

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 28 & 29, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 30, 2026 - April 5, 2026

03/30/26	Monday	NO MASS	
03/31/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Ruth Smith
04/01/26	Wednesday (Spy Wednesday)	NO MASS	
04/02/26	Thursday (Holy Thursday)	7:00 PM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
04/03/26	Friday (Good Friday Service)	3:00 PM	
04/04/26	Saturday (Easter Vigil)	8:30 PM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
04/05/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Thu. Apr. 2: Jayne Coster

Fri. Apr. 3: Lector & Speaker: Travis Klinkner
Narrator: Chris Magnuson

Sat. Apr. 4:

1st & 2nd Readings: Kelly Hutchison

3rd & 4th Readings: Stephanie Nicklay

5th & 6th Readings: Kathy Pedretti

7th Reading & Epistle: Tom Jeffers

Sun. Apr. 5: Jayne Ballwahn

Servers

Thu. Apr. 2: Grady & Reid Nicklay, Perpetua,
William & Thomas Mitchell & Giovanni Trussoni

Fri. Apr. 3: Kanoa, Nalani & Keilana Rodgers

Sat. Apr. 4: Kanoa & Keilana Rodgers, Lorenzo
Trussoni, Grady & Reid Nicklay

Sun. Apr. 5: Lorenzo & Giovanni Trussoni, Ezio
Olson & Emma Kendhammer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Apr. 5: 9:30 AM: Jayne Ballwahn

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Mar. 30: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle,
Linda Pedretti

Mon. Apr. 6: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Garolyn
Umberger

Ushers April 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: March 21 & 22

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,065.00
Plate	\$ 318.26
Religious Education	\$ 10.00
<u>Support our School</u>	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 3,443.26

From the Desk of Father Reither

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Today the Church enters into its most Holy Week of the liturgical year with the celebration of the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In no other time of the year do we take such an active role in the celebration of our Lord's redeeming mysteries. Today we stand like the children of Israel with palms in our hands and cry out with them "Hosanna to the Son of David! All glory, laud, and honor to you redeemer king!" Yes, Christ enters Jerusalem in triumph but his public praise is short lived. Christ did not come as a king of this world. He did not seek to manifest himself with power and a great show of strength. Rather, he came to establish his kingdom by suffering and dying on the Cross and rising again to redeem us from our sins.

I am often struck by how quickly the liturgy today changes in tone from the triumphal procession into Jerusalem to the reading of the Passion in the Gospel. No sooner do we finish saying "Hosanna to the Son of David" than the words of the crowd are on our lips "*crucify him, crucify him.*" It is a stark reminder for me of how easy it is to praise the Lord everyday in Mass and everyday also to deny him by my sins. But sin does not have the final say. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus he has triumphed over sin and death.

The blessed palm branches we receive are a symbol of that triumph of Christ. It is a praiseworthy custom to place them around a crucifix in your home as a reminder of how exactly Jesus triumphed over the wiles of the evil one. For us too, they are a sign of perseverance, that we who persevere through the crosses in our own life will come to experience the triumph of the Lord in the resurrection to come.

I heartily encourage you if at all possible to take part in the liturgies of Holy Week. These are great opportunities to avail ourselves of the extra graces God wishes to pour out on us during these days. The schedules are listed here in this bulletin.

As St. Thomas said in John's Gospel "Let us also go to die with him" (John 11:16), that we might also rise with him!

A blessed Holy Week to you all!

Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

Holy Week and Triduum Schedule:

Apr. 1: 7 PM Spy Wednesday, Tenebrae Service

The Sacred Triduum, “three holy days”

Apr. 2: 7 PM Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Apr. 3: 3 PM Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

Apr. 4: 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass (no 4pm Mass)

April 5: 9:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass

CCD:

April 1: Class Grades 6-10

April 5: NO CLASS grades K-5

April 12: Class Grades K-5

April 15: NO Class-Confirmation

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

PTO:

Thank you for supporting PTO's 3 Friday Night Fish fries. We look forward to hosting again next year! Also thanks to Tim Bohnenkamp for sharing his music during the events.

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!

