

4th Sunday in Lent
March 14 & 15, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 16, 2026 - March 22, 2026

03/16/26	Monday	NO MASS	
03/17/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	Jim Parry
03/18/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
03/19/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
03/20/26	Friday	8:00 AM	People of St. Charles
03/21/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
03/22/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	Michele Serwe

Ministry Volunteers Lector

Sat. Mar. 21: 4:00 PM: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Mar. 22: 9:30 AM: Henry Phillips

Servers

Sat. Mar. 21: 4:00 PM: Volunteers

Sun. Mar. 22: 9:30 AM: Perpetua & Thomas

Mitchell & Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Mar. 22 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Mar. 16: Conrad & Nancy Kirby, Keith

Magnuson

Mon. Mar. 23: Arnie & Diane Pedretti & Dorothy

Stokke

Ushers March 2026

Saturday: Larry Kelsey & volunteers

Sunday: Keith Magnuson, Arnie Trussoni & Tim

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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 (March 18, & 25)

Friday's at 2:30 PM (March 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: March 7 & 8

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,965.00
Plate	\$ 410.00
School Support	\$ 30.00
Religious Education	\$ 25.00
Votive Candles	\$ 28.00
Total	\$ 3,458.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

This past Tuesday I got to attend the diocesan Evangelization Summit at Mary Mother of the Church in La Crosse. This summit was one of the follow ups to the listening sessions that were held in many of the parishes of our diocese as we collectively discerned how the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow and adapt as a diocese in the years to come. The summit itself was a very hope filled event as we listened to talks, participated in small group discussions, and had the opportunity for collective prayer in Adoration. My biggest takeaway from the event was the excitement and momentum of the participants to enter into this pivot from “Maintenance to Mission” as the bishop has spoken of repeatedly as the guiding principle of his leadership in our diocese.

While any important endeavor is often met with fear or mistrust, the bishop spoke at the onset that the process of evangelization and of spiritual renewal is not a matter of running another new program or the other trap of “just do more”, but of having the freedom to say yes to those things that are truly life giving and fruitful in ministry and of saying no to areas that are not bearing fruit or leading others to Christ, all discerned from a place of prayer and from our relationship to Christ.

It is often asked, what does a parish look like that is on maintenance mode and what is one that is on mission? In general terms, something that is in maintenance mode is a structure or an event that was once popular and vibrant, but has since then fallen into a time of self-preservation and a nostalgia of the past. The best non-church example I can think of is the Blockbuster movie rental chain. Has anyone seen one of those movie rental businesses still in operation? As described online, “Blockbuster was a dominant home video rental chain founded in 1985, which filed for bankruptcy in 2010 due to high debt, competition from Redbox, and a failure to pivot to streaming, missing a chance to buy Netflix in 2000.”

Sometimes the programs or groups at a parish can start to have the feel of an old Blockbuster store. Maybe they were full of life and importance at the start, but now they are run by fewer and fewer people and are not touching lives as they did in the past. This is not to say at all that the Church needs to change the Gospel message or “get with the times”, but rather that the people who still hunger deep down for the same Gospel message need a different vehicle to receive that timeless message of Jesus.

In contrast a parish on mission is one that is actively seeking out and inviting new members to win them for the kingdom of God. It means building up those members in a true community of Faith to have the support of other Christians living the same life. It also means equipping members to be sent on mission to help those in need and evangelize the world in which they live. This process of going out on mission requires us to have the faith that God is still at work in his Church and that we do not have to hold on to the structures of the past as our identity, but of getting back to the original message of the Gospel, that God loves you and has a plan for your life.

This is an exciting time for the Church in La Crosse as we make this pivot from Maintenance to Mission by following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit!

God bless,

Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

St Charles Catholic Women next meeting April 9th 6:30 pm. If you'd like more information, please contact the parish office.

CCD:

March 22: NO CLASS/confirmation retreat

March 29: Mass Participation

The annual fundraiser for **Birthright** of La Crosse is wrapping up. The bottles/envelopes need to be brought **back by Sunday March 15th**. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have several openings for Mass intentions. To schedule Mass for a particular intention, please reach out to our parish office. The suggested offering is \$20 per Mass.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

NO SCHOOL Monday, March 16, 2026, teacher in-service

PTO:

Friday Night Fish - Last one next Friday 3/20 from 5 pm - 7 pm. We're looking forward to another fun night enjoying delicious food, music by Tim Bohnenkamp, and chatter. Drinks and deserts are available.

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 are here and have so many amazing prizes!! All students/families are selling. There will also be some at the back of the church and the school office (to buy/sell). If returning sold tickets please label spring carnival and make checks to St. Charles PTO. Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Stations of the Cross with and for Survivors of Clergy Abuse

Mary, Mother of the Church invites you to participate in a unique opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with and for survivors of Catholic Clergy abuse on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 AM. Lent can be a difficult time for victim-survivors and showing support and a spirit of accompaniment is a gift to them. The prayer will follow the traditional Stations of the Cross devotion, with each station featuring a personal reflection written by a victim-survivor. The reflections are not graphic, but some do reference episodes of abuse. The Stations were created by the Awake Survivors Community which originated in 2018 in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Jennifer-Marie in the MMOC parish office at 608-788-8354 ext. 1 or email secretary@mmoclacrosse.org.

Discernment Workshop

Young adults are invited to join Christian brothers, a Franciscan sister and a lay Franciscan to gain tools for their discernment toolboxes! If you've ever wondered how to know God's will for your life and/or have a desire to learn some prayerful ways to make important decisions, this workshop is for you.

Tuesday, March 31; 6-8 p.m. at Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

Double Feature with Jason Evert Event | April 22, 2026 | St. Bronislava Catholic Church, Plover

Let's come together to discover the beauty of God's plan for human love. A life-changing event for teens & adults (ages 13+). Event includes: Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Free resources for every attendee!

Tickets \$25

Tickets: www.chastity.com/purified

Info: eventcoach@chastity.com

Doors open at 5:30pm

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00 AM Latin Mass

11:00 AM Spanish Mass

12:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Spanish)

1:00 PM English Mass

2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection & Consecration

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:15 PM Benediction & Reposition

3:30 PM St. Faustina Relic Blessing & Veneration

Confessions will be available 30 minutes before AM Masses and 12 Noon - 4 PM.

Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims.

Polish food and Divine Mercy sundaes in honor of St. Faustina available all day at the Culina Mariana Cafe. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.

"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." – Diary of St. Faustina #699

Knowing and Using Your Unique Spiritual Gifts Brings Joy

There is a beautiful process to discover your God-given gifts. Each person receives a unique combination of spiritual gifts – charisms – at baptism. Even if you have used a spiritual gift for a long time, with this discernment, you will receive confidence to step out and use the charism even more, which will bring increased enthusiasm, purpose and JOY to your life.

Join us on Sat., March 21st at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield to begin the process of discovering the charisms that you were given.

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat | April 25-26, 2026 | Franciscan Spirituality Center 920 Market St. La Crosse, WI 54601

Put more Joy into your Marriage: Are you a couple wanting to experience a more joy-filled marriage? Take part in the Domestic Church retreat at Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse on April 25 & 26th. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ.

Registration and information can be found using the QR code.



Parish Events Calendar

March 18: 6:30 PM CCD Grades 6 & up
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

March 20: 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross
5-7 PM PTO Fish Fry

March 22: CCD NO CLASS/confirmation retreat
OCIA after Mass

March 23: 6:30 PM Men's Lectio Divina

March 25: 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

March 27: 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

March 29: CCD Mass Participation

April 9: 6:30 PM St. Charles Women's meeting