

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

We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes. 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 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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours

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

Our joint parish website can be found at www.swwcatholicparishes.com.

RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS:
TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS
IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

JAMES 1:27



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

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All of us must be saints in this world. Holiness is a duty for you and me. So let's be saints and so give glory to the Father. -St Teresa of Calcutta



Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	8/28	4:30 PM	All Parishioners	(Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Fr. Laverne Meier	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	8/29	8:00 AM	Gerald Horkheimer	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Susie Berntgen, Rosemary Hampton, Janet Kirschbaum, and Wayne Hampton	(Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Loren & Betty Junk	(Cassville)
Mon.	8/30	8:15 AM	Chris Beesecker and Jordan Beesecker	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration	(Cassville)
Tues.	8/31	8:15 AM	Fr. John Norder	(Cassville)
Wed.	9/1	8:15 AM	Rosemary Hampton, Janet Kirschbaum, Wayne Hampton, and Susie Berntgen	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	9/2	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Art & Margaret Hess family	(Bloomington)
Fri.	9/3	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	9/4	4:30 PM	Nicholas (Jack) Valentine	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Frank Van Bogaert	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	9/5	8:00 AM	Betty Mergen	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Tom & Carol Mumm and Jerry & Delores Ploessl	(Bloomington)
		10:30AM	All Parishioners	(Cassville)

Scripture for the week of August 30, 2021

Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

NO Monday Evening Confessions on August 31

Fr. John will be away from the cluster on Monday, August 31, so he will not be available to hear confessions.



Banns of Matrimony

III Matthew Cooley and Rebecca Myers on Aug. 28, at St. Mary Church, Bloomington.



St. Mary's & St. Charles Festivals

The Fall Festivals at St. Mary's in Bloomington and St. Charles will soon be here. We need each person in the parishes to help make the festivals a success.

At St. Mary's, we are in need of cash donations.

silent auction items, raffle ticket sales, pies for the pie auction, and lots of people to work and attend.

St. Charles Fall Fest Committee is requesting silent auction and small raffle donations.

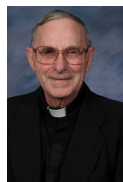
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith? I would like to invite you or the person that you know to participate in our RCIA program. The program is meant to give individuals an opportunity to learn about the Catholic Religion and Sacred Scripture, grow closer to God through prayer and ultimately receive the Sacraments and become a member of the Catholic Church. If you are already Catholic and would like to be Confirmed, the RCIA program is also for you. Please contact Fr. John or Marcia Hampton at 994-2149 for more information about the RCIA program.



Twenty-second Sunday

The greatest gift each of us has ever received was the gift of life itself. That gift was given to us most directly by our parents, whose lives were given to them by their parents, and so on. But ultimately the author of all life, the giver of every great gift is God. We come together today in thanksgiving for that precious gift, which led to the gift of eternal life, promised by God's Son to all who follow him.



A Reflection on Father Laverne Meier's Funeral

Last Wednesday I made the trip back to my home parish, St. Peter at Ashton which is near Middleton WI for Fr. Meier's funeral. Fr. Richard Leffler, pastor of St. Andrew/Thomas rode with me.

There were a good group of priests, both old and young, at the funeral Mass. Fr. Meier's sister was able to attend the funeral as well a good number of extended family members. Families from the many parishes Fr. Meier served also attended the funeral including several from St. Mary here in Bloomington.

Bishop Hying celebrated the funeral Mass and Fr. Leffler preached the homily. He captured very well Fr. Meier's personality, faith in God, and commitment to the Catholic Church. Fr. Meier was laid to rest in St. Peter's Cemetery next to the parish school in the family plot. I also have a plot in that cemetery next to my parents. Please pray for Fr. Meier and all who have passed to eternal life.

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.**

A Warm Welcome to Fr. Luke Powers

We are very fortunate that Fr. Luke Powers could take a weekend away from his parish assignment to be here to lead the Confirmation Retreat and celebrate Mass. I am so happy that he answered God's call to become a Catholic Priest. As I grow older, it is comforting and encouraging to see such a gifted young man take up the priestly service to God's people.

Please pray that we will be blessed with many more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Confirmation Retreat

The juniors in our religious education program are participating in a Confirmation Retreat this Sunday at St. Mary Church, Bloomington. Thank you to all who are helping with the retreat. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation on Sunday, October 24, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Cuba City.



Returning to School

I am happy and excited that the young people from our parishes will be returning to school this Wednesday, September 1. St. Mary's and St. Charles teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for this new school year. I am looking forward to having the children at Mass each week and for the opportunity to teach class at the schools each week. Please keep the students, teachers, staff members and families in your prayers as we begins a new school year.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

If you or anyone you know are interested in enrolling your child at St. Mary's School, please call the school at 994-2435 and leave a message or call Mrs. Kelly Copsey, St. Mary's School principal, at (608)732-2572.

You may pick up Scrip at Economy Feed Mill in Bloomington during the summer months.



St. Mary's Fall Festival

St. Mary's Fall Fest is only two weeks away!

