the word and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider St. Charles School for their kids. We have been providing high quality education for kids for over 100 years and we are not going anywhere anytime soon!

Can Tabs Collection

Remember to save the tabs on your pop, carbonated water, and beer cans. Our school is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. They can be placed in the jar at the back of the church. Thank you!

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. **We are in need of a few more ladies to get this going. If you are interested in praying for Father Reither for one hour on a set day each week, please contact the office.**

Registration Now Open!

Our next Evangelization Summit will be held at St. Charles Parish in Chippewa Falls on Saturday, August 22, from 9am to 3:15pm. The theme will be "Peter as a Model of Discipleship and a Healing Encounter With Christ." This is an opportunity for parish leaders or volunteers to unite together around a shared vision of parishes fully alive on mission, and to connect you with more tools and resources. There will be fresh content for those who attended the first two summits, but new attendees are welcome!

EnCourage Ministry

EnCourage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children and other relatives and friends of persons who deal with same-sex attractions. An EnCourage Chapter meets monthly with a chaplain. Confidentiality is also deeply respected. If you are interested in an EnCourage Chapter, please contact Ann at alankford@diolc.org.

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available 24/7:

Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 844.644.7223 (844.64.GRACE) or text 715.600.6391. To learn more, scan the QR code.



Ukraine Is Suffering – Please Help Chalice of Mercy Bring Relief

Ukraine continues to be pummeled by Russia. Valentyna Pavsyukova and her brave colleagues in Chalice of Mercy risk their lives daily to provide life-saving medical and humanitarian supplies to the most dangerous areas of their decimated homeland. Please support them with your prayers and financial contributions. Scan the QR code for more information.



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. 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.



Help Catholic Charities Love our Neighbors in Need:

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Scan the QR code to find ways to help.



“The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness.”
(Rom 8:26)

Trust in the Spirit's guidance, as Saint Paul reminds us that God's Spirit is at work even when we do not know how to pray as we ought. Planned giving is an act of trust in that same Spirit — a way of placing the future in God's hands while helping the Church continue its mission of faith, mercy, and evangelization.

By remembering your parish, Catholic school, or the Diocese of La Crosse in your will, trust, retirement account, or estate plans, you can make a gift that continues to serve others long after your lifetime.

For those interested in supporting the church's future, learning about Legacy or Planned Giving can bring clarity and confidence. Contact your parish office or the Office for Stewardship and Development at 608.791.2653, or visit <https://diolclegacy.org/> to explore how you can make a lasting impact. Our team is here to support you and answer your questions about the legal or financial details involved.

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

Parish Events Calendar

Aug 1:	3:15-3:45 PM Reconciliation
Aug 2:	8:45-9:15 AM Reconciliation
Aug 7:	8:30 AM First Friday Adoration