

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 the parish office.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation

Saturdays-

8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

3:45-4:15p.m. at St. Charles Church, Cassville

7:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Glen Haven

Baptism

May God bless our new parents! Please contact the parish office to schedule the baptism of your child and to attend a baptismal preparation session.

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call the parish office at least six months before the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick

If someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. Please call the parish office if there is someone who would like to be included in the Mass prayers.

Vocations

Please contact a parish office 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!

Our Catholic School-Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 608-994-2435 for St. Mary School or Mrs. Cheryl Junk at 608-725-5173 for St. Charles Montessori Education Program. St. Mary and St. Charles admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Bulletin Notices - Please submit bulletin notices to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) by Monday.

St. Charles Parish Office Hours (608) 725-5595

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon
stchas@tds.net (Cheryl Junk)

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours (608) 994-2526

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
sunday7@tds.net (Julie M Jentz)

Our parish website: swwicatholicparishes.com

September 24, 2023



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

The Catechism of the Catholic

143 *By faith*, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God.² With his whole being man gives his assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, “the obedience of faith”.³

144 To obey (from the Latin *ob-audire*, to “hear or listen to”) in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself. Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment.

Rev. Stephen Brunner

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Rev. Mark Miller

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Rev. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu

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608-723-4990



Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	9/23	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Bob & Rose Bohringer	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Alphonse & Esther Breuer	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	9/24	8:00 AM Michael Neises	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Pro Populo	(Bloomington)
Mon.	9/25	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	9/26	8:15 AM No Mass	(Cassville)
Wed.	9/27	8:15 AM No Mass	(Cassville)
Thurs.	9/28	8:15 AM John & Carol Moris	(Bloomington)
Fri.	9/29	8:15 AM Deceased family members of Larry French	(Bloomington)
Sat.	9/30	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Loren & Marge Kirschbaum	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Pro Populo	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	10/1	8:00 AM John & Hilda Steiger	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Harmonie Clauer	(Bloomington)

Scripture for the week of Sept. 25, 2023

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Baptism

We joyfully welcome to God's holy family, Xavier Lawrence Gille, son of Brant and Andrea Gille who was baptized at St. Charles Church, Cassville.

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Weekend Mass Schedule

Fr. Steve— Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Lancaster and Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster
Fr. Sudhakar - Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Cassville and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Potosi & 10:00 a.m. at Tennyson
Fr. Mark - Saturday 8:00 p.m. at Glen Haven and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Patch Grove & 10:00 a.m. at Bloomington

Presentation about Tanzania Trip & Fundraiser

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Parish Festival Thank You's

A huge thank you to everyone from our parishes who helped plan and organize the parish festivals. Thank you to all of the volunteers and everyone who gave donations and helped in so many ways to make the parish festivals successful. The festivals truly are wonderful events for our parish life and help our parishes financially. Thank you for your generous support!



Twenty-fifth Sunday

After something terrible happens in our lives, we may conclude that God doesn't care, that God has abandoned us, or that there is no God. This is natural, for we cannot see our world as God sees our world. Isaiah tries to impress upon his listeners that God's thoughts and actions are so far above our own that we will never understand them. As Christians, we believe that God so loves us that He sent the Son, who suffered and died to save us. We trust that no matter what, God is with us. May we be reassured by that truth as we gather today in God's name.



Confirmation Retreat

Please keep the students from our parishes who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 22 in your prayers. They and students from Ss. Andrew-Thomas Parish are participating in a retreat this Sunday, September 24 at St. Mary Church, Bloomington.

Presbyteral Assembly

Fr. Steve, Fr. Sudhakar and Fr. Mark will be attending the annual priest assembly with Bishop Hying on Monday, September 25-Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 27. Because of this, they won't be available to have Mass on those days. Please keep them in your prayers, they will be praying for us. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call 608-723-4990.

Help with Religious Education Needed

Fr. Mark Miller will be overseeing the Religious Education program for our parishes with classes starting in October. **We are in need of teachers and individuals to assist our Catechist with the Family Faith Formation classes.** We will also need help coordinating food for the families who are attending the classes. **Please contact Fr. Mark at 608-723-4990 or the St. Mary's or St. Charles Parish offices to volunteer.** It is crucially important for us to pass on the Catholic Faith to the next generation!

