

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25 & 26, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 27 to August 2, 2026

07/27/26	Monday	NO MASS	
07/28/26	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
07/29/26	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
07/30/26	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Larry Cina
07/31/26	Friday	8:00 AM	<i>Special Intention (T.S.)</i>
08/01/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
08/02/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	† Aaron Malin

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Aug. 1: Julie Hurlburt

Sun. Aug. 2: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Sat. Aug. 1: Volunteers

Sun. Aug. 2: Giovanni Trussoni, Henry

Levendowski, Ezio Olson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 2: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Jul. 27: Diane Pedretti, Dorothy Stokke,

Phyllis Munyon

Mon. Aug. 3 Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn

Umberger

Ushers August 2026

Saturday: John Nicklay & 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:

July 18 & 19

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,155.00
Plate	\$ 212.00
Total	\$ 2,367.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

Someone must have heard my complaining in my last letter about the heat because now we are sitting at a calm 60 and I am content. However, in addition to fire, the Holy Spirit is also known as a cool breeze so even in this I see signs of renewal. To recap last week's letter on Spiritual Renewal in our diocese, I wrote about the four core principles that are guiding our discernment and focused on the first principle of creating a culture of discipleship and accompaniment. Here are the four principles again for your recollection:

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

Today, I want to focus on principle #2 – Keeping Holy the Lord's Day. Sometimes my astute middle schoolers will pontificate that Sunday is supposed to be a day of rest, so why do I have to go to church? To which I must respond by mercifully correcting their ignorance that before Sunday is a day of rest, it is first the Lord's Day. Do we ever stop and consider that anymore, that Sunday belongs to the Lord, that we are called to rest from unnecessary work on Sunday so as to give God the proper worship that he is due?

However, to the middle schoolers' defense, for many of us this great gift of the Lord has become to be felt more like a chore, an obligation, something I *have* to do, rather than something I *get* to do. Sometimes we have to admit (even as a priest), that our liturgical celebrations can be more life consuming than life giving. Yes, we must remember that the primary purpose of the Mass is not our own entertainment. My primary focus at Mass should not be what am I getting out of this, but of what I am giving in worship to God. All authentic worship is centered in sacrifice and for Catholics it is the one sacrifice of Christ that we unite with all our personal sacrifices for the building up of the Body of Christ.

But God is also never outdone in generosity and the goal of the Mass is not to be some dry, boring activity, but one in which we encounter the living God. It is the place where the veil between heaven and earth is at its thinnest. There have been many times when I have been overcome by a sense of awe and wonder and peace at the celebration of the Mass. This has always been in part the result of the intentionality and preparation that those who are celebrating have given to the Mass.

Pope Francis once wrote: "...how can we grow in our capacity to live in full the liturgical action? How do we continue to let ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes? We are in need of a serious and dynamic liturgical formation." (31. *Desiderio desideravi*)

On the human side of it, part of what makes for a vibrant celebration of the Mass is having many well-trained lay ministers (lectors, servers, cantors etc.) who generously offer their time and talent to the community.

So for the big announcement: NEXT SUNDAY (you can tell it's important because it is bold, underlined, and in all caps) you will have an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on how God may be calling you to serve as a Reader, or Usher, or other forms of service in the church. Before you say I can't, let me say, you can. God only needs 5 loaves and 2 fish to work miracles...

Anyway, I hope you have a great week and I'll see you next Sunday!

God bless,
Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

The Homecoming picnic was a great success! Many families were able to attend and help out. Lunch was terrific, the games were fun, many prizes were distributed and Father Reither was dunked a “few” times in the dunk tank! Thank you all for making this fundraiser a huge success! We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community.

While you were attending the Homecoming picnic, hopefully you were able to check out the tuck-pointing that was done on the exterior of the church. Krause Konstruktion did a fabulous job and was able to wrap up the project before our picnic. Approximately, \$68,000.00 of the funds raised for the Inspired by the Spirit campaign were used to pay for this project. Thanks to your generosity to this campaign, the bricks of St. Charles will continue to house the worship of Christ for generations to come. With the remaining funds left in the campaign, we are looking at the next main project of managing the water in the church basement and after that comes the possibility of the “wish list” items that were a part of the campaign fundraising.