Plan to gather with your family and friends and enjoy this great parish event. The weekend will start with the 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass and then you will be able to enjoy delicious food, a Bean Bag Tournament for kids and adults, a bike parade for kids at 6:00 p.m., Pie Auction, Silent Auction, and Country Store.

Sunday will feature our delicious Chicken and Ham Dinner after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Meat Raffle, Silent Auction, Kid's Games, Country Store, and the CASH raffle at 3:00 p.m.

Silent Auction

Please turn in your Silent Auction donation forms ASAP! We have only received 40 items so far. The forms may be picked up at the back of St. Mary's Church. Please fill out one sheet for each item or service you will be donating to the Silent Auction.

CASH Raffle

Once again this year, we will have an all CASH raffle with a \$1,400 Grand Prize, and \$1,000.00 First Prize, \$750.00 Second Prize, and two \$100.00 prizes. We are hoping many generous individuals will be able to help us by contributing to the prizes. Donations may be placed in the weekend collection or dropped off at the parish office.

THANK YOU to all who have given donations toward the raffle prizes!



Pie Auction

The Pie Auction is back! If you would like to donate a pie for the auction, please sign up on the sheet at the back of St. Mary's Church.

Kids Games and Cake Walk

If you'd like to make a monetary donation for prizes for the Kid's Games, please contact Kelly Copsey.

Ladies! We're asking for donations for the Cake Walk -- decorated cakes, cupcakes, brownies, etc.

Country Store

Please share the bounty of your gardens and homes -apples, tomatoes, squash, grapes, onions, pumpkins, etc. along with baked goods, crafts, plants, jams, candy, etc.



Funeral Lunch Help Needed

We are in the process of developing a way to offer the important service of having lunches for grieving families and their friends after a funeral. St. Mary's Parish Council has proposed developing three or four teams of people who could help with the lunches. We will need individuals to supervise the teams. Please contact Parish Council President, Barb Bernhardt or St. Mary's Parish office to volunteer or for more information.



St. John's Summer Fest Update:

Thank you to everyone who helped with, gave donations and attended the Summer Fest. Thank you to Jim Warczak for donating his raffle prizes back to the parish. We very much appreciate everyone's support of St. John's Parish.

The following shows the income from the Summer Fest. activities before expenses have been paid:

Auction: \$3,836.50	Dinner: \$1,818.00
Donations: \$1,206.00	Raffle: \$2,311.00
Refreshment Tent: \$211.00	Total: \$9,382.50



Ladies Night Out

LADIES, put Wednesday, October 6, on your calendars for Ladies Night Out at St. Mary's. Plan for an evening of food, fun, and conversation. The Silent Auction of purses filled with an amazing variety of items will again be the highlight of the evening. Anyone interested in filling a purse, please contact Ione Meoska (723-9605), Janet Patterson, Jen Wehrle, or Mary Jo Kussmaul. Mark your calendar and invite your friends!

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending August 20, 2021

Church Support.....	\$1,643.00
Offertory.....	\$230.00
Scrip Tuition Contribution.....	\$2,067.31
School Tuition.....	\$88.15
St. Charles Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$908.23
St. Mary's, Glen Haven Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$454.26
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00

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 August 20, 2021

Church Support.....	\$130.00
Offertory.....	\$291.00
Summer Fest. Donation.....	\$200.00

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 September 5, 2021

	Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass
Lector:	Carol Harris
Communion:	Michelle Breuer
Ushers:	Gene Harris, Ray Breuer
Servers:	Ty & Katie Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for September 5, 2021

	Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass
Lector:	Jeff Davis
Communion:	Jeff Davis
Sacristan:	Jeff Davis
Ushers:	Dan Bierman, Daniel Herbers
Server:	Libby Vogt, Jovie Kruger



St. Charles Fall Festival

St. Charles Fall Festival will take place on Sept. 19. Now is a great the time to save the date and invite your fiends and family to this fun parish event.



Small Raffle

Small Raffle donations are once again requested for the Fall Festival. Any questions in this regard or for donations please contact Judy Adrian @ 725-5298.

St. Charles Fall Festival Silent Auction

Anyone with items for the St. Charles Silent Auction, please contact Cheryl Junk. You can contact her at home 725-5530 or at the Parish office 725-5595. Homemade crafted items, gift baskets, and home decoration are very popular items.

THANKS YOU'S

A huge thank you to everyone who donated towards the purchase of the canning meat. Also a big thanks to Steve Adrian of Bloomington Meats II for the great, low price on the beef. We had many volunteers who helped wash jars, cut up the meat and stuff jars. Fun and efficient. Nothing left now, but to attend our Fall Festival and purchase some delicious canned beef.

Mass Intentions

Please contact the St. Charles Parish office at 725-5595 to schedule a Mass for this fall at St. Charles or St. Mary Help of Christians Church.



Attention St. Charles CCW

Dear Ladies of the Parish!

Our **Pie and Cookies Sale** in **Riverside Park** is coming up on **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. It's an exciting day in the park for the **Cassville Car Cruise** which is a spectacular event that we are all happy to support.

