

St. Mary & St. Charles St. Mary & St. John Churches

We Welcome You

We welcome you to Pastorate #1. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please call 608-723-4990. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office.

Sacraments:

Pastorate Daily Mass Times

8:15 a.m.-St. Charles Church (Tues)

8:15 a.m.-St. Mary Church, Bloomington (Thurs)

8:15 a.m.-St. Clement Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

8:15 a.m.-St. Andrew Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Reconciliation

Saturdays except

8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster

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

4:00-4:45 p.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster

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

Tuesday, 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: www.catholicparishes.com



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

364 The human body shares in the dignity of "the image of God": it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit:

Man, though made of body and soul, is a unity. Through his very bodily condition he sums up in himself the elements of the material world. Through him they are thus brought to their highest perfection and can raise their voice in praise freely given to the Creator. For this reason man may not despise his bodily life. Rather he is obliged to regard his body as good and to hold it in honor since God has created it and will raise it up on the last day.

Rev. Stephen Brunner

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	1/13	8:00-9:00 AM	No Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM	Gary and Steve Adams and deceased family members	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Pro Populo	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/14	8:00 AM	Velma McCabe	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM	Sharon Coffin Burkeland	(Bloomington)
Mon.	1/15	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Tues.	1/16	8:15 AM	Marie Stoney	(Cassville)
Wed.	1/17	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM	No Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	1/18	8:15 AM	Pete & Delores Kirschbaum	(Bloomington)
Fri.	1/19	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Bloomington)
Sat.	1/20	8:00-9:00 AM	No Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM	Zachery Ihm	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Richard Walz	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/21	8:00 AM	Pro Populo	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM	Leonard & Arlene Schmidt	(Bloomington)

Scripture for the week of January 15, 2024

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
 Thurs.: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6--9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

January 20 & 21 Weekend Mass Schedule*

Fr. Sudhakar will be away from the Pastorate visiting his family from January 2-February 3.

Fr. Mark and Fr. Steve will be celebrating Mass at all the churches with the help of a visiting priest who will have Mass at St. Clement Church at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

*This schedule may change due to weather or illness.

Knights of Columbus 4416 News

The Council encourages all members to attend the next **KC Meeting on January 16, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. in Saint Mary's Church Basement in Bloomington.** The Council needs to decide on a new Grand Knight, whether to close the Council or to merge Council 4416 with Council 2820 of Lancaster. The current Grand Knight is willing to mentor a new Grand Knight. The Council has an excellent Financial Secretary (Daniel Herbers) and an excellent Secretary (Scott Knox). **These important decisions will be made that evening. Please make your best effort to attend.**



A DINNER & A MOVIE!

Our pastorate, with the generous support of the Knights of Columbus 2820, will be hosting a **Dinner & Movie** on Sunday, February 18. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clement

dining hall with a simple meal of hot roast beef, buns, chips, dessert and beverages. At 7:00 p.m., we will go to the Grantland Theatre to watch the movie, "A Man For All Seasons."

You may attend one or both events. Free-will donations are welcome. Please bring money for concessions at the theatre. This is open to all people in our pastorate.



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Both today and next Sunday the Gospel readings describe Jesus calling his disciples. In today's passage from John, John the Baptist leads two of his disciples to Jesus. Jesus invites them to follow him and they do, choosing not only to remain with him but also to invite others in turn. In the first reading, Samuel is called to serve the Lord and he too responds affirmatively. The Lord continually calls to us. How do we respond?

Where are we in the process of Into the Deep?

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

The results are in! The results of the voting process are:

1. All Saints Parish
2. Christ the King Parish
3. St. Joseph the Worker Parish

If things go as planned, we will become All Saints Parish consisting of St. Clement, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. Charles, St. Mary Help of Christians, St. John, and St. Mary Churches. These 3 names listed above will be submitted to Bishop Hying by February 14, and he will look at all of the names for the pastorates to ensure that none are duplicated. We will await the final decision from him.

Thank you to all of the parishioners who voted and thank you to the transition team members who counted the ballots.

Our next transition team meeting will be on Sunday, January 21 at noon at St. Clement, and we will continue to discuss how we can make the Into the Deep Initiative a more successful initiative for our parish!

May all of us become saints,
 Fr. Steve

THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a Church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Our Mission/Vocation

Through our baptism, God calls us all to live our faith and seek our vocation to become a deacon, priest, religious sister, married or single person. Perhaps God is calling you or someone you know to the priesthood or consecrated life. Let us have the courage to follow our heart.

