

# St. Mary & St. Charles St. Mary & St. John Parishes

## We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes and our communities. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please contact the parish office (994-2526-Bloomington or 725-5595-Cassville) to register. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. John.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions on Mondays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles, Cassville and from 6:00-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

## Baptism

May God bless our new parents! Please contact Fr. John to schedule the baptism of your child at your church and to attend a baptismal preparation session.

## Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call Fr. John at least six months in advance of the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

## Anointing of the Sick

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included in the Mass prayers, please call the parish office.

## Vocations

Please contact Fr. John if you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming a priest, brother, sister, deacon, or lay church minister. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and all religious ministries!

## St. Charles and St. Mary's School -Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 994-2435 for St. Mary School or Ms. Dianne Makovec at 725-5173 for St. Charles School. St. Mary and St. Charles Schools admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

## Bulletin Notices

Please submit bulletin notices in *writing* to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) on Monday.

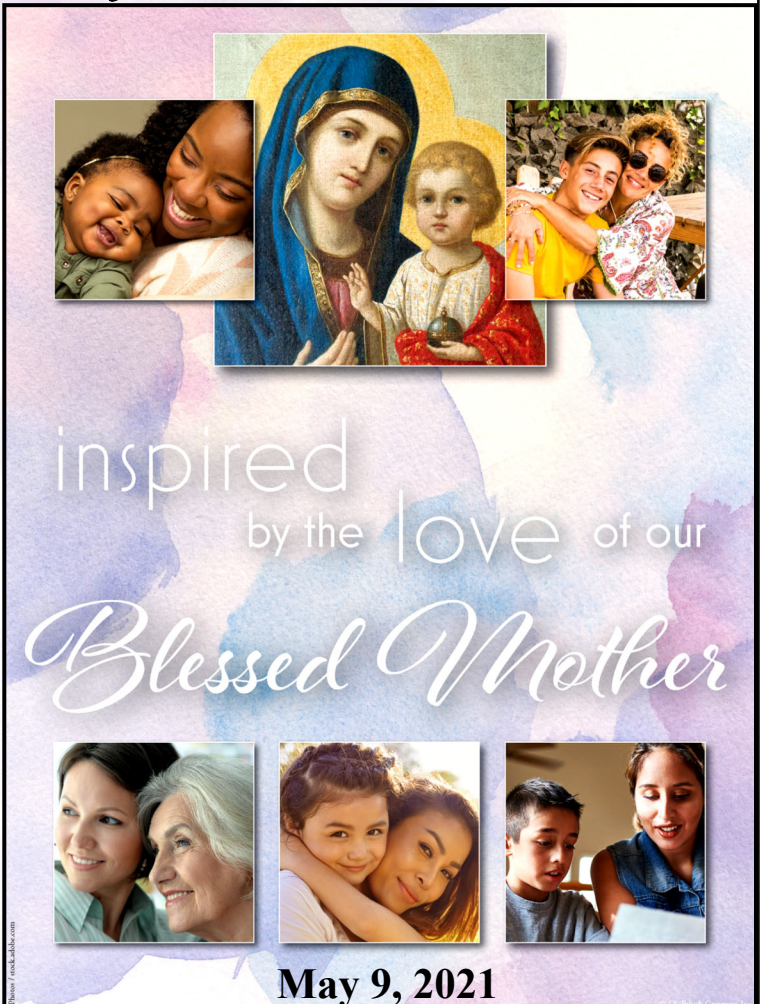
## St. Charles Parish Office Hours

Call parish office at 725-5595 to schedule appointments.

## St. Mary's Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

*May God Bless Our Mothers*



inspired  
by the love of our  
*Blessed Mother*

May 9, 2021

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Our joint parish website can be found at  
[www.swwicatholicparishes.com](http://www.swwicatholicparishes.com).



**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	5/8	4:30 PM	Roy & Mary Jane Hermsen (Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Deceased members of the St. Mary's Altar Society (Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/9	8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Charlie & Cathy Martin family (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	All Parishioners (Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Jordan and Chris Beesecker (Cassville)
Mon.	5/10	8:15 AM	Frannie Blum (Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration (Cassville)
Tues.	5/11	8:15 AM	Judy Schroeder (Cassville)
Wed.	5/12	8:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Albert & Marian Graf family (Bloomington)
Thurs.	5/13	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration (Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Joe & Rita Stoeffler family (Bloomington)
Fri.	5/14	8:15 AM	No Mass
Sat.	5/15	4:30 PM	Roger & Phyllis Osterhaus and Richard Vopelak (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	All Parishioners (Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/16	8:00 AM	Living and deceased members of the Dan & Jean Blake family (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Anne Wagner (Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Norm Haas (Cassville)



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciple to remain in his love just as he remains in his Father's love. Love is a bond between them that lasts forever. For many of us, the first lasting bond that we formed was with our mothers. We honor them today, and all who have acted like mothers in our lives, recognizing that they likely taught us what love was. May that bond teach us now how to remain in Christ's love.