Register ***NOW*** for the Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

The Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will be held at St. John the Baptist in Waunakee, on Friday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 1. Plan to attend with hundreds from our diocese to hear inspiring speakers and music, attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration....*bringing the whole family!* Registering now at blessedbrokenandgiven.com There is no cost to register; lunch on Saturday available for purchase

Evangelization—Bishop Hying

Bishop Hying wants all Catholics in the diocese to commit to evangelization. The first step is for us to accept and live the Gospel. We cannot share what we do not possess ourselves. He has four things that we can do to grow in faith.

1. Develop or strengthen a habit of going to confession regularly, ideally at least once per month.
2. Prioritize Sunday as the Lord's Day in your lives especially by attending Mass.
3. Commit to spending at least 15 minutes per day in prayer, ideally praying often with Scripture.
4. Make asceticism (voluntary practices of self-denial) a regular part of their lives, beginning with at least the mandatory observance of Fridays as penitential fasting days throughout the year.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

The students enjoyed different activities this week to celebrate River Ridge's Homecoming.

On Wednesday, September 27, at 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's students and staff will join other students around the United States for a prayer service to commemorate 'See You at the Pole'. This event was started in 1990 by students in Texas.

There is an early release on Wednesday, September 27 at 12:00 p.m.

If you or anyone you know is interested in having their 3-year-old attend St. Mary Learning Center, please contact the school office 608-994-2435.

SCRIP-If you would like to order Scrip you can visit Economy Feed Mill in Bloomington or call Molly Breuer, the Scrip coordinator, at 563-608-5734.



More Fall Festival Thank You's

A very BIG and hearty THANK YOU to everyone who supported, helped with and attended St. Mary's Fall Festival! We especially thank St. Mary's Parish Council, the Fall Fest Chair-persons, and the Holy Name men. A huge thank you to Roger and Ted Guthrie for providing the tents, and for setting them up, and for taking them down.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Martin Schwartz Funeral Homes for their generous donations to St. Mary's Fall Festival. Thank you to the incredibly generous individuals and businesses for the monetary and Silent Auction donations and all who came and supported our festival. Thank you to some of our raffle prize winners for donating their prizes back. We are very thankful for those who helped to clean and beautifully decorate the parish grounds and all who helped to make the church look beautiful. Thank you to our musicians for the lovely music for our Masses.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped to set up and take down afterward. All of the help and support is deeply appreciated!



Ladies Night Out – October 11

Ladies Night Out is set for Wednesday, October 11, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in St. Mary's basement. This elegant evening will begin with appetizers, wine tasting (fruit punch also available), and socializing with friends. A Purse Silent Auction will give ladies a chance to bid on a variety of purses filled with fun goodies such as wine, food, jewelry, seasonal décor, etc. The \$15 Wine Grab will give ladies a bottle of wine and a chance of winning an extra special prize. Door prizes and new activities will enhance the fun throughout the evening.

All ladies in our Pastorate are invited, along with guests; admission is free. To make a donation or find out more, call Ione Meoska (608 723-9605), Jen Wehrle (608 412-1402), Mary Jo Kussmaul (608 604-0231) or Alysa Mulrooney (608 412-5859). The committee asks that donations be made as soon as possible so that final plans can be made.



2023 HARVEST FUND

Our 2023 Harvest Fund will be starting soon. Early donations are very much welcome and needed. We joyfully accept Harvest Fund donations any time of the year.

St. John's Food Pantry Thank You's

A HUGE thank you to Cathy and Kim Martin for painting St. John's Food Pantry building. It was much needed. We thank them for very generously donating their time, talents and the paint for this project.

Thank you to Charley and Judy Errthum for generously donating part of their St. John's Summer Fest raffle winnings to the Food Pantry.

We were thankful for the three volunteers from Alliant Energy who helped at Food Pantry on September 12.

