

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4 & 5, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 6, through July 12, 2026

07/06/26	Monday	NO MASS	
07/07/26	Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Rebecca Wolf
07/08/26	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Randy Mullenberg
07/09/26	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Bernie Wolf
07/10/26	Friday	8:00 AM	People of St. Charles
07/11/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
07/12/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	Chris & Dan Kirby

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Jul. 11: Jayne Coster

Sun. Jul. 12: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Jul. 11: Volunteers

Sun. Jul. 12: Abigail Mitchell, Oscar Levendoski & Brad Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Jul. 12: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. July 6: Tom & Pam Jeffers, Carolyn Umberger

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

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:

June 27 & 28

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,200.00
Plate	\$ 278.00
Votive Candles	\$ 32.95
Total	\$ 1,510.95

From the Desk of Father Reither

This Sunday, Bishop Battersby will formally install me as Pastor of St. Charles Parish. Some may be wondering, were you not already our pastor for this past year? In Canon Law, there is a distinction between a priest who serves at a parish (*parochial administrator*) and a proper Pastor of a parish. The typical practice in our diocese has been for new priests to serve in a parish for a year before submitting the official request to become the Pastor. While it might be tempting to see this simply as a title change, there are new rights and spiritual authority that come with the office. The chief functions of a Pastor are to teach, sanctify, and govern the people of the parish with the assistance of the Christian faithful. Church law also envisions that Pastors would possess stability in their assignments and thus would not be moved too frequently.

As I take on this new role at the parish, please keep me in your prayers that I may be faithful to the Mission that God has called me too. The Bishop last week during our clergy conferences spoke of the need for personal conversion if any renewal is to take place in our diocese. This conversion also must rely on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to faithfully proclaim the saving message of the Gospel to all peoples. That is my goal and pastoral plan for serving here at St. Charles. However, the Pastor of a parish doesn't work by himself, but needs the assistance of the lay faithful to build up the kingdom of God. I have been so joyful and humbled by how many of you have opened your lives to me this past year and how you have shared your talents in the service of the people of God. I pray that we can continue to form intentional disciples here at St. Charles who love Jesus and His Church and want to share His message with others.

Finally, I want to thank all those who were involved in the surprise 5th priestly anniversary party last weekend! I truly was surprised; perhaps I am not suspicious enough...

God bless you all and may God bless the USA on her 250th Anniversary! - Fr. Reither

For your edification, here are some tidbits from Canon Law on Pastors of a parish:

Can. 521 §1. To become a pastor validly, one must be in the sacred order of the presbyterate. §2. Moreover, he is to be outstanding in sound doctrine and integrity of morals and endowed with zeal for souls and other virtues; he is also to possess those qualities which are required by universal or particular law to care for the parish in question.

Can. 522 A pastor must possess stability and therefore is to be appointed for an indefinite period of time. The diocesan bishop can appoint him only for a specific period if the conference of bishops has permitted this by a decree.

Can. 528 §1. A pastor is obliged to make provision so that the word of God is proclaimed in its entirety to those living in the parish; for this reason, he is to take care that the lay members of the Christian faithful are instructed in the truths of the faith, especially by giving a homily on Sundays and holy days of obligation and by offering catechetical instruction. He is to foster works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice. He is to have particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth. He is to make every effort, even with the collaboration of the Christian faithful, so that the message of the gospel comes also to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith.

§2. The pastor is to see to it that the Most Holy Eucharist is the center of the parish assembly of the faithful. He is to work so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments and, in a special way, that they frequently approach the sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and penance. He is also to endeavor that they are led to practice prayer even as families and take part consciously and actively in the sacred liturgy which, under the authority of the diocesan bishop, the pastor must direct in his own parish and is bound to watch over so that no abuses creep in.

Can. 529 §1. In order to fulfill his office diligently, a pastor is to strive to know the faithful entrusted to his care. Therefore he is to visit families, sharing especially in the cares, anxieties, and griefs of the faithful, strengthening them in the Lord, and prudently correcting them if they are failing in certain areas. With generous love he is to help the sick, particularly those close to death, by refreshing them solicitously with the sacraments and commending their souls to God; with particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties. He is to work so that spouses and parents are supported in fulfilling their proper duties and is to foster growth of Christian life in the family.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Reminder: Frances Garden Prayer Service

Our parish dedicated the Frances Garden section for babies and children in our cemetery 7 years ago. There are spaces for burial for babies and infants and a memorial stone for all our parish children who died by miscarriage, stillbirth, or during infancy. We will have a memorial prayer service on **Sunday July 5th after the 9:30 AM Mass** at the Frances Garden, which is by the Holy Family statue in the new section of the cemetery. All are welcome to attend before getting your chicken dinner. For more information about the Frances Garden or adding a name to the memorial stone, please contact the parish office.

New to St. Charles?

We would love to have you join our parish community! Please reach out to our pastor to set up a meeting to become fully registered with our parish.

Baptized in Christ

We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Leroy Jerome Phillips (son of Henry & Kallin) on Sunday June 28th!

Mass Offerings for July

We currently have 10 Mass offering openings for the month of July. If you are interested, please contact the office.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to those who have been donating to the La Crosse Jail Ministry. Our parish has a big heart! Thank you from the La Crosse Jail Ministry Board and the residents of the Jail that so benefit from your donations! For those of you that have not noticed, there is a tote in the back of the church and a cardboard poster that lists the items that are suitable for donation. These items help those who are residents in the jail to feel cared about - to learn more go to:
<https://lacrossejailministry.org/>

Service Saturday - July 18

Peter, 4:10-11, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides..."

Service Saturday offers the opportunity to give back with intention to our parish & community, make connections with others and use our gifts to serve others. There are many different ways you can be a good steward.

Our next Service Saturday will be held on Saturday, July 18th starting at 8:30 AM and ending at 12:00 PM. More details and sign up sheets coming in the near future! To make a suggestion of a project and/or to sign up to help, please contact the office. A luncheon at noon will follow, please bring a dish to share.

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 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 Catholic Phrase to Understand Better: 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.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

— Matthew 11:28

In today’s Gospel, Jesus invites us to place our burdens in His hands and trust in His gentle, humble heart. A planned or legacy gift is one way to deepen that trust and feel connected to the church's ongoing mission — helping future generations encounter Christ through the ministries, parishes, schools, and works of mercy we cherish today.

By remembering your parish, Catholic school, or the Diocese of La Crosse in your will, trust, retirement account, or estate plans, you can leave a legacy of faith that continues to proclaim God’s goodness “from age to age,” giving your life a lasting purpose.

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.

Threshold Retreat: July 10-12

For high school men entering grades 9-12, interested in learning about priesthood. Join us for a retreat filled with prayer, recreation and reflections on the priesthood. To learn more about these discernment retreats and to register visit: thepriesthodd.org/events

Fire Night at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua—: Please join us for an evening of Adoration, praise, and prayer on **Friday, July 10, 6:30-8:30pm** at *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua!* There will be Confessions, worship music, and prayer teams available throughout the evening as well. Afterwards, join us for a potluck in Marian Hall and a bonfire outside. Bring a dish to pass and spend some time with our Lord and with one another! All are welcome!

Genoa Lions Club - July 10th

The Genoa Lions Club is having a Catfish Fry at the Genoa Park from 4-7 PM on Friday, July 10th.

Parish Events Calendar

Jul 5:	10:30 AM Frances Garden Memorial Service
Jul 11:	5:30 PM Faith on Tap
Jul 18:	8:00 AM-12:00 PM Service Saturday