

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 4 & 5, 2026

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 6 - 12, 2026

04/06/26	Monday	NO MASS	
04/07/26	Tuesday	NO MASS	
04/08/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
04/09/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
04/10/26	Friday	NO MASS	
04/11/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Living & Deceased Members of Joseph & Hulda Trussoni
04/12/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. Apr. 11: Jayne Coster
 Sun. Apr. 12: Crystal Lavey

Servers

Sat. Apr. 11: Volunteers
 Sun. Apr. 12: Henry & Oscar Levendoski, Liam Klinkner

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. Apr. 12: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. Apr. 6: Tom & Pam Jeffers & Carolyn Umberger
 Mon. Apr. 13: Priscilla Martin, Marian Naegle & Linda Pedretti

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 28 & 29

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,250.00
Plate	\$ 183.00
Religious Education	\$ 10.00
Support our School	\$ 10.00
Catholic Life Magazine	\$ 25.00
Votive Candles	\$ 22.00
Total	\$ 2,600.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen; He is risen indeed! Happy Easter to you all!

Today as we celebrate the highest feast we have as Christians, I think it would be good to consider that we do a lot of strange things as Christians. We fast for 40 days during the Lenten season, only to feast for 50 during the Easter season. We celebrate the birth of a child, and then we go on to celebrate His death. We claim that this world is not our true home, only to go out and work tirelessly for the poor and sick and suffering, that their place in this world might be made better. We proclaim that the tomb is empty, only to put up Christ crucified in each of our Churches. Yes, we do a lot of strange things as Christians. Why? Because of the feast that we celebrate today. None of what we do is going to make sense if we don't grasp the historical and life changing reality of the Resurrection. The whole world hinges on this one fact.

Paul staked the entirety of Christianity on it. In his letter to the Corinthians he wrote: "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." Again later in that same letter he went further "if only for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable of all people." Without the Resurrection, Christianity is absurd.

Sometimes we hear it said, "I don't really believe in all the claims Christians make, but I admire them and I think they do a lot of good in the world." And I would agree that there is something attractive about Christianity because there is something attractive about the truth. But if Christ isn't who he said he was, then I agree with St. Paul, there is nothing of value to Christianity and we are wasting our time, if that is, Christ has not been raised from the dead.

That's the decisive reality of the Resurrection. The fact of the Resurrection is the most central tenant of our faith. It is always a revolution, just as it was two thousand years ago. The Resurrection turns the world on its head. It proves that Jesus' words have meaning. He was truly the Son of God. If He was raised from the dead then we will also be raised from the dead ourselves. That is our Hope. Every cross, every suffering we experience in this world carries with it the promise of future Resurrection. Every good Friday leads to Easter Sunday.

That's why we do all these strange things as Christians. We profess that it is good to suffer for what is right, that pain and suffering are not the end of the story. We hold up the cross now unveiled and in the light of the Resurrection we see its true meaning. Death itself has lost its power. Tyrants throughout the ages have always threatened death to coerce their subjects under their power. Christ has defeated death itself.

Let that sink in today and throughout the Easter Season. Christ is risen!

God bless,

Fr. Reither

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

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, feel free to bring a contributing item.

Hospitality:

This year Easter is on the first Sunday of the month, so we have moved Fellowship to the second Sunday, April 12th. In addition to the usual Fellowship fare, our St. Charles Borromeo School students will be presenting various foods to taste from cultures around the world. But wait, there’s more! On this special day, we will also be welcoming our new parishioners and celebrating our three high school students who recently received the blessed Sacrament of Confirmation on April 15th . Hope to see you all there!

CCD:

April 12: Class Grades K-5
April 15: NO Class-Confirmation
April 19: Class Grades K-5
April 26: Mass Participation
April 29: All Families celebration

St Charles Catholic Women invite you to join us—April 11, 2026 1 p.m.- 3:30p.m. church parking lot. We will walk together listening to history about Genoa both of the town and of the cemetery. Our hosts are the Guanella family. We will be packing a picnic lunch to bring with us in order to stop and rest at the top of the hill and break bread together. No need for you to bring anything except a bottle of water; our women’s group will pack your lunch. Please RSVP to office@stcharlesgenoa.org We will reschedule due to a rain event.

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

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!

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

Wisconsin Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on End of Life Decisions

The 4th edition of the Wisconsin bishops’ pastoral letter, [*Now and at the Hour of Our Death*](#), provides guidance on many aspects of end-of-life planning and decisions. It can be accessed by scanning the QR code to the right. For questions related to the moral principles for end of life decisions, you may contact Christopher Ruff (cruff@diolc.org).

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

VOTE in the April 7 Election— IMPORTANT—Know the Candidates

Two candidates are running for an open seat on the State Supreme Court in the Wisconsin spring election that will take place on April 7, 2026. They are Maria Lazar and Chris Taylor. The outcome will significantly affect the ideological slant of the court, so it is vital that the Catholic faithful learn about the backgrounds and judicial philosophy of these two candidates. For an excellent resource, scan the QR code to the right. Various nonpartisan local and judicial offices will also be up for election, with many candidates running unopposed.



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. All Wisconsinites are invited to participate in this joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. Signs will be provided. The following buses to Madison are available for \$15/person or \$45/family: Wausau-Stevens Point; Onalaska-Sparta-Wisconsin Dells; Chippewa Falls-Mauston. For more information scan the QR code to the right.

Parish Events Calendar

- April 9:** 6:30 PM St. Charles Women's meeting
- April 12:** Fellowship & International Food Fest after Mass
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6:30 PM Men's Lectio Divina
- April 14:** 6:00 PM Women's Lectio Divina
- April 15:** 5:15 PM PTO Meeting
6:30 PM Confirmation at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman
- April 18:** 8:30 AM Service Saturday
- April 19:** 8:15 AM CCD Grades K-5
- 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