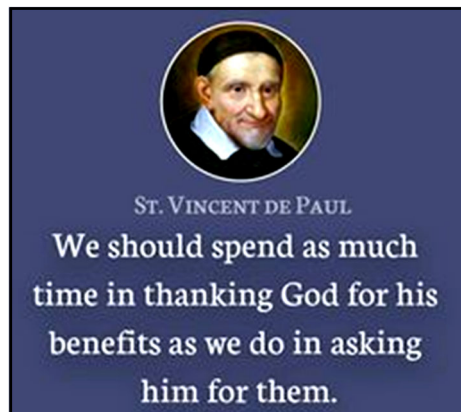
Thank you so much to all who help with and support the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry serves approximately 145 families each month and the number keeps going up. We thank God for the wonderful volunteers that help each month.



St. John's Fall Smorgasbord

Save the date for St. John's Fall Smorgasbord on Wednesday October 18. We are planning for a delicious meal and great fellowship.



PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending September 15, 2023

Church Support.....	\$1,332.00
Offertory.....	\$330.00
Gift.....	\$125.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$100.00
School Tuition.....	\$356.67

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

St. John's Collections for the week ending on September 15, 2023

Church Support.....	\$255.00
Offertory.....	\$170.00

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St. John's Ministry Schedule for October 1, 2023

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

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for October 1, 2023

	10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Chris Bishell
Communion:	Ione Meoska
Sacristans:	Chris Bishell
Gifts:	Dave & Ione Meoska
Ushers:	Joe Mergen, Mike Mergen
Server:	Meghyn & Sawyer Breuer



St. Charles Fall Festival Thank You

A very sincere, heartfelt THANK YOU to all who helped to provide goods, creative talent, and **THOSE WHO WORKED THEIR SCHEDULED SHIFT and for THOSE WHO WORKED EXTRA!** Your dedication to the success of our parish festival, does not go unnoticed.

A HUGE **Thank You** to all the festival activity **Chairpersons** for the many, many hours spent in preparation and the day of the festival. Some of you have been committed to an activity for several years. Also, thank you to Dave and Karri Schauff, the new chairpersons who stepped up to the plate. thank you to Todd Reynolds, whose place they took. His time spent as the Carryout Chairperson is greatly appreciated, Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who gave donations to the large raffle: Gary and Sandra Adams, BP Amoco, Jane Bernhardt, Rick Brinkman, Epic Construction, Bonnie Fagan, Guy's Truck & Tractor Service, Hair by Holly, Robert and Beverly Klauer, Knights of Columbus, Martin Funeral Home, Morg Construction, People's State Bank, Premier Co-op, Ritchie Implement, Royal Bank, S-N-T Brinkman Transfer, LLC, Todd Infield Memorial-by Kristin, Riley, and Ben, Tying the Knot Wedding Rentals-by Kristin, Wamsley Excavating & Quarry Products, Tim and Barb Willis, and anonymous donors.

Our parish is also so very grateful to the American Legion, VFW, and Royal Neighbors members. Thank you to Roger and Ted Guthrie for providing tents and the set-up, and tear-down for our festival. The service you provide is very crucial to our festival.

A Special thanks to Solid Ground Cassville Café and Phyllis Adrian for their help with carry-outs for the Festival.

*Perhaps the most important **THANK YOU** goes to parishioners, local and surrounding community members, and those from afar, who visited our Fall Festival. St. Charles Parish is indebted to your overwhelming generosity*

2023 Fall Festival Large Raffle Winners

1st: \$1500.00	Troy Ludovissy
2nd: \$750.00	Alise Miller
3rd: \$400.00	Jane White
4th: \$150.00	Kathleen Kuenster-Vogt
5th: \$100.00	Bonnie Laufenberg
6th: \$75.00	Todd Breuer
7th: \$50.00	Barb Schrobilgen
8th: \$50.00	Walt Riedl



St. Charles CCW News

A very special "thank you" to our CCW ladies who helped with the pie and cookies at the Cassville Car Cruise. Your help is invaluable and we appreciate the wonderful support to make our fundraising event successful. It was indeed a wonderful day and we appreciate Joe Ploessl and the Car Cruise Team for allowing us to share their tent. We collected \$825.00. Monetary donations were also greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming **Grant Vicariate Fall Dinner Meeting**, which will be held at Immaculate Conception in Kieler on **October 12**. Our CCW will pay for your dinner reservations. Contact Bev Klauer or Susan Kremer if you would like to attend. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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



Steeple Repairs for St. Mary Help of Christians Church

We are grateful that Krause Construction from Coon Valley has completed the work to repair, reroof and replace the louvers on the church steeple.

