

2nd Sunday in Lent
February 28 & March 1, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 2, 2026 - March 8, 2026

03/02/26	Monday	NO MASS	
03/03/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Pauline Berra
03/04/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
03/05/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
03/06/26	Friday	8:00 AM	People of St. Charles
03/07/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
03/08/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	† Lorraine Curti

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Mar 7: 4:00 PM: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Mar 08: 9:30 AM: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Mar. 7: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Mar. 08: 9:30 AM: Abigail Mitchell, Liam & Henry Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Mar. 08 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Mar. 1: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn Umberger

Mon. Mar. 8: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

Ushers March 2026

Saturday: Larry Kelsey & volunteers

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

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday's at 7:00 PM (Mar. 4, 11, 18, & 25)

Friday's at 2:30 PM (Mar. 6, 13, 20 & 27)

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: February 21 & 22

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,260.00
Plate	\$ 138.80
School Donation	\$ 50.00
Birthright	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 1,498.80

From the Desk of Father Reither

Another pillar of our Lenten season is Almsgiving or works of Charity. For those who struggle with the capital sins of Greed or Envy, Generosity is the virtue that helps work against that human tendency to hoard or keep for ourselves alone. This can happen with material or spiritual goods. We have to remember that Holiness is not a private project; it is not something that I just work out on my own. When the Lord established his Church, He created a community in which all of the members would have to learn to work together as parts of the body of Christ. When we act out of our Christian duty to show Mercy towards others, we are recognizing that they too have the dignity of being a child of God. True Almsgiving should never become simply throwing money at people or causes, but of looking the other in the eye, seeing their identity, leaving aside personal judgements about them and finding the image of God within them. May this Lent be a time of renewal in encountering our brothers and sisters in true Charity. Please see below a beautiful sermon by St. Peter Chrysologus as he links Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving as a single act. – Fr. Reither

From a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop - *Prayer knocks, fasting obtains, mercy receives*

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other. Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you. Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor. Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: *A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.*

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Our order for Easter flowers will be placed on Sunday, 3/1/26 at 5 PM

"Ask A Priest" Luncheon-March 15

Please plan to participate in and attend our first "Ask a Priest" event on March 15, after Mass! Father Reither will have an open session of answering questions that we submit to him. If you have burning questions about our faith and/or parish, Father will provide insight into all we ask.

Soup & sandwiches will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish to pass.

If this interests you, please fill out the survey through the link or QR code below by March 8.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcG-cV-buj9zuHMsJaKf_ixrQ6mlWflt9UH8wEHhyutCV_Egw/viewform?usp=dialog



CCD:

March 4: 6:30 PM ALL students for Stations of the Cross (meet at school)

March 8: 8:15 AM Grades K-5

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

PTO:

Friday Night Fish - 3/6 & 3/20 from 5 pm - 7 pm.

Thank you to those who came out even after the large snowfall to enjoy the fish and company!

Looking forward to seeing you next week! Music offered by Tim Bohnenkamp. Drinks and desserts available.

Trivia night - This Saturday, Feb 28th at 6 pm. Walking Tacos are on the menu. Get your team signed up if you're not already!

Spring Carnival - April 26th from 10:30-1:30 pm. Any donations (prizes, baskets or goodies) can be dropped off at school or back of church labeled Spring Carnival. If you would like to volunteer to help reach out to Jessie at 608-780-1148. We are looking forward to another fun event for all! Raffle tickets will be available soon!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Ready for Spring? St. John Paul II announced that the Church was entering a "new springtime" of evangelization. If that is true, how can we be ready? Think of how different life is entering fall versus entering spring. Fr. Derek Sakowski offers a short video on the importance of knowing what season we are in as a Church.



Lent: Let God Love You...and THEN, Learn to Love Him Back!

Remember, as we move through Lent, we always want to start with our focus on God's love for us. So, what is the story of your life this past week? Have you let God love you? Very specifically, how have you recognized one way in which you have experienced God's love for you – concretely, how He has blessed you? Spend a few minutes thinking through that situation and ponder the way in which He loved you in that experience.

Sin wounds the relationship we were created for—a life of love and communion with God. The Father's mercy, revealed through the death and resurrection of His Son, reaches its fullness when we approach Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus offers us the opportunity to be restored to friendship with God, the Church, and one another. Instituted by Christ on the evening of His Resurrection, this Sacrament allows us to experience His mercy and healing love in a deeply personal way. Further, in this purification from sin, we experience enlightenment, which is the grace of the Holy Spirit, guiding us in the way of goodness and truth.

What are your God-given Gifts?

You have received gifts in Baptism through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discern the specific charisms you were given! The “Called & Gifted” discernment process offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield.

Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit. God calls each of us to (and gifts us for) the work that we most love. We want to know what gifts God has given to us because when we use them, our life is enriched with purpose and joy. Any questions, contact Beth Johnson at bjohnson@diolc.org or (608) 791-2658.

Men of the Cross: Forged for Mission | March 21, 2026 | Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Men of the Diocese of La Crosse! This is your invitation to step away from the noise of daily life and be renewed in faith, brotherhood, and purpose. Join other Catholic men for a powerful day of encouragement and formation as we grow stronger as disciples, husbands, fathers, and leaders forged for mission.

Featured Speaker: Bart Schuchts

Mass Celebrant: Fr. Sam Martin

Cost: \$45 (includes breakfast & lunch)

High School Men: Attend FREE with a parent/guardian



Come be strengthened, challenged, and inspired to live boldly for Christ and bring His mission into your home, parish, and community.

Charity: To Love as God Loves

Jesus “raised the bar” for us and instituted something new in calling us to “Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12) In loving us by giving the totality of Himself for us on the Cross, Jesus obtained for us the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to live out this call to love ourselves and our neighbor. This is the very heart of the Christian life.

Praying the Stations of the Cross is most appropriate during the season of Lent. “The Stations of the Cross allow us to prayerfully journey with Jesus to Golgotha, the place of His Crucifixion. The Stations of the Cross are also a means to enter into our suffering and experience the hope we have in Christ through the Resurrection. They give us the courage to journey alongside those who are suffering, to provide a helping hand to those who have fallen, to help someone carry their cross, to offer an act of compassion in the midst of humiliation, to simply sit at the foot of the cross and witness suffering and know that as we encounter others who suffer, we encounter Christ, as well. *VIA: Finding Hope in the Stations of the Cross* allows us to journey alongside Jesus as He carried His cross and experience His Passion and death in a way like never before.” (by Life Teen)

Parish Events Calendar

March 1: Fellowship after Mass
OCIA after Fellowship

March 3: Quilters in Lello Room

March 4: 6:30 PM ALL CCD students for Stations of the Cross (meet at school)
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

March 6: 8:30 AM First Friday Adoration
2:30 PM Stations of the Cross
5:00 PM PTO Fish Fry

March 8: 8:15 AM CCD Grades K-5
10:45 AM OCIA
6:30 PM Men’s Lectio Divina