**May God Bless Our Mothers**

This weekend we honor and remember our mothers. How can we thank them enough for sharing the gift of life with us? This year we also thank our mothers for all they did to get their families through this difficult period and their work in many occupations that were challenging and essential. This last year, family patterns were constantly disrupted and so many activities had to be completed at home remotely, so mothers were constantly trying to organize and accomplish what needed to be done in the home. Many mothers and grandmothers were also on the front lines in health care, teaching, retail, farming, etc. to enable our country to keep functioning. **Mothers deserve a big THANK YOU and our appreciation for helping everyone during this chaotic and trying time.**

This year again, I am also reminded of the truly wonderful, gifted, and faith-filled women from our families and parishes who have left us for eternal life. Their deaths have left a huge hole in our lives. We miss them!

Last year Sally Budworth's family graciously shared with me the following winning essay she wrote for the Best Partner Contest that was sponsored by the Grantland Chapter of the Wisconsin Women for Agriculture. Her words speak volumes. We pray for and thank all of the women who have filled our lives and families with their love and care.

**'Best Partner'**

"Can you help me hitch up? It'll only take a minute." That little request usually takes me all morning. Because, I'm there, I open and shut the gates, and then the chores are waiting. But that small effort pays many fringe benefits.

He smiles as he says that the house is a mess – the maid must have the day off. Now he knows why the kitchen floor wasn't swept. The milk house got a good cleaning.

Our second cup of morning coffee is our best time of day. We plan our work then; plans the mind makes, and the body can't always carry through. But it is so nice to be understood from tired bones to aching muscles. As a partner in farming I get to know both.

There are greater experiences you cannot fully grasp until you are there: for starters, watching a new calf stand for the first time or smell new mown hay on a moonlight night. It gives that tired body such a feeling of peace. What smells better than a summer rain? Every spring I get the first dandelion delivered to me with a big grin and a "Who says I never give you flowers?"

Flowers are few, but they mean so much, like a full-blown rose and a rose bud when the first baby arrived.

Those babies are grown now. There is such a fulfilled feeling when someone says, "Oh, that's your son? He's such a nice kid."

What more rewarding partnership is there than to raise a family you are both proud of, and they are proud to be your children. – Marcella "Sally" Budworth

**Scripture for the week of May 10, 2021**

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

**Baptism**

We joyfully welcome to God's holy family Gretchen Marian White, daughter of Eric and Jodi White, who was baptized at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

**8th Grade Graduations**

Congratulations to the students from our parishes who are graduating! St. Charles 8th Grade graduation is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on May 14. St. Mary's 8th graduation will take place after the 9:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 23.

**Mother's Day Rose Sale**

In honor of Mother's Day, long-stem red roses will be available after the Masses on May 8 & 9 to thank moms for "giving the gift of life." A suggested donation of \$3.00 for each rose is requested with the proceeds from the sale going to benefit the Women's Care Center in Madison and Diocesan Respect Life activities.

*"God's Providence is in all things, it's always present."* – Saint Gianna Beretta Molla



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

For more information about St. Mary's School, please contact Mrs. Kelly Copsey at school 608-994-2435 or at home 608-732-2572.

**SCRIP:** SCRIP gift cards are a great way to do your shopping and helps support St. Mary School at the same time. We carry cards for national retailers, local gas cards, Piggly Wiggly and Wal-Mart as well as most local vendors. You can purchase SCRIP at Economy Feed Mill and the SCRIP program is online.

**Congratulations to St. Mary's First Communicants!**



**Volunteers Are Needed**

We are in need of volunteers at all of our parishes to help in a variety of ways. Especially, please prayerfully consider if you could help with our Masses as a reader or usher. We also need of more servers for our Masses.



**St. Damien de Veuster—May 10**

He was born Jozef de Veuster in Tremelo Belgium, in 1840. When he was only 13 he had to quit school to work on the family farm. At age 19, he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. As a member of this religious

community, he took the name Damien. He chose this name after a fourth-century physician and martyr.

