

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11 & 12, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 13 - 19, 2026

04/13/26	Monday	NO MASS	
04/14/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Larry Cina
04/15/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
04/16/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
04/17/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Terry Pitzner
04/18/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Janie Cina
04/19/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Apr. 18: Julie Hurlburt

Sun. Apr. 19: Tim Gillespie

Servers

Sat. Apr. 18: Volunteers

Sun. Apr. 19: Brad Klinkner, Lorenzo & Giovanni Trussoni

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Apr. 19: 9:30 AM: Marj Gillespie

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Apr. 13: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

Mon. Apr. 20: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith Magnuson

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; April 3, 4 & 5

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,967.00
Plate	\$ 583.00
Endowment Trust	\$ 10.00
<u>Holy Land</u>	\$ 290.00
Total	\$ 4,850.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Hour of Mercy

At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy ... In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. (St. Faustina - Diary, 1320)

At 3pm on Good Friday, our Lord Jesus died on the wood of the cross to forgive us our sins. That hour ever since has been sanctified and has become known as the hour of mercy. While always a part of the tradition of the Church, the theme of Divine Mercy has been emphasized in our own time, especially through the revelations of Jesus as recounted by St. Faustina Kowalska. Where sin abounds, Grace abounds all the more. It was Pope John Paul II who dedicated the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Image of Divine Mercy which we venerate today has the two rays of red and blue shining from the heart of Jesus. These rays remind us of the blood and water which poured forth from the pierced heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for the forgiveness of our sins.

Today it is possible to obtain the indulgence attached to devotions in honor of Divine Mercy. Today many people are unaware and do not take advantage of the great spiritual riches the Church offers in the form of indulgences. The Catechism defines an indulgence as a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven... (n.1471).

To obtain the indulgence offered today the faithful must make a sacramental confession (typically within 8 days before or after), receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of Pope Leo.

In addition to the above requirements: "the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)."'

Today let the power of the Mercy of Christ fill your soul. Our sins are not an obstacle to the Love of Jesus when we come to Him with a spirit of repentance. May we all joyfully draw water from the fountain of God's Mercy.

-Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to those who have been donating to the La Crosse Jail Ministry. Our parish has a big heart! Thank you from the La Crosse Jail Ministry Board and the residents of the Jail that so benefit from your donations! For those of you that have not noticed, there is a tote in the back of the church and a cardboard poster that lists the items that are suitable for donation. These items help those who are residents in the jail to feel cared about - to learn more go to:
<https://lacrossejailministry.org/>

Service Saturday April 18:

Peter, 4:10-11, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides..."

Service Saturday offers the opportunity to give back with intention to our parish & community, make connections with others and use our gifts to serve others. There are many different ways you can be a good steward.

Our first Service Saturday will be held on Saturday, April 18th starting at 8:30 AM. Some projects may include cleaning gutters & carpets, visiting elders, lawn care & dusting for neighbors and making meals & cards. To see what projects we will be working on or to make a suggestion of a project and/or to sign up to help, please contact the office at 608-689-2642, e-mail office@stcharlesgenoa.org or scan the QR code



A luncheon will follow, please bring a dish to share. **Sign up sheets are in the back of the church.**

CCD:

April 16: Confirmation at St. Joseph the Workman
April 26: Mass Participation
April 29: All Families celebration
May 3: First Communion

Our students that are scheduled to be confirmed on Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph the Workman are:

Elija Brosinski
Perpetua Mitchell
Kanoa Rodgers

Rescheduled: Ask A Priest - April 19

Ask a Priest has been moved to Sunday, April 19 following Mass. Link and QR code below are still active for additional questions to be submitted. All are welcome whether they submitted questions or not! Soup & sandwiches will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish to pass.



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

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

International Food Festival:

The St. Charles students will be presenting their travel books during Fellowship Sunday, April 12, from 10:30-11:30. Along with their books the students have prepared a sample of food from their country for all to taste. Come join us and taste some international foods!

PTO:

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!

2026-2027 School Year:

Enrollment is open for St. Charles 3K-6th grade for the 2026-2027 school year and is happening now! If you'd like to save some money, get your registration form & payment in before April 15th!

Lenten Mite Boxes:

Please return your Lenten Mite Boxes to school.

**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE &
OUR COMMUNITY**

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

Lower Coon Valley Lutheran Church

Annual Meatball & Lefse Supper
Saturday, April 25 from 4:30-7:30

Spring Luncheon at St. Mary Parish, April 25, 11 AM–1 PM. \$10 adults, kids 10 & under free. Guest speaker, John Zak, at 11:30 AM, door prizes, open to all!

Genoa-Harmony Fire Department

April 25, 2026 2PM until gone
126 Main Street, Genoa
\$15 Pork chop, baked beans, potato, macaroni salad, coleslaw & dinner roll

Join us for the Wisconsin March for Life



Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 2-4pm
Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps, 2 E Main Street
Madison, WI 53703.



The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was the beginning of the end of abortion. We must continue to make our voices heard until all women and children are protected from abortion and all families have the support they need to thrive. For more information scan the QR code to the right.

Parish Events Calendar

- April 13:** 5:15 PM PTO Meeting
- April 14:** 6:00 PM Women’s Lectio Divina
- April 15:** 6:30 Confirmation at St. Joseph the Workman
- April 18:** 8:30-12 Service Saturday
- April 19:** 8:15 AM CCD Grades K-5
- April 25:** March for Life
- April 26:** 10:30-1:30 PM Spring Carnival
- April 27:** 6:30 PM Men’s Lectio Divina
- April 29:** 6:30 All CCD Families Celebration
- May 1:** 8:30 AM Adoration
- May 3:** 9:30 AM First Communion
10:30 AM Fellowship
- May 5:** 5:15 PM PTO Meeting