

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25 & 26, 2026

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 27 - May 3, 2026

04/27/26	Monday	NO MASS	
04/28/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Evie Furlano
04/29/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
04/30/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
05/01/26	Friday	8:30 AM	Don & Mary Feldner
05/02/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	People of St. Charles
05/03/26	Sunday (First Communion)	9:30 AM	† Karl Tully

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. May 02: Dan Kaczmarowski

Sun. May 03: Travis Klinkner

Servers

Sat. May 02: Volunteers

Sun. May 03: Liam Klinkner, Lorenzo Trussoni & Oscar Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 03: 9:30 AM: Dorothy Stokke

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

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

Mon. May 04: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn Umberger

Ushers May 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

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 18 & 19

Estimated Weekly Need	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,090.50
Plate	\$ 229.00
Catholic Life	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 6,339.50

From the Desk of Father Reither

Good Shepherd Sunday.

Every year on the 4th Sunday of Easter the Church reads from the 10th chapter of John's Gospel where Jesus speaks of being the Good Shepherd. A shepherd's work can be boiled down into two main categories: he guides and he protects the sheep entrusted to him. This simple but essential work of the shepherds is something that the Lord wanted to entrust to his Church as well. The Lord promised that he would give his people shepherds through the prophet Jeremiah: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart".

This he did by entrusting to his Church leaders whose mission would be to guide the people of God to spiritual nourishment and to protect them from the lies of the evil one. Highlighting this truth, the word "pastor" that we use for church leaders comes from the Latin word for Shepherd. The Bishop is the chief shepherd of the diocese and that is why when he celebrates Mass he carries the crosier, which is modeled to look like a shepherd's staff. The bend in one end is meant to symbolize guiding the sheep in the right direction (through teaching and the sacraments) and the spike in the other symbolizes protection from enemies (condemnation of false doctrine and morality). Priests are co-workers in the pastoral ministry of the Bishop.

But in order for the bishop and priests to be holy leaders and not fail in the ministry entrusted to them, they need many prayers. Please continue to pray for me and that the Lord would call many other young men to consider joining the priesthood and who are willing to give their lives in service to the church.

Personal invitation and encouragement also goes a long way for someone to consider a vocation to the priesthood. In many cases a simple word that someone thought would make a good priest was enough for them to think about it for the first time and to pursue seminary studies. Parents have the unique ability to encourage vocations to the priesthood and the religious life simply by encouraging it as an option for their children to consider. Please continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood that they too might be shepherds after Jesus' own heart.

Prayer for vocations

Father you call each one
of us by name and ask us
to follow you.

Bless your church by
raising up dedicated and
generous leaders from our
families and friends who
will serve your people as Sisters, Priests,
Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to
know you, and open our hearts
to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalm 23 A Psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right path for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the
house of the Lord my whole life long

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

CCD:

April 29: ~~All Families celebration~~—Canceled
May 3: First Communion

St Charles Catholic Women's Group will be selling roses after Mass, Saturday May 9th and Sunday May 10th 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.

Hospitality Group

Fellowship- Next Sunday, May 3rd, is First Communion Sunday and also our May Crowning. Being it's the first Sunday of the month, let's all celebrate these joyous occasions at Fellowship after Mass.

Homecoming Picnic Planning Meeting

Monday, May 11th @ 6:30pm in the school gymnasium. This is an open invitation to participate in planning St Charles Parish's main 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 7th at 6:30 pm to assemble May baskets and discuss summer events.

Service Saturday

The next service day will be Saturday, May 16th from 8:30-12. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church or call the office. If you know of a parishioner that is homebound or in an assisted living/nursing home, please contact the office.

Parish Wide Rummage Sale

We will be having a parish wide rummage sale along with Rummage Along the River. Please contact the office for details on what items are accepted and when you are able to work. Proceeds are to benefit our parish & school. Donations will only be accepted on Thursday, May 14th from 4-6 PM.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Friday, May 1st @ 8:30 AM-School celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman

Monday, May 4th-School Bump Up Day

Tuesday, May 5th @ 8:30 AM-School May Crowning

Tuesday, May 19 @ 8:30 AM-School celebration of the Feast of St. Isadore the Farmer

Tuesday, May 19 @ 7:00 PM-School Spring Concert

PTO:

Spring Carnival - is here!! This Sunday, April 26th from 10:30-1:30 pm. Please drop any donations (prizes, baskets) at school by Sat 4/25 @ 8am.