Time & Talent

Do you feel drawn to help others pray better at Mass? Want to use your talents to serve the parish? Please consider learning more about the following ministries:

Lector: Proclaim the Scripture readings and Intercessions at the weekend Masses. This ministry helps others to hear the Word of God, which changes hearts! Lector training (for current and new lectors) will be after the weekend Masses on August 29 & 30

Altar Servers: For kids and young people post-First Communion. Help serve the priest and Jesus at the Altar. Server training (for current and new servers) will be on Saturday, August 29 at 9:00 AM.

Cantor: Lead the parish in song during the Mass. Work with our musicians to help others pray and worship God at the Mass. We are looking to start a choir.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Help distribute the Body of Christ at Mass. And/or help bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes facilities. We are in desperate need for a few volunteers to be trained to bring Communion to our parishioners who cannot join us for Mass!

Sacristan: Do you like working behind the scenes and are attentive to detail? Consider helping as a sacristan. Sacristans help keep the things used for Mass clean, tidy and in working order. They help set up before Masses and put items away after Mass.

Tabulators: There is a group of parishioners that get together after the weekend Mass to count offerings. There is a different group each week that revolves on a rotating schedule. The offering is then deposited at the bank.

Greeter/Usher: Help greet people when they arrive at church. Help visitors feel welcome and direct people if they need assistance in any way. Run the collection at the weekend Masses and bring the collection to the bank after Mass.

School assistants: Help guide our youth to have a successful school year. There are a variety of ways you can help: helping serve breakfast & lunch, listening to students read, assisting teachers in the classroom, helping in the office, practicing math flash cards with students, sitting with students during Mass, helping create scrumptious meals for our students and staff. These roles vary in the time needed, so if you have a few hours or perhaps a set day each week and you are interested in helping out, please let us know.

There will be forms available the weekend of **August 1 & 2**. Please complete the form and add it to the offering basket during Mass with your selection of what you’d like to help with. As always, you can also contact Father Reither or the office also.

Service Saturday: Thank you to all those that attended. We still have a few projects that we did not get to. If you have time available and would like to help out prior to our next event on August 15th, please contact the office.

Powerwashing- THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION OF A POWERWASHER!! We are looking to powerwash/scrub the outside of the school, shed, garage and some chairs from inside the school.

The shrubbery under the crabapple tree in the back of the school needs to be tidied 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. This consists of climbing a ladder and taking out the debris from inside the gutter.

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

Hospitality:

Fellowship is happening on Sunday, August 2 right after 9:30 Mass. Come join the camaraderie, meet some new people and eat some delicious food!

Faith on Tap:

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, August 8th at 5:30PM. Ages 21+ are welcome. Faith on Tap is a time to learn about and discuss different theories, ideas and topics through laid-back, stimulating conversations.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

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.

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

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!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Dare to Follow: An Adventure in Faith:

Young men entering grades 6-8 are invited to Dare to Follow, an overnight experience filled with activities, prayer, friendship and honest conversation about where God may be calling them. Participants will spend time with Bishop Gerard W. Battersby, Father Stephen Weller, our diocesan vocations director, and priests from across the diocese while discovering what it means to become holy men of God.

The next session is Aug. 10-11, 2026, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. The cost is \$30 and includes meals and lodging. Register at this link:

<https://dioceseoflacrosse.regfox.com/official-vocations-event-registration>

Parish Events Calendar

Aug. 2	10:30AM Fellowship after Mass
Aug. 8	5:30 PM Faith on Tap
Aug. 15	8:30-12 Service Saturday
Aug. 24	8:00AM teachers back to school
Aug. 27	8:00AM School & parish training
Aug. 29	9:00AM Altar Server training 5:00PM Lector & Eucharist Minister training
Aug. 30	10:30AM Lector & Eucharist Minister training