Thank you to the very generous donors who have made this work possible. Thank you to Cindi Breuer for sending the photo.



Rosary Leaders Needed

It's time again for the Rosary before Mass in October.

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the churches.

Reflection

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last".- Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for September 16, 2023

Church Support.....	\$20.00
Offertory.....	\$54.00
Memorial.....	\$50.00

St. Charles, Cassville for September 16 & 17, 2023

Church Support.....	\$820.00
Offertory.....	\$313.00

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.

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.

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

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4:30 p.m. Mass on September 30, 2023

Lector:	Denny Uppena
Communion:	Sandra Raveling
Sacristan:	Bev Klauer
Servers:	Beckett & Easton Uppena
Ushers:	Tom Vondrum, Isaac Okey, Elijah Okey

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on September 23, 2023

Lector:	Barb Breuer
Communion:	Barb Breuer
Servers:	Timothy Breuer, Luke Patteson
Ushers:	Ed Breuer, Mike Breuer



Celebrate Life

When number nineteen came, the family gives him love. He got so much love from the family. When you have a large family, the children are getting all kinds of love from all their brothers and sisters. There's nothing more joyful than a baby. For every little mouth that God sends, He sends the little bit that is needed. I had faith in God that if He sent me a child, He was going to feed that child. I lived better than some families with two or three kids. My kids started doing things! It's not how many kids you have; it's your faith in God." – Mrs. Lucille Dippolito, mother of 20. - Priests for Life website

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

St. Catherine Ministry: We are here to support families through miscarriage

St. Catherine Ministry is here to accompany you by e-mail, phone call, text message or, if desired, in person loved one have just received the sad news of a miscarriage. From providing miscarriage kits to referring for burial sites to crying with you, we want to help because we have been there, too. It's as simple as contacting St. Catherine Ministry director Laura Karlen at ljkarlen@hotmail.com or 608-445-2064.

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Whether recent or many years ago ... Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer hope and peace for anyone, women or men who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain after abortion. Upcoming retreat: November 10-12. Confidential and private. **Contact Mary: Call 608-821-3177, Text 608-215-0061 or email: rachel@madisondiocese.org** Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." We are called to give 100% in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Oct 5 to Nov. 16 virtual (Thurs. nights); Oct. 20-22 in Brookfield, WI or Dec. 2-3 in Madison, WI. Visit our website at: alife-timeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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

MEETINGS

EVENTS

- *September 24 - St. Mary's, Platteville Fall Festival 1:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Come and enjoy food, live music, raffle, kid's table, bounce house and games. Everyone is welcome.
- *Sept. 24-Confirmation Retreat at St. Mary's, Bloomington
- *September 29-October 1, 2023 - Diocese of Madison Eucharistic Congress at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee, WI. To register go to <https://blessedbrokenandgiven.com/>
- *October 1-St. Mary's, McGregor, IA Fall Festival with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Fried Chicken Dinner with mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, roll and dessert served from 10:30-2:00 p.m. The cost is \$16.00
- *October 10- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- *October 11- Ladies Night Out at St. Mary's, Bloomington
- *October 12-Grant Vicariate Fall Deanery Meeting at Immaculate Conception in Kieler
- *October 22-Confirmation at St. Mary Church, Platteville at 2:00 p.m.
- *November 14- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

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The National Suicide & Crisis

Lifeline-Call, text or chat 988 to reach a trained counselor. These trained counselors will listen, understand how problems are affecting a person, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary. **They can provide help specifically for farmers.**

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