Damien had an older brother, Pamphile, who was a priest. When Pamphile was assigned to the Hawaiian Islands, he became ill and was unable to go. Damien immediately volunteered to go in his brother's place. Damien was ordained in 1864 after he completed his studies in Honolulu.

The Hawaiian government had a leper colony on the island of Molokai. After nine years in Hawaii, Father Damien offered to serve the sick people who lived there.

He felt such compassion for the lepers that he asked permission to remain with the colony permanently. He cared for the people's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Damien also appealed to the Hawaiian government for money and services to help the lepers of Molokai. Soon, a school, homes, an orphanage, and a church greatly improved the colony through Father Damien's efforts. Most importantly, he helped his people know that God loved and cared for them.

Eventually, Damien caught leprosy and died from the disease in 1889. Damien of Molokai was declared a saint on October 11, 2009. He was the ninth saint to have worked, lived, and died in the United States.



**St. John's Summer Fest.**

Planning is underway for St. John's Summer Fest. on Saturday, August 14. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this fun event.

**Feast of Faith -The Creed**

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a "rule of faith" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is "we," but it is also "I." In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 30, 2021**

<b>Church Support</b> .....	\$3,310.00
<b>Offertory</b> .....	\$764.00
<b>Rent of Parish Facilities</b> .....	\$150.00
<b>School Tuition</b> .....	\$97.61
<b>Votive Cup Income</b> .....	\$325.50

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. It is suggested for a family to give \$900.00 and a single person \$450.00 per year.

**St. John's Collections for the week ending on April 30, 2021**

<b>Church Support</b> .....	\$275.00
<b>Offertory</b> .....	\$142.00

St. John's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses.

**St. Mary's Memorial Patio Project**

St. Mary's Parish Council has organized the building of the Memorial Patio around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the south side of St. Mary Church in Bloomington. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project. For more information about ordering a paver or brick in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office at 994-2526 or Tony at Bloomington Monuments (994-2700).

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for May 16, 2021**

	<b><u>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass</u></b>
<b>Lector:</b>	Carol Harris
<b>Ushers:</b>	Gene Harris, Charlie Martin
<b>Servers:</b>	Matthew Tolle

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for May 16, 2021**

	<b><u>Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass</u></b>
<b>Lector:</b>	Deb Cambell
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Greg & Jane Patterson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ronnie Mumm, Mike Mumm
<b>Server:</b>	Conner & Ava Hoyer

## St. Charles Church, Cassville



### St. Charles 8th Grade Graduation

Congratulations to Alex Ploessl and Adison Tasker who are graduating from St. Charles on Friday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles Church. On this day that blends joy and memories, may they know the Holy Spirit's loving guidance and strength always.

### Congratulations to St. Charles First Communicants!



### St. Charles School News



Do you want your child/children or grandchildren to receive an excellent faith based education? We offer small class sizes, one on one instruction, and a standards based curriculum. Scholarships are available to help offset the cost of tuition. If interested, please contact the school at 608-725-5173.

### Attention Prayer Chain Members



A newly revised calling list for the prayer chain is on a table in the back of church. Your name is on a sheet so please take your copy home with you. If you have any questions, give Susan Kremer a call (725-5961). Thank you!  
-CCW Membership Team

### Donations Needed for Fall Festival Canned Beef



We are planning on canning beef again for purchase at our Fall Festival this year. Any donations for the purchase of the canning meat would be very much appreciated. Please leave any donations marked "beef" in the collection basket or leave off at the St. Charles office with Cheryl. Thanks so much.

### Catholic Herald

Each week the *Catholic Herald* gives its readers a Catholic perspective on national and international news with articles from Catholic News Service. The *Catholic Herald* also keeps readers up to date locally with coverage of events happening around the diocese. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the *Catholic Herald* print or e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office. The cost is \$20.00 per year.

*Love God, serve God; everything is in that.*  
- St. Clare of Assisi

## St. Mary Church, Glen Haven



### St. Mary's News

The chairs have arrived! We now have completed the replacement of the old metal chairs with white Lifetime chairs for the church basement. We still have some of the metal chairs for sale in groups of four. The pink chairs - \$10 and the grey chairs-\$20. Please call Cindi & Joe Breuer 794-2295. First come first serve basis.