We are all called to love and serve Him and one another as our true vocation. As we continue to walk in the light of Christ and to serve our Lord with our whole heart, mind and soul, may we be filled with the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and seek to forgive all who have hurt us.

What we do in life echoes in eternity.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

The students are working on projects to display on Saturday, January 27, at the Lasagna Supper and Family Night. There will be a delicious meal with a Silent Auction. If anyone is interested in donating an item for the auction they can bring it to school the week of January 22.

Catholic Schools Week starts on January 28, with a special Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIP: Scrip is available at school and also at Economy Feed Mill or if you have a special order you may call Molly Breuer, the Scrip Coordinator, at 563-608-5734 .



St. Mary's Italian Supper

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Lasagna Supper and Family fun Night on Sat., January 27, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Carry-outs will be available. There will also be a Silent Auction and classroom display to enjoy during the evening.

We are hoping the wonderful bakers from our parish will be able to donate cookies or bars for the supper. This would be greatly appreciated! The goodies need to be dropped off at the school gym by 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 27.

St. Mary's Rectory Housekeeper Needed

We are very grateful to Cara Drew for her fantastic work as our rectory housekeeper the last few years. She has decided to step down from this position, so we are in need of a new housekeeper. This part-position pays \$20.00 per hour. Please contact the parish office at 608-994-2526 for more information.

Snow Removal Update

We are very grateful to Ronnie Mumm and Marie Bishell for stepping forward to help with the snow removal at St. Mary's this winter. We are also thankful for Top Notch Construction for plowing the church parking lot again this year.



2023 HARVEST FUND

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to St. Mary's Harvest Fund! We are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling \$25,755.00 so far. We hope all of our parish members will be able to share their bounty and blessings to help with fall and winter expenses for the parish. We appreciate all contributions large or small and thank the many generous parishioners for their continued support.

Goal:	\$50,000
	\$45,000
	\$40,000
	\$35,000
	\$30,000
	\$25,000
	\$20,000
	\$15,000
	\$10,000
	\$5,000
	\$0

St. Mary Parish Council

President: Melanie Mergen
Members: Rose Bierman, Janet Patterson, RJ Osterhaus, Len Pritchett, Bill Mezera, Gary Mumm, Paul Wegmann

St. John Parish Council

President: Ray Breuer
Members: Cindy Morgan, Leo Breuer, McKenzie Stagman, Kayla Needham



Family Faith Formation Classes

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:45 p.m.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

We have Catechism of the Catholic Church books available at the parish office or St. Mary church for \$5.00 each. Fr. Mike Schmitz is hosting a great year-long program to read the Catechism which can be found at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>.

Ordinary Time

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them with "ordinal" numbers-one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Parish Financial Updates

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending January 5, 2023

Church Support.....	\$3,799.00
Offertory.....	\$239.25
Harvest Fund.....	\$800.00
Gift.....	\$20.00
Diocesan Priest collection.....	\$20.00
St. John's Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$1,993.92
School Tuition.....	\$56.67
3K Program Fees.....	\$642.00

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. Single members are asked to contribute \$500.00 and family are asked to contribute 1,000.00.

St. John's Collections for the week ending on January 5, 2023

Church Support.....	\$235.00
Offertory.....	\$140.00

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

"Let us make the very best use of the precious moments and do all in our power for His dear sake and for His greater honor and glory." - St. Marianne Cope

St. John's Ministry Schedule for Jan. 21, 2024

	<u>8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</u>
Lector:	Carol Harris
Communion:	Roger McKinney
Ushers:	Gene Harris, Ray Breuer
Servers:	Katie Tolle, Avery Needham

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for January 21, 2024

	<u>10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</u>
Lector:	Deb Campbell
Communion:	Deb Campbell
Sacristan:	Pat Casey
Gifts:	Rachele Breuer and family
Ushers:	Joe Mergen, Eric Fuerstenberg
Servers:	Alan Hernandez, Sawyer Breuer



Happy 100th Birthday to Jane Bernhardt!



Family Faith Formation Classes

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6:45 p.m.

St. Charles Catholic Montessori Early Education Program

If you have questions or if you would like to register your child, please contact Cassie Okey at cassie.okey@stcharlescassville.org.

