

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of the Lord
May 16 & 17, 2026**

St. Charles Borromeo Parish

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Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 18 - May 24, 2026

05/18/26	Monday	NO MASS	
05/19/26	Tuesday	8:30 AM	† Oscar & Shirley Olson
05/20/26	Wednesday	NO MASS	
05/21/26	Thursday	NO MASS	
05/22/26	Friday	8:00 AM	† John Cina
05/23/26	Saturday	4:00 PM	† Joe & Ernabelle Cina
05/24/26	Sunday	9:30 AM	People of St. Charles

Lector Ministry Volunteers

Sat. May 23: Julie Hurlburt

Sun. May 24: Chris Magnuson

Servers

Sat. May 23: Volunteers

Sun. May 24: William & Thomas Mitchell &
Reagan Levendoski

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Sun. May 24: 9:30 AM: Priscilla Martin

Sacrificial Giving Tabulation

Mon. May 18: Conrad & Nancy Kirby & Keith
Magnuson

Tues. May 26: Arnie & Diane Pedretti & Dorothy
Stokke

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; May 9 & 10

<u>Estimated Weekly Need</u>	\$ 7,032.69
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,655.00
Plate	\$ 460.00
Catholic Life Magazine	\$ 40.00
Votive Candles	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 2,175.00

From the Desk of Father Reither

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him". As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven. (CCC 662)

“Behold I am with you always, to the close of the age.” (Matt. 28:20)

These final words of Jesus given to his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew are a sign of hope for us on this feast day of the Ascension. It would be a mistake for us to think that Jesus’ Ascension means that He is now further away from us as if He was taken up into a heaven some light years away and is now remote from us. Rather the Ascension of Jesus has brought us closer to God. Our own human nature that Jesus assumed is now seated at the right hand of the Father, where He now intercedes on our behalf.

Heaven is not that far away; it is nearer than we think.

Here on this Earth we encounter heaven most especially in the celebration of the Mass where Christ is truly present in His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. He ascended, not to make Himself more remote, but that He might be closer to us than ever before. In the Mass we truly encounter Christ in His humanity and divinity which are not bound by the limitations of space and time.

We must continue to look with the eyes of faith to be able to see Christ’s presence among us. Without faith, it will be easy to fall into discouragement because it can be difficult to see Christ’s presence in the midst of all the trials of this world. It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to see Christ’s presence in the world today. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of Pentecost next week, please join me in praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit so that our hearts might be more open to receiving a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

-Fr. Reither

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,

by the light of the Holy Spirit

you have taught the hearts of your faithful.

In the same Spirit

help us to relish what is right

and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

We have one Mass offering available for the month of May and several for the month of June. If you are interested, please contact the office.

The Homecoming picnic is just around the corner (Sunday, July 5th)! We have the sign up genius ready so you can add your name.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949AFAD22A6F94-64076249-homecoming>

Raffle tickets are available in the back of the church, let's try to get them all sold!

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

The Spring Concert and Art Show is Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM. We are looking forward to seeing everybody there. A great show has been planned, come witness the many talents of our students!

Tuesday, May 19 @ 8:30 AM-School celebration of the Feast of St. Isadore the Farmer. Our students have been creating some very special items in honor of Saint Isadore and will be bringing them for a blessing.

Friday, May 22 @ 11:30 AM- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch- Have you volunteered in our parish or school? We want to thank you! We appreciate all that you do and would like to say thank you with an appreciation lunch. Reservation sheets are in back of the church. Please sign up by Monday, May 18. Reservation sheets can be left at the school so we can get a count to know how many to prepare for.

Friday, May 29th @ 10:00 AM our 6th grade students will be graduating! Come help them celebrate this milestone.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & OUR COMMUNITY

A Catholic Phrase to Understand Better:

The “Good News”

The “Good News” is that God has come to us in the Person of His Son. Jesus came to save us from sin and, by the power of the Holy Spirit acting through the Church, to re-unite us with Himself as His adopted sons and daughters called to live with Him forever in Heaven.

Consecrating Our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

You are invited to join in a historic moment. As part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the birth of our nation, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The consecration, which is a “setting apart” and blessing for us and our nation, will take place on June 11th, 2026.

Planned Giving:

May carries us deeper into the joy and mission of the Easter season. We hear Christ call His disciples to love one another as He has loved us, to trust that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who remains with the Church. This month also leads us to the Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost Sunday, and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. In a month traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are reminded of her faithful “yes” to God and her quiet trust in His providence, inspiring us to deepen our faith and trust in God's plan.

As Catholics, we understand stewardship as our grateful response to all that God has given us. May's readings remind us that Christian stewardship flows from Easter faith. Because Christ has risen, we live with hope. Because He has gone before us to prepare a place, we entrust our lives and future to Him. Because the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts, we are strengthened to give generously, serve faithfully, and help carry the Church's mission forward. And because Mary

teaches us to place everything in God's hands, we are invited to consider how our blessings can continue to bear fruit for others, even beyond our lifetime, fostering gratitude and community.

Legacy or Planned Giving is a meaningful way to live out this Easter faith and Marian trust. A bequest, endowment, or other planned gift is a final act of discipleship, gratitude, and confidence in God's providence. It enables parishioners to continue supporting the Church's mission, the care of souls, and charitable works even after they are called home to the Lord. In this way, planned giving becomes a lasting witness that everything we have comes from God and can continue to serve His people for generations to come.

The Diocese of La Crosse's Office for Stewardship and Development aims to educate and support stewardship across the diocesan community, assist parishes with their fundraising needs, and promote planned giving to make a lasting impact for future generations. Parishes and staff are encouraged to contact the Office for Stewardship and Development at 608.791.2653 for resources on legacy and planned giving, parish support, and stewardship materials. We are here to help you confidently plan a meaningful legacy that supports our shared mission.

Diocese of La Crosse Summer Discernment Camps:

Dare to Follow Retreats: June 9–10 & August 10–11

For boys entering grades 6-8, interested in learning about priesthood. Join us for activities, discernment and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our area.

Threshold Retreat: July 10–12

For high school men entering grades 9-12, interested in learning about priesthood. Join us for a retreat filled with prayer, recreation and reflections on the priesthood.

To learn more about these discernment retreats and to register visit: thepriesthood.org/events

We Need the Holy Spirit to Renew Our Hearts, Our Families, and the Church!

At this critical time we need God the Holy Spirit to come powerfully upon us for a new Pentecost. Let's try to participate in this first Novena that Jesus gave to the Apostles, Mary and the women to pray for the infant Church. The 9-day Novena begins Friday, May 15th.

Open Farm and Potluck at the
Merciful Heart of Jesus Farm
E3161 State Highway 56, Genoa, WI 54632
Saturday, May 30th, 2026
Starting at 10:30am
Potluck meal at 12 noon,
Please bring a dish to share! Ending at 2pm

All are welcome to come and see the progress on our facilities, learn about our community and mission, and share fellowship with us and others. Feel free to ask the Sisters any questions you may have about their community!

Franciscan Congregation of Divine Mercy
fcofdivinemeracy.org
franciscancongregationofdivinemeracy@gmail.com
(608) 689-3003

A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veterans' Section at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026 beginning at 11:15 a.m. Msgr. Robert Hundy will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome to participate.

Parish Events Calendar

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May 29:	10:00 AM Graduation Mass