### Reflection

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"* - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

### PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

#### St. Mary's, Glen Haven for April 24, 2021:

Church Support.....\$0.00  
Offertory.....\$119.62

#### St. Charles, Cassville for April 25, 2021

Church Support.....\$1,960.00  
Offertory.....\$270.00  
St. Charles Cemetery.....\$100.00  
Catholic Herald.....\$20.00  
Fuel Fund.....\$200.00

#### PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

*St. Charles suggested giving is \$1,400.00 a year for a married couple and \$700.00 a year for a single household.*

### Blessing for Mothers

Loving God,

as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for May 15, 2021

#### 8:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

Lector: Joe Breuer  
Ushers: Tim & Jacob Walz  
Servers: Cody & Mason Mezera

### St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for May 15 & 16, 2021

#### 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

Lector: Abby Tasker  
Ushers: Tim, Holly, and Adison Tasker  
Server: Aimslee and Audrey Tasker

#### 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector: Gordy Kremer  
Ushers: Jack & Joan Bausch  
Sacristan: Bev Klauer  
Server: Iris & Isaac Adams



## Celebrate Life

Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors.

Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### Did you know? Life begins at conception!

At 18 days a baby's heart begins to beat and by the 43rd day after conception a baby's brain is coordinating movements. All of a baby's organs are functioning at 8 weeks and a baby can smile, suck his/her thumb and make a fist by 12 weeks.

### Help is Available

If you need support for an unplanned pregnancy, please contact the Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin at 608-348-5787 or email at [clientservices@claritywi.com](mailto:clientservices@claritywi.com) or the Women's Care Center in Madison, WI at 608-241-8100.

For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.WisconsinRightToLife.org](http://www.WisconsinRightToLife.org).

### Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Are you or a loved one carrying the sorrow and regret from abortion? Whether recent or long ago ... God is waiting ... Healing is possible. For confidential help, please contact Mary at 608-221-9593 or [rachel@straphael.org](mailto:rachel@straphael.org)

### Natural Family Planning

Register for in-person education courses or for a self-paced online course: <http://www.madisondiocese.org/classes-andregistration-Questions?> Call 608-495-6117 or email: [nfp@straphael.org](mailto:nfp@straphael.org)



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on June 25-27 in Geneva, IL; Aug. 20-22 in Madison, WI and Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL. There are virtual experiences on Sept. 13 thru Oct. 4 and Nov. 13-14. For more info go to: [alife-timeoflove.org](http://alife-timeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

### Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Support Group

This support group is meant to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide and to give hope.

More information at <http://www.bens-hope.com>.

**National Suicide Prevention Life Line**  
**- 1.800.273.8255** 24 Hour assistance.

### Meetings

- \*May 10—St. John's Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- \*May 19—St. Mary Parish Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Bloomington

### EVENTS

- \*May 14-St. Charles 8th Grade Graduation
- \*May 11- St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m. but participants should be there no later than 1:00 p.m. to make sure there is enough food for everyone.
- \*May 17- Blood Drive at St. Charles School
- \*May 23-St. Mary's 8th Grade Graduation
- \*August 14—St. John's Summer Fest.

### ATTENTION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS COUNCIL #4416

The Knights of Columbus Council #4416 will hold their meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at St. Mary's in Glen Haven at 7:30 p.m. Social distancing and face masks are recommended. We look forward to seeing everyone.

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Hying wants to honor couples celebrating 50 years of marriage this year in one or more of the following ways:

1. A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on August 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cross Plains.\*
2. Receive a letter and certificate from the Bishop.
3. Participate in and receive a commemorative booklet.

Please notify your parish office by May 12, if you wish to participate in any of these opportunities in order to receive a more detailed letter with instructions (\*including how to register for the Mass of Thanksgiving).

### Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Virtual Conference

The Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Madison Diocese to the MDCCW Annual Convention to be held the morning of June 12 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This virtual gathering will be filled with music, prayerful time, messages from His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop Donald Hying, Bishop of Madison, and others. Virtually gather with women from our Diocese to celebrate 100 years of the NCCW experience.

All women who register by May 28 will be given a link to the virtual convention. The first 100 women to register will receive a convention packet filled with information about the Council's many activities within the Madison Diocese.

For further information on the Convention, go to our MDCCW website: [mdccw.com](http://mdccw.com). To register, click on the red item: Information and Registration Form (<https://forms.gle/wdO2mOa3k7e6ZYrk8>)

### AA and Al-Anon Meetings in Bloomington

Open AA meetings for anyone who is struggling with addiction **are held every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the American Legion, 212 Congress St., Bloomington, WI. Please call Peggy at 317-690-9241 for more information.

### Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

The AA meetings are every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Cassville.



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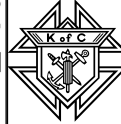
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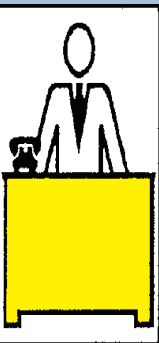
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