Scholarships - applications are available in the school office or the back of church for students to pick up, fill out and return to the school office via mail, drop off in the office or the black box outside of school. The deadline is April 10th.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord The Proof of God the Father’s Love for Us Let us recall each day that God’s mercy and unconditional love are central to our journey of life on our way to Heaven. The proof that the Father loves each one of us is the crucifixion – the suffering and death of the Son of God so that our sins may be forgiven. Even when we fall, the boundless love of Christ transforms us through the forgiveness of our sin and compassion He offers, drawing us back to Himself. Jesus shows us that He loves the sinner but hates the sin. This merciful love invites us to approach Him confidently, knowing that He is always ready to forgive and heal. Mercy is the primary attribute of God. When we enter the confessional, it is not merely a priest we face, but Christ Himself. The priest acts in the person of Christ—offering absolution in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Every confession is an encounter with Jesus, who lifts our burden of sin and restores the soul to the beauty of its baptismal innocence. Frequent confession brings peace of soul and a clearer vision of God’s will. It transforms bitterness into compassion, guilt into freedom, and loneliness into communion. It restores what sin has taken— our joy, our trust, our intimacy with the Father. Let us approach this sacrament often, not with fear, but with gratitude and hope. For in every confession, the Father embraces us, Jesus heals us, and the Holy Spirit fills us anew with His grace.

CALIX: A Catholic Substance Abuse Recovery Support Group

Calix is an association of Catholics wanting to live free of addiction to alcohol or drugs, and it is also for affected family members. It is not a substitute for AA or Al-Anon, but provides a Catholic perspective to complement these 12-step programs. “Calix,” Latin for “chalice,” was founded in Minneapolis in 1947 by a group of five men, all recovering alcoholics, who saw their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. If you are interested in learning about the Calix group that meets every other Tuesday by Zoom in the Diocese of La Crosse.



Ray Guarendi, a Catholic father of 10 adopted children, author, clinical psychologist, professional speaker, and national radio and television host will be at **St. Patrick's Church in Sparta (118 South K Street) on the evenings of April 19, 20, & 21 at 6:30pm** to teach us, in his humorous way on parenting and lifestyles with youngsters. The nightly topics are: "Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent," "Men, Women, and Marriage," and "The Logic of Being Catholic." Come and hear what he can teach us about more effective interactions with our children and grandchildren.

U.S. Bishops Conference—Action Alert on Immigration Enforcement

The U.S. Bishops urge the faithful to call on Congress to ensure immigration enforcement respects human dignity and religious freedom for all. For more information and to make your voice heard.



Lenten Renewal:

Lent is a time for almsgiving, when we especially focus on what we call Christian stewardship. As such, it serves as a tool of conversion for ourselves and as an expression of love for our neighbor that “covers a multitude of sins” (1 Pt 4:8).

According to the Church’s teaching, Christian stewardship is related to the seventh commandment of the decalogue. The Church has consistently used the Ten Commandments as a foundation for understanding all aspects of Christian moral life. Therefore, concerning the use of our financial resources—regardless of the form—the Church directs us toward the seventh commandment.

But there is an even closer connection between the seventh commandment’s prohibition against stealing and our charitable giving than just that both involve money. Quoting St. John Chrysostom, the great 4th-century Father of the Church, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs” (CCC 2446).

We often think of our charitable giving as a voluntary act that we can freely choose to give or not. However, remember that in the famous judgment scene in Matthew 25, Jesus condemns, for all eternity, those who fail to help those He calls “the least of these my brethren” (vs. 40), including the poor, the naked and the imprisoned. We are actually required by justice to help them, not just free to do so or not. To fail to do so is what we would call a sin of omission, and clearly, our Lord considers it a serious one.

Healing Ministry for those Who Have Lost a Baby

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. For a trained, compassionate, listening ear, in complete confidentiality, call 608.860.6698 or email Hope4U@diolc.org.

Parish Events Calendar

March 31: 10:30 AM Chrism Mass in La Crosse
5:15 PM PTO meeting

April 1: 6:30 PM CCD Grades 6-8
7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

April 2: 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper

April 3: 3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

April 4: 8:30 PM Easter Vigil

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

April 12: Fellowship & International Food Fest
after Mass
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