



July 12, 2026

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Mass Schedule

Daily Liturgy:

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am
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Weekend Masses

4:00 pm Saturday*

8:30 & 10:30 am Sunday

*Saturday 4 pm Mass is **Live -**
streamed and then available on
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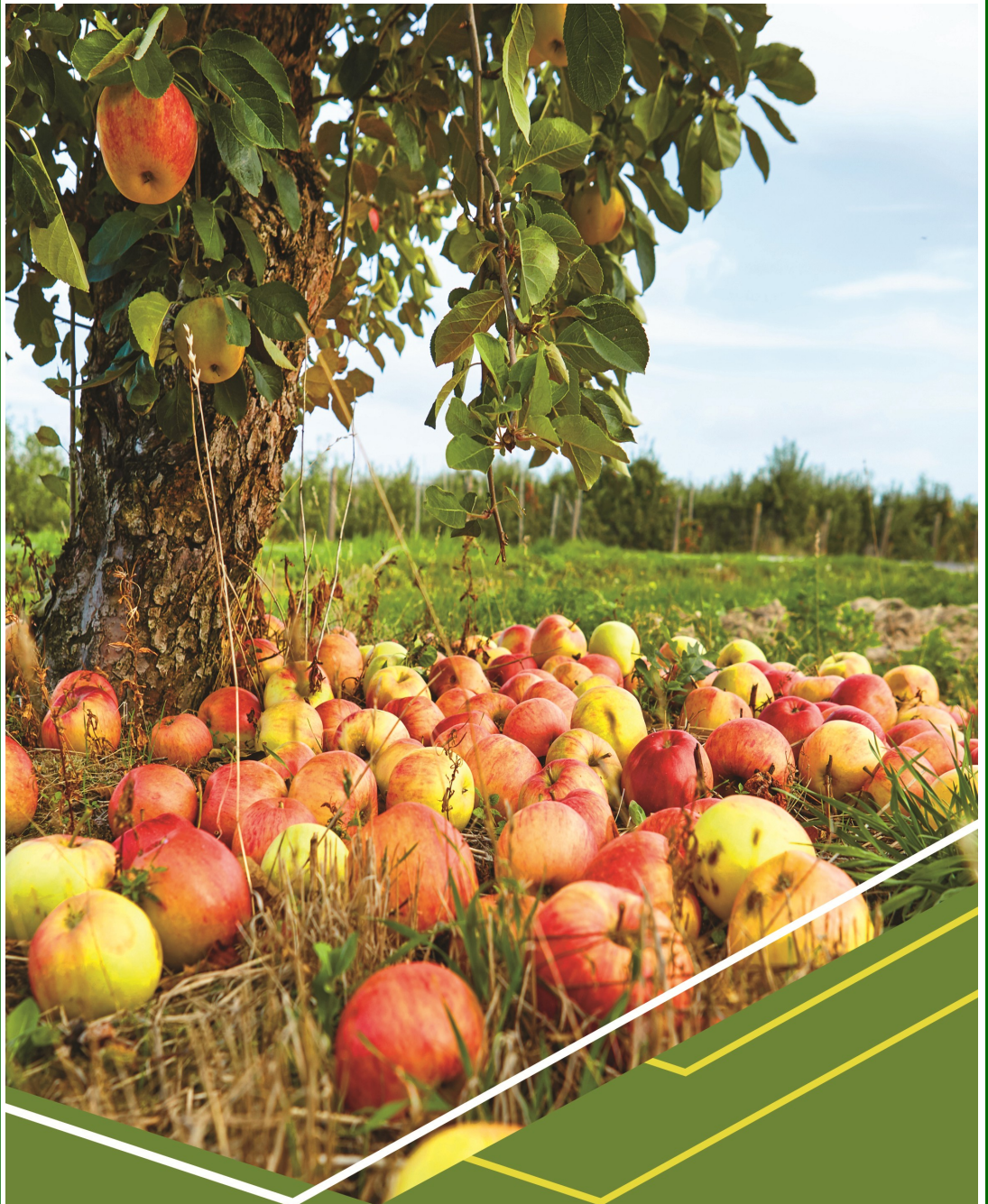
Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm



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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word
and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo Parish is a Christ-Centered, Catholic worshipping community which serves the diverse needs and celebrates the God-given gifts of our parishioners and the global community in a spirit of joy and generosity.