A sign-up sheet will be on the table as you enter Church. **We ask that you bring your pies and cookies to the park between 10 A.M. and 11 A.M on Sat., September 4.**

We prefer you bring the cookies in one container or disposable tray and our workers will put assortments together in plastic containers to sell. **Each cookie container will be labeled that "some cookies may contain nuts or peanut butter."** Give Susan Kremer a call if you have questions or need someone to pick up your cookies and pies (725-5961).

We appreciate your generosity in making this fundraiser a success. **Blessings to All!**

St. Charles Parish Council

Two years ago, the St. Charles Parish Council Policy was amended. It was decided that St. Charles should have a 9-member council. During this time, the redecoration project was under way and the current council members wanted to see the project completed.

Then the pandemic hit, so again the membership amendment was postponed. Now as we are turning the corner on both of these matters, we are looking for nominations of active and dedicated St. Charles Parishioners to fill three positions on the council. You may nominate yourself or another parishioner, with their consent. The new members will start in June and hold a 3-year term. If more than three nominations are received, an election will be held. Please contact the parish office at 725-5595, for more information or for nominations.



FEAST OF FAITH

What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me' " (11:23-24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ's command to "do this." The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord's disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for August 21, 2021:

Church Support.....\$20.00
Offertory.....\$111.00

St. Charles, Cassville for August 22, 2021

Church Support.....\$925.00
Offertory.....\$364.00

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.

Reflection

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."

JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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

St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for September 4, 2021

8:00 p.m. Saturday Mass
Lector: Theresa Zimmer
Communion: Theresa Zimmer
Ushers: Gerard & Zach Zimmer
Servers: Luke & Leah Patterson

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for Sept. 4 & 5, 2021

4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: Abby Tasker
Communion: Scott Knox
Ushers: Adison Tasker
Servers: Gwen Riedle, Audrey Tasker

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: Gordon Kremer
Communion: Judy Adrian
Sacristan: Judy Adrian
Ushers: Isaac Okey, Marge Tennesen, Tom Vondrum
Servers: NA



Celebrate Life

St. Teresa of Calcutta

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." – Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.

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 or the **Women's Care Center in Madison, WI** at 608-241-8100. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.WisconsinRightToLife.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

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



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Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL or Oct. 15-17 in Madison, WI; a virtual weekend on Nov. 13-14 or Dec. 4-5. There are virtual experiences on Sept. 13 thru Oct. 12 (Monday & Wednesday). Visit our website at: alifetimeofflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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

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.

EVENTS

- *August 29—Confirmation Retreat at St. Mary's, Bloomington
- *September 11 & 12-St. Mary's Fall Festival
- *September 14- 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.
- *September 19-St. Charles Fall Festival
- *October 6—Ladies Night Out at St. Mary's, Bloomington
- *October 12- St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- *Oct. 24—Confirmation at St. Rose of Lima Church, Cuba City



St. Augustine - (August 28)

St. Augustine was born in Algeria on Nov. 13, 354. He was brought up in early childhood as a Christian, but later lived a dissolute life of revelry and sin, and soon drifted away from the Church. At the age of 19, he went to

study in Carthage and became well-known in the city for his brilliant mind and sought a career as a lawyer. But he also discovered and fell in love with philosophy.

Augustine was attracted to Manichaeism during this time, after its devotees promised him that they had scientific answers to the mystery of nature, could disprove the Scriptures, and could explain the problem of evil. Augustine became a follower for nine years, learning all there was to learn in it before rejecting it as incoherent and fraudulent.

In 386, he went to Rome and then Milan where he met Saint Ambrose, whose sermons inspired him to look for the truth in the faith he had rejected. He was baptized and soon after, his mother, Saint Monica, died with the knowledge that all she had hoped for in this world had been fulfilled. He then returned to his hometown of Tagaste in Africa. He lived for God with those who accompanied him, in fasting, prayers, and good works, meditating on the law of the Lord.

On a visit to Hippo, he was proclaimed priest and then bishop against his will. He later accepted it as the will of God and spent the rest of his life as the pastor of the North African town, where he spent much time refuting the writings of heretics. Augustine also wrote, *The City of God*, against the pagans who charged that the fall of the Roman empire, which was taking place at the hands of the Vandals, was due to the spread of Christianity. He became one of the most significant and influential thinkers in the history of the Catholic Church. His teachings were the foundation of Christian doctrine for a millennium. He died on August 28, 430.

Courage & EnCourage

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. They also have an outreach called EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. In recognition of the irreplaceable role of the family in attaining an understanding of the homosexual condition and embracing a life of chastity. If you are looking for acceptance for yourself-same-sex attraction and all-while embracing the truth about sex as God means it to be, you may call (608) 821-3018 or contact courage@madisondiocese.org for more information.

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
—St. Augustine



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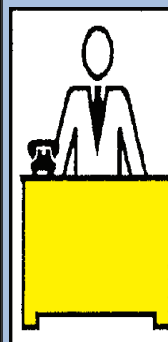
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