

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 18 & 19, 2026

### *St. Charles Borromeo Parish*

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### Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 20 - 26, 2026

04/20/26	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
04/21/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Juanita & Margaret Loftus
04/22/26	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
04/23/26	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
04/24/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† Harold & Myrabelle Pitzner
04/25/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
04/26/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

### Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Apr. 25: Kathy Pedretti

Sun. Apr. 26: Henry Phillips

### Servers

Sat. Apr. 25: Volunteers

Sun. Apr. 26: Henry Klinkner, William & Thomas Mitchell

### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Apr. 26: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

### Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. Apr. 27: Arnie & Diane Pedretti & Dorothy Stokke

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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 11 & 12

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,735.00
Plate	\$ 322.00
Votive Candles	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$ 28,127.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,227.00</b>

## **From the Desk of Father Reither**

*Christos anesti!* (Greek: Χριστὸς ἀνέστη) – Christ is Risen! In many places throughout the world during the Easter season (especially in Greek speaking countries), the usual greeting of “hello” is replaced with the phrase Christ is Risen! (Christos Anesti) To which the proper response is: He is Risen Indeed! (Alithos anesti) This unique way of beginning any conversation is a great reminder of just how Christ’s Resurrection has changed the whole fabric of our lives. It is important that we continue to view our lives through the lens that Christ has died and has risen from the dead. No matter what happens then in this world, even the worst pain and suffering and even death, carries with it the promise of resurrection for us in Christ. Let us continue to hold fast to that reality and view our lives with that reality before us.

A few updates parish wise. There are many great events and opportunities coming up in our parish in the coming month. Please continue to check the bulletin for updates and details. We have tried out our first “Service Saturday” this weekend. We are hoping through this event to have a monthly opportunity to come together as a parish community to do acts of service around the parish and in the lives of some of our homebound parishioners in the area. Please reach out to our parish office for more details or if you know of someone in need who could use some help.

We are offering our young adult community (ages 21-35) a Faith on Tap event on April 25<sup>th</sup> after the 4pm Mass. This is an opportunity to come and have snacks and drinks and engage in conversations about different current events in the life of the Church and our world and what is the Catholic understanding of these things. All young adults are welcome to attend.

We are in need of a new Sunday Sacristan to help with the set up of the Mass and care of the sacred vessels. Priscilla Martin has been serving in that role for many years and the time has come to pass on the torch. On behalf of St. Charles, I would like to thank her for her faithful service in that role over the years! If you are able/interested in learning more about serving in that role please reach out. A good sacristan is one of the essential needs of a functioning parish and don’t be afraid if you feel that you would not be good at it, we will have training and can have flexible scheduling if need be. Please pray about it and then say yes! (just kidding! but really...)

God bless,

Fr. Reither

## ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

### CCD:

April 16: Confirmation at St. Joseph the Workman

April 26: Mass Participation

April 29: ~~All Families celebration~~—Canceled

May 3: First Communion

**Congratulations** to Elija Brosinski, Perpetua Mitchell and Kanoa Rodgers who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 15th!

**St Charles Catholic Women's Group** will be selling roses after Mass, Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds benefiting Wis. Right to Life. Freewill offering Help us support this cause and make a Mom, Grandmother, Aunt or friend feel special this Mother's day

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/>

### Homecoming Picnic Planning Meeting

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the school gymnasium. This is an open invitation to participate in planning St Charles Parish's main and only fundraiser for the year. All are welcome and encouraged to come to help with the planning and contribute ideas!!

**St Charles Catholic Women's group** will meet May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to assemble May baskets and discuss summer events.

## ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

The International Food Festival was a great success! A heart-felt thank you to all the parents, students and parishioners who helped make our festival a success.

### PTO:

**Spring Carnival** - is almost here!!

April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-1:30 pm. Any donations (prizes, baskets or goodies) can be dropped off at school by Sat 4/25 @ 8am. If you would like to bake any goodies let Jessie know at 608-780-1148 - we'd need them by Sunday at 9:30 am. 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. Please **return** any and all tickets by Friday 4/24 to the school labeled Spring Carnival. Checks to St. Charles PTO. Thank you! ❤️

### 2026-2027 School Year:

Enrollment is open for St. Charles 3K-6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>!

### Lenten Mite Boxes:

Please return your Lenten Mite Boxes to school.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

**Sunday, April 26—"Blue Sunday"** is a National Day of Prayer for victims of abuse. On this day, please pray the Holy Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**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 & 26<sup>th</sup>. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ. Register by email Jeff and Alice Heinzen at [LaCrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com](mailto:LaCrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com).

**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! E-mail to attend [eventcoach@chastity.com](mailto:eventcoach@chastity.com)

*Legacy Giving: An Easter Act of Stewardship*  
 Throughout April, the Church guides us through Holy Week and the joyful Easter season. During these sacred days, we reflect on Christ's complete self-sacrifice and the hope we gain through His Resurrection. As disciples, we are called to respond with grateful hearts and generous lives.

One meaningful way to live out that stewardship is through legacy or planned giving. A bequest or other planned gift is a lasting expression of faith—a way to support your parish and the Church's mission for future generations. It serves as a beautiful reminder that the blessings God has given us can continue to bear fruit long after we are called home to Him.

To learn more about Legacy or Planned Giving, contact the Office for Stewardship and Development at 608.791.2653

As we continue to rejoice in the light of the Resurrection, and as our diocese celebrates the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, I invite you to share the enclosed prayer with your parish community. In this Easter season of renewal, the Franciscan call to peace, conversion, and joyful discipleship takes on renewed meaning. Thank you for helping our people receive the graces of this Jubilee year with hearts renewed by the Risen Christ.

### **Prayer to Saint Francis**

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano,  
 teach us to see in Him the source of all reconciliation  
 that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding,  
 give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division,  
 intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

**Mission Trip | July 10-18, 2026 | Valdosta, GA**  
 Holy Family Catholic Church is running a mission trip for youth who have completed their freshman year in high school. If you are interested, please contact Mary Stoeffler at [mstoeffler64@gmail.com](mailto:mstoeffler64@gmail.com).

### **Spring Luncheon at St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley**

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

<b><u>Parish Events Calendar</u></b>	
<b>April 20:</b>	6:30 PM Homecoming Picnic meeting
<b>April 25:</b>	March for Life
<b>April 26:</b>	10:30-1:30 PM Spring Carnival
<b>April 27:</b>	6:30 PM Men's Lectio Divina
<b>May 1:</b>	9:00 AM Adoration
<b>May 3:</b>	9:30 AM First Communion & May Crowning 10:30 AM Fellowship
<b>May 5:</b>	8:30 AM School May Crowning 5:15 PM PTO Meeting
<b>May 7:</b>	6:30 PM Women's Group assemble May baskets
<b>May 9:</b>	5:00 PM Women's Group selling Roses for Mother's Day
<b>May 10:</b>	10:30 AM Women's Group selling Roses for Mother's Day 6:30 PM Men's Lectio Divina
<b>May 12:</b>	6:00 PM Women's Lectio Divina
<b>May 19:</b>	7:00 PM School Spring Concert