Masses**Sunday, July 12—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time***Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23*

4:00 pm (Sat.) Monthly Memorial Mass: *Doris Sopko, Paul DiBenedetto, David & Michael Cooke, Len & Mary Viccaro, Catherine Bly-Casper*

8:30 am Russ Kruspe—*Family*

10:30 am Esther Behr—*Lathrop Family*

Monday, July 13*Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1*

8:00 am Emile & Yvette Richard—*Family*

Tuesday, July 14*Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24*

8:00 am For the People

Wednesday, July 15*Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27*

8:00 am Apolonio Datuin—*Family*

Thursday, July 16*Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30*

8:00 am William Sotomayor—*Sal Tripi*

Friday, July 17*Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8*

8:00 am Pat Anselm—*Bigham Family*

Saturday, July 18*Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21*

4:00 pm Joyce Sheils—*Andy & Margaret Gray*

Sunday, July 19—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43*

8:30 am Laura Elizabeth Henke—*Tina, Kim & Sharon*

10:30 am Flo Tripi, John Tripi & Sylvia Bulterman
—*Sal Tripi & Family*



*The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week
in Loving Memory of*

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at the request of her Husband and Family.



Nocturnal Adoration
Saturday, July 18
5:15 to 6:15 PM
**St. Charles Borromeo-
Church**



Come, hear of God's love for us, who are His cherished children. The better you know of Jesus' love for us, the more you will love Him.

We pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament
All are welcome. Jesus is waiting!

Week Ahead**Sunday, July 12**

12:00 pm AA "Rebos" Group—BMC/2

Monday, July 13

9:00 am Summer Camp—BMC (*until 12 Noon*)

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 am Summer Camp—BMC (*until 12 Noon*)

12:15 pm Al-Anon Group—BMC/10

7:00 pm AA "Sober" Group—PC

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7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg.—PC

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Friday, July 17

9:00 am Summer Camp—BMC (*until 12 Noon*)

Saturday, July 18

5:15 pm Nocturnal Adoration—CH (*until 6:15pm*)

Sunday, July 19

12:00 pm AA "Rebos" Group—BMC/2

Legend: CH=Church BMC=Borromeo Ministry Center
PC=Parish Center

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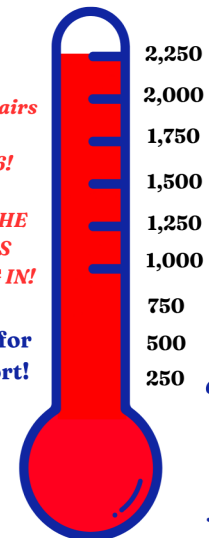
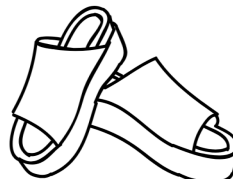


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Thank you for your continued generosity!*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT**JULY 4 & 5, 2026****(1ST WEEK OF FISCAL YEAR 2026/27)**

ATTENDANCE	119	4:00PM
	122	8:30AM
	255	10:30AM
STREAMING	14	
TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	510	

Sunday Offering..... \$8,640.00**PLUS: ONLINE (ACH/Credit Cards) Giving..... \$5,002.00****TOTAL Collected..... \$13,642.00****WEEKLY BUDGET: \$13,175**

*Fr. John thanks you for your presence along
with your spiritual & financial support
throughout the year!*



\$125 went to **Honor Flight Rochester** this past weekend. **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** will be this weekend's Parish Sharing recipient.

With over 400 chapters in the US, **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** has really taken off. Their purpose is to make sure that every child has a bed in which to sleep. The Rochester chapter is in Pittsford. They are an all-volunteer organization that builds and delivers fully finished beds. Many organizations and churches have hosted sessions for building beds or collecting bedding. All donated funds are used for tools, lumber and hardware, new mattresses, bedding and pillows. Since they started in 2019 the Rochester chapter has made over 1,570 beds. They have a constant wait list of over 300 children and serve some of the neediest families in the area. SHP Rochester will get our parish sharing donation this weekend. Their website: www.shpbeds.org/chapter/ny-rochester/.