Mass Intentions

Please contact Cheryl Junk at the St. Charles Parish Office at 608-725-5595 to schedule Masses for 2024.

Catholic Question and Answer

Question: I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

Answer: If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor. ~ St. Charles Borromeo ~

St. Charles Parish Council

President: Denny Uppena
Members: Judy Adrian, Suzanne Brinkman, Agnes Hughes, Isaac Okey, Gina Kartman, Cliff Tennesen, Joe Uppena

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council

President: Joe Breuer
Members: Ed Breuer, Sue Kuenster, Tracy Walz, John Smith, Doug White



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Reflection

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.



SAINT AGNES (died 304) January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world-or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.,

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles, Cassville for December 30, 2023

Church Support.....\$1,025.00
Offertory.....\$211.00

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

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for January 6, 2024

Church Support.....\$20.00
Offertory.....\$71.00

"Eternal Father I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."
Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule
4:30 p.m. Mass on January 20, 2024

Lector: Mary White
Communion: Deacon Roger
Servers: Riedl children
Ushers: Warren White, Tom Vondrum
St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on January 20, 2024

Lector: Barb Breuer
Communion: Barb Breuer
Servers: Erin Adrian
Ushers: Mike Breuer, Ken Breuer



Celebrate Life

"Indeed the tragedy of abortion haunts women from all walks of life. Abortion advocates are spending millions to package their tired rhetoric and half-truths in cutting-edge advertising campaigns targeted to young women... The early feminists were pro-life. And really, abortion is a huge disservice to women, and it hasn't been presented that way." -- Emmy winning actress, Patricia Heaton

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 anyone who has 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.

Madison Retrouvaille Program

Is your marriage tearing you apart? The upcoming Retrouvaille program is January 26 – 28, 2024 at the Green Lake Conference Center. Follow up sessions will be in Madison. Call 608-249-2377 or check our website at www.helpourmarriage.org. Your confidentiality is always respected.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" We should be looking for the graces of God in our marriage. Discover those graces by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 26-28 in Brookfield, WI; Feb. 9-11 in Geneva, IL; March 9-10 in Wisconsin or April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.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.



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. **There is help specifically for farmers.**

MEETINGS

*January 16, 2024-Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington. The Council needs to decide on a new Grand Knight, to close the Council or to merge Council 4416 with Council 2820 of Lancaster.

*January 21 - Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement Church

EVENTS

*January 27-St. Mary's School Italian Supper

*January 28-February 3 -Catholic Schools Week

*February 13- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

*February 14-Ash Wednesday

*March 8-St. Mary's Fish Fry in Bloomington

*March 12- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.



St. Clement Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

All are invited to attend the delicious pancake, sausage and egg breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, January 21 from 8:00 a.m.-noon at St. Clement Church. Cost is \$10 (ages 6 & under are free).

Healthy Living with Chronic Pain

Gundersen Health System will host *Healthy Living with Chronic Pain* on February 7-March 13. After registering, participants will receive an email with a link to join the class and a workbook will be mailed to them. This virtual class is one day a week for 2½ hours for 6 weeks. The cost is \$30 and includes a workbook. To register or have a brochure sent to you with more information, please call 608-775-6870.

PASTORATE #1 MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Knights of Columbus Council 2820 is sponsoring a retreat for all men in Pastorate #1 February 9-11 at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA. The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends on Sunday morning after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. You can attend any day or the entire retreat. For questions and to RSVP by February 1, call Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543.

Christian Experience Weekend

Southwest Wisconsin CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) will be held at Immaculate Conception School, Kiel, WI. The women's weekend will be Feb. 16-18. The men's weekend will be Feb.23-25, 2024. The weekends begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and end on Sunday at around 4:30 p.m. Application forms are available in the church entrance or on the website(<http://swwicew.org/>). For more information on the women's weekend, call Gail Steiner at 608-330-0654. For the men's weekend, call Steve Malone at 608-732-3606. Weekends fill up fast. Applications will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

GRIEF SHARE: An Ecumenical Grief Support Group

After the death of a loved one, life quickly returns to normal for some but not for those who are grieving. In GriefShare, you will learn valuable information about facing your "new normal" in life and renewing your hope for the future. **GriefShare will be held on Thursday afternoons beginning on February 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the St. Clement Parish Office meeting room.** The cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the workbook; scholarships are available. If you have any questions or to register, call Bill Manthe at 608-723-4990.