-If you're baking any goodies please drop them off by Sunday at 9:30 am. Can't wait to see all the smiling faces! See yours there!

Raffle Tickets - Please return any and all tickets by Friday 4/24 to school labeled Spring Carnival. Checks to St. Charles PTO. Thank you! ❤️

Chalice of Mercy-"Warmth of Love" Winter Collection Drive for Ukraine~ What began as a call to help those suffering during the harsh winter has grown into a powerful expression of compassion and solidarity that continues to unfold. Because of your open hearts and willingness to act, 11 full pallets were collected, that's nearly half of a 40 foot container. At this moment, these items are being carefully prepared for shipment and will soon begin their journey to Ukraine, where they will reach those who continue to endure the devastating consequences of war. *"Each donation is far more than material support, it is a sign of love, a reminder to those suffering that they are not forgotten, and that compassion still crosses borders even in times of great darkness."*

**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE &
OUR COMMUNITY**

Genoa Lions Club Cod Fish Fry-

Friday, May 8 from 4-7 PM at the Genoa Park
Dine in or carryout Tickets are \$15.00

Our local 4-H Club, the Mississippi Steamers, and our local financial institution, the Genoa State Bank, in partnership, are installing a free community food pantry. This Little Free Food Pantry will be located outside the bank facing Swan Street. Place unexpired food, hygiene or paper products inside. Take the items you need or exchange some items. This is a part of the nationwide movement of neighbors helping neighbors. We will be doing a non-parishable food item and/or paper product drive the weekend of May 2 & 3 to help stock their shelves.

Come to the Mayoral Prayer Breakfast on May 7

You are invited to the 30th Annual Mayoral Prayer Breakfast at the Radisson Center in La Crosse on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 7:30-8:45 AM. Since 1997, this event has included prayer for our elected officials, educators, emergency responders, military personnel and area business and professional leaders. This year's special guest speaker is Dr. Richard Trietley, President of Viterbo University. Tickets are available till April 30, by visiting crprayer.org or scanning the QR code on the right.



“Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life.”

We are pleased to introduce a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries in our diocese! Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 80th will be invited to participate in *Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life*. This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Each couple is invited to bring two guests with them. Please email Laura Boden at lboden@diolc.org or give her a call 680.791.2680.

US Bishops’ Action Alert - Urge Dialogue and Peace in Middle East

To make your voice heard in favor of dialogue and peace in the Middle East, respond to the U.S. Bishops’ action alert by visiting



<https://www.voterveice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/136528/Respond> or scanning the QR code on the right.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, and the Church invites us to reflect and pray about vocations. Are you looking deeper? Check out the vocations office for the diocese and reach out to Fr. Steven Weller or visit <https://diolc.org/priesthood/>

Parish Events Calendar

- April 27:** 6:30 PM Men’s Lectio Divina
- May 1:** 8:30 AM Feast of St. Joseph the Workman
9:00 AM Adoration
- May 3:** 9:30 AM First Communion & May Crowning
10:30 AM Fellowship
- May 5:** 8:30 AM School May Crowning
5:15 PM PTO Meeting
- May 7:** 6:30 PM Women’s Group assemble
May baskets
- May 9:** 5:00 PM Women’s Group selling
Roses for Mother’s Day
- May 10:** 10:30 AM Women’s Group selling
Roses for Mother’s Day
6:30 PM Men’s Lectio Divina
- May 11:** 6:30 PM Homecoming Planning
- May 12:** 6:00 PM Women’s Lectio Divina
- May 15-16:** 7AM-5PM Rummage Sale
- May 16:** 8:30-12 Service Saturday
- May 19:** 8:30 AM Feast of St. Isadore the Farmer
7:00 PM School Spring Concert