**PUZZLE**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer	rocky	birds
soil	thorns	choked
root	path	seed

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**MISSION**

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.

It's That Time! Nominate St. Charles Today!

It is time to **NOMINATE St. Charles Borromeo** as your favorite local church in the **"Entertainment & Leisure: Place of Worship"** category for the **2026 Rochester Community's Choice Awards!** Participants are eligible to win a \$250 gift card too....

You can Nominate Daily from July 1-22!

To Nominate St. Charles Borromeo, go to:
<https://yourchoiceawards.com/rochester/>



Readings for July 12, 2026 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

2nd Reading (Romans 8:18-23)

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.



Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear. The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 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*. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

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JULY



The Road Less Traveled

—Deacon Don Eggleston

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Authenticity has become a popular word, especially in a world increasingly dominated by Artificial Intelligence. It is hard to distinguish what is truly "real" anymore. We may find ourselves craving the security that we once had in trusting that things were really as they appeared. I pray that such security can be recovered.

Interpersonal authenticity is also something that we crave. We admire people who are "real" and distrust those who seem to be putting on a performance. But *Christian authenticity* is deeper than simply "being yourself."

Jesus never encouraged people to remain exactly as they were. He called them to conversion. Yet He also never asked anyone to pretend they were something they were not.

The people who found healing in Jesus were those who came honestly. Peter admitted his fear. Thomas admitted his doubt. The tax collector admitted his sin. Even the thief on the cross admitted his guilt. They came without pretense, and Jesus met them with mercy. They simply told Him the truth.

By contrast, Jesus' strongest words were reserved for those who projected an image of holiness while hiding their true hearts. "*This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*" (Matthew 15:8-9). He was not condemning weakness; He was condemning pretense.

Authenticity before God means allowing our outer lives to match our inner lives. It means bringing our joys, wounds, questions, failures, and hopes into His presence without disguise. God already knows them. Prayer is not informing God who we are; it is agreeing with Him about who we are.

Ironically, authentic people are often the most peaceful people. They no longer have to spend their energy maintaining an image. They can simply receive God's love as they are while allowing His grace to shape who they are becoming.

Perhaps authenticity is one of the greatest gifts we can offer each other. When we are honest about our own humanity, we give others permission to stop pretending as well. In a world full of carefully crafted images, authentic Christians quietly proclaim a liberating truth: **we are imperfect people deeply loved by a perfect God.**

This week, perhaps the Lord is inviting us to ask not, "How do others see me?" but rather "How does God see me?" He sees us completely, loves us unconditionally, and continually calls us to become the person He created us to be.

Thanks be to God.





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Updates from ROC Catholics Northwest....

From the ROC Catholics Northwest Vocations Committee: An interview with lay ecclesial minister, Patty Gorman, Music & Liturgy Director at St. Leo the Great

What do you do? I direct a Worship Group, Festive Choir, Children's Praise Choir, Resurrection Choir, and Cantors. In addition, I oversee the Hand Bell Choir. I am also in charge of all liturgical happenings and liturgical purchasing, such as hosts, candles, banners, and flowers.

What is your advice to others thinking about a similar path? Pray about it, volunteer first like I did, and shadow people in the music or liturgy area at church. The pay isn't for the faint of heart, and the work calls you to go above and beyond. If you decide to go in this direction, I suggest that you attend Pastoral Musicians conventions like I did. I learned a lot at the conventions and met composers and liturgists of all kinds. I also learned the rules of the church. You can find Patty's full interview on the ROC Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>

Update from the ROC Catholics Northwest Steering Committee

The Steering Committee, responsible for coordinating collaboration among our 7 parishes, recently met. Work is beginning on the **2027 Lenten Retreat**.

The **Vocations Committee's** current initiatives include interviewing local lay ecclesial ministers, continuing "Adopt a Seminarian," planning a Mass for Vocations, and holding another informational session for men--and their wives--interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate.

The **Evangelization Committee** is working on expanding its membership and will use the summer to set priorities for the coming year.

Remember to visit the **ROC Catholics Northwest website** for Mass, Confession, and Adoration times; ways to enrich your faith through podcasts, videos, and apps included in the Digital Library; minutes of all committee meetings; and information about parish events open to all: [ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>.



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