

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1 & 2, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 3, 2026 to August 9, 2026

08/03/26	Monday	NO MASS	
08/04/26	Tuesday	NO MASS	
08/05/26	Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Irene Barilani
08/06/26	Thursday	8:00 AM	† Andrew Granchalek
08/07/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Deceased Cina family
08/08/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Bernice Berra
08/09/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Aug. 8: Jayne Coster

Sun. Aug. 9: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. Aug. 8: Volunteers

Sun. Aug. 9: Abigail Mitchell, Oscar Levendoski,
Brad Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Aug. 9: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Aug. 3 Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn
Umberger

Mon. Aug. 10: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle,
Linda Pedretti

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 25 & 26

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,490.00
Plate	\$ 302.00
Total	\$ 3,792.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

Last weekend as you may have noticed by my absence, I was up at St. Thomas University in St. Paul for their annual Steubenville youth conference. It was a Spirit filled time with over 2,000 high schoolers in attendance. It was a lot of fun and a lot of prayer. Sometimes though you wonder if any of this will have any lasting significance in their lives. Speaking from my own experience, I attended the same conference when I was in high school back in 2011. I think it was the first time I ever publicly said I was thinking about being a priest. Sometimes seeds are planted and we won't see the fruit for many years, but God is at work. Please continue to keep these young people in your prayers.

Coming back again to the four core principles of a parish fully alive on mission as part of our Diocesan Rebuild my Church initiative, today I would like to examine principle number 3. As a reminder the four core principles that are now guiding our local pastoral planning conversations are:

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

One of the frequent complaints about our diocesan priest assignments is that pastors are moved too often. That is a valid complaint. Canon Law envisions pastors to have a certain stability in their assignments. It is hard for a congregation to form a trusting relationship with their pastor if he is moved every two years (as was the case here for a time). It is also difficult for any kind of evangelical mission to take root with unstable leadership. I was blessed growing up in my parish where the pastor was there for over 15 years and the fruits of that were evident.

More work is still to be done to achieve this important goal. In order to achieve this goal, it does require a shift in our approach and mentality towards the status quo. St. Charles is a head of the game in some respects. We are only one parish and have just one Saturday and Sunday Mass. I know at one time there were two Sunday Masses here and while that might be nice for convenience, there is something heartening about seeing a full Church on Sunday rather than splitting our congregation in half. It also means that Baptisms and Fellowship are possible after Mass when the priest does not have to run off to another church or prepare for another Mass. As painful as I know it was to close Sacred Heart in De Soto, I do not think I could have been Chaplain at Aquinas, principal of our school and pastor to two parishes at the same time. These sacrifices of the past have set the groundwork for healthy leadership in the future.

Another aspect of stable and healthy leadership is having strong lay involvement in the parish. When everything is dependent on the priest to organize and direct, things will inevitably fall apart after a change in leadership, but when there are strong systems in place with many volunteers and paid staff, the parish is in a much healthier position.

As we take up our time and talent drive this weekend please prayerfully consider how the Lord might be calling you to share your gifts in leadership at our parish.

Please also pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood especially from those of our own parish!

God bless,

Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

First Friday Adoration

Please join us this Friday, August 7th after the 8am Mass for a half-hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

St. Charles Catholic Women's Group

St Charles Catholic Women's Group will be traveling to Sinsinawa on Aug 11 for an afternoon to tour the grounds and a concert in the Chapel in the evening. If you are interested in joining us please call the office. We will be setting up a carpool to travel together.

Faith on Tap

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, August 8th at 5:30PM at the parish rectory. All ages 21+ are welcome. Drinks and snacks are provided. Faith on Tap is a time to learn and discuss different aspects of our Catholic faith and how they apply to our daily lives.

Women's Bible Study

Women of St. Charles- Are you interested in digging deeper into scripture? A new bible study will be starting this fall in place of our Women's Book Club. We will be reading 1 Corinthians and discussing what it means to be in the world but not of it. We will be meeting at a parishioners home on Monday evenings 6:30-8pm for 6 weeks on the following dates: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/26. You do not need any materials other than a bible. For the first week, please read 1 Corinthians chapters 1-2 and be ready to discuss. All women are welcome. Please contact the parish office to register and for additional details.

The St. Charles Quilters would like to thank everyone that purchased tickets for the 2026 quilt raffle. We are happy to announce that Lowell Monroe was the winner of the quilt. Our ticket sales were \$1196. Thank you all for your support.

Time & Talent

If you were unable to attend the August 1 & 2 weekend Mass but would still like to share your time & talent with St. Charles parish, please contact Father Reither or the office.

St. Charles Endowment Fund

As some of you already know, St. Charles has an endowment fund established for the long term longevity of our parish. This endowment began through an initial donation from Harry Lello and has grown through the years and is now sitting at around a 100K. The interest of which benefits our parish. The endowment principle can never be touched and is a lasting support to the parish. As the endowment grows we could soon see entire salaries paid from the interest of this endowment which is a layer of financial stability to our parish. If you are interested in contributing funds or setting up an estate, please contact our pastor or the parish office to learn more.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

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!

Volunteer and School Training

We have safe environment training scheduled for our parish and school on **Thursday, August 27th** with several sessions as options to attend. Annual training is required for all those who volunteer and work in our parish and school. Training at 10:30 am, 1:15 pm, 3:45 pm & 5:15 pm. There is school employee and volunteer training from 8:00 -12. This time frame will include Safe Environment also. Please call the office with questions and to register.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Wisconsin Bishops Approve WCC Website on Immigration Resources

The bishops of Wisconsin have approved an extremely helpful [website on Immigration](#), featuring Church teaching on the subject and many other resources. The balance and clarity of the Church's voice on this topic is vital. To access the website, scan the QR code on the right.



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>

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 scan the QR code on the right.



Mass of Hope and Healing | Sep 8 | Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman:

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A candle ceremony will take place at 6:30, prior to the beginning of Mass. Please arrive early to receive your votive candle(s) in remembrance of any child(ren) lost. Candles will be lit and grieving families will carry them forward to surrender to a priest. After Mass, refreshments will be served and volunteers will be present to offer assistance, support, and comfort. We welcome all who mourn, and encourage anyone to come and be supportive.

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Prayer

The second characteristic of a disciple is that we are committed to times of prayer on a daily basis, both individually and with family, and frequently with the parish, where we are thankful to God for the blessings of the day and we seek His will. Prayer becomes an important part of our life.

The Catechism describes prayer as our “vital and personal relationship with the living and true God” (CCC 2558). Our life of prayer manifests itself in different ways, such as the silent time we take each day to be present to Jesus, the celebration of the Mass, the sufferings we offer up and the opportunities to pray with others in need. (adapted from “Discipleship Quads” by Dcn. Bob Rice and team)

Aquinas Employment Opportunities

Interested applicants can submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to Human Resources Coordinator Lisa Caya at lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org

Middle School Opening:

- Choral Music Teacher

High School Openings:

- Math/Science Teacher (1.0 FTE)

With the ability to teach Physics

- English Teacher (1.0 FTE)

- Paraprofessional

Parish Events Calendar

Aug. 7	8:30 AM First Friday Adoration
Aug. 8	5:30 PM Faith on Tap
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