

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:

Pastorate Daily Mass Times

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays-

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

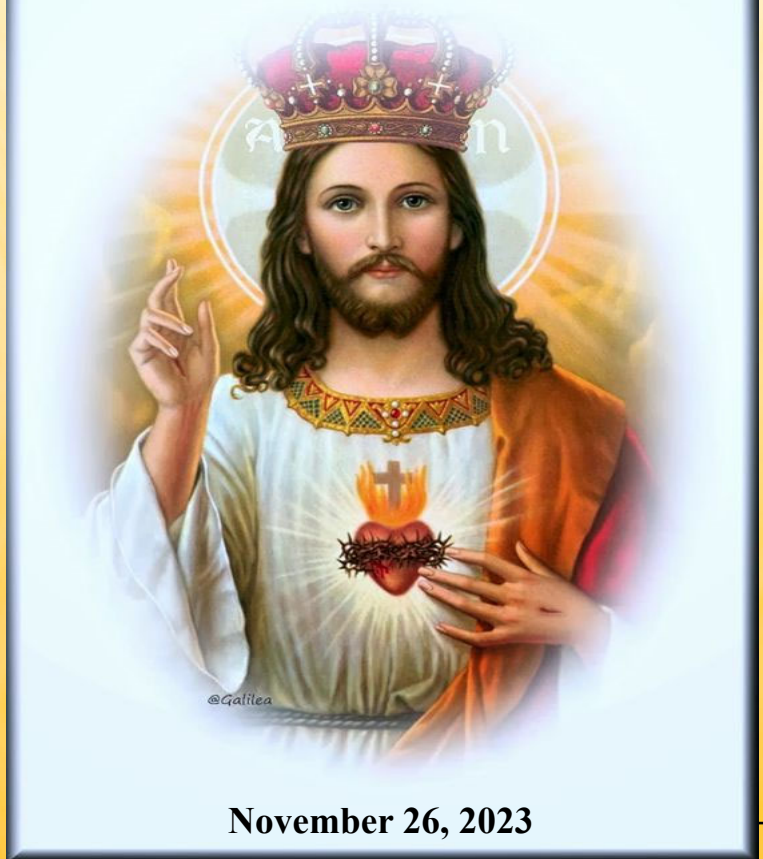
St. Charles Parish Office Hours (608) 725-5595

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.

Christ the King of the Universe



November 26, 2023

Catechism of the Catholic Church

786 Finally, the People of God shares in the *royal* office of Christ. He exercises his kingship by drawing all men to himself through his death and Resurrection.²¹¹ Christ, King and Lord of the universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."²¹² For the Christian, "to reign is to serve him," particularly when serving "the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder."²¹³ The People of God fulfills its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ.

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	11/25	8:00-9:00 AM NO Adoration (Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Deceased members of the Bink & Edith Bausch family (Cassville)
		8:00 PM Pro Populo (Glen Haven)
Sun.	11/26	8:00 AM James & Mildred Sprosty (Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Oscar & Coletta Wegmann (Bloomington)
Mon.	11/27	8:15 AM No Mass
Tues.	11/28	8:15 AM Arlene Rauch (Cassville)
Wed.	11/29	8:15 AM Carrie Hochhausen (Cassville)
		8:45 AM Adoration (Cassville)
Thurs.	11/30	8:15 AM Living and deceased members of the Bob & Janet Reuter family (Bloomington)
Fri.	12/1	8:15 AM Bishop Robert C. Morlino (Bloomington)
Sat.	12/2	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration (Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Jill Uppena (Cassville)
		8:00 PM Deceased members of the Paul White family (Glen Haven)
Sun.	12/3	8:00 AM Pro Populo (Patch Grove)
		8:00 AM Monroe Adrian (Cassville)
		10:00 AM Doris Lou McLimans (Bloomington)



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today we are given the chance of a lifetime: a preview of what we will face at the end of time, straight from the lips of the One who will come in glory on that day. This is Christ the King, who rules over God's creation. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides to his disciples how he will pass judgement on us all. Keep in mind that it is never too late. Let us take heed so that we may do what Jesus expects from us. Then one day we may inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Where Are We in the Process of Into the Deep?

In the month of November, Fr. Steve will be meeting with the pastoral councils from the various churches to elect members for the Transition Team. The Transition Team is an advisory council representing individual parishes in implementing the Into the Deep Initiative and the merging of the pastorate. The Transition Team consists of one member of each parish according to the number of weekend masses. The Transition Team will meet monthly and ad-hoc according to need. These are the requirements for the Transition Team:

The Transition Team member is a confirmed, practicing Catholic who is fully participating in the sacramental life of the church.

As a public representative of the parish, the Transition Team member must be willing to hear concerns from parishioners regarding the implementation of Into the Deep and to bring them forward to the Transition Team so that the Initiative can be more successful.

As a public representative of the parish, the Transition Team member will have their picture posted in the bulletin and on our website.

The Transition Team will serve until the canonical merging of the parishes in July 2024. By accepting this position, the Transition Team member is agreeing to collaborate to implement the goals of Into the Deep. The meeting schedule is as follows: 11/14/23 Pastoral Council at Bloomington at 7 pm
11/16/23 Pastoral Council at Patch Grove at 7 pm
11/21/23 Pastoral Council at St. Charles at 7 pm
11/28/23 Pastoral Council at Tennyson at 7 pm
11/29/23 Pastoral Council at St. Clement at 7 pm
11/30/23 Pastoral Council at Glen Haven at 7 pm

Scripture for the week of November 27, 2023

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

December 2 & 3 Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Pastorate Christmas Mass Schedule
Fourth Sunday of Advent on December 24

9:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington
9:00 a.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster
9:00 a.m. St. Andrew Church, Tennyson
Christmas Eve Masses on December 24
4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington
4:00 p.m. at St. Charles Church, Cassville
4:00 p.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster
8:00 p.m. at St. Mary Help of Christians Church, Glen Haven
8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Andrew Church, Tennyson
Christmas Day Masses on December 25
9:00 a.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster
9:00 a.m. at St. John Church, Patch Grove
9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Church, Potosi

Enjoy Two Great Breakfasts

St. Mary's Breakfast with Santa is this Sunday, Nov. 26 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Carry-outs available. There will also be a cookie and candy sale, crafters, children's raffle and Adopt-a Family. Next Sunday, December 3, you can attend a special 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Charles Church and then enjoy the Advent Breakfast at St. Charles School from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Carry-outs available. There will also be Santa's Workshop and a raffle.



Prepare the Way of the Lord
Christmas Reflection

by Bishop Donald Hying

Sunday, December 10, 2023

St. Mary Church, Bloomington, WI

6:00-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00 p.m. Bishop's Reflection

8:00 -9:00 p.m. Reception and time for fellowship in the church hall

We are excited that Bishop Hying will be visiting our Pastorate on Sunday, December 10. Please plan to attend this wonderful event to help us prepare for the Coming of Christ at Christmas.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

In Religion class, the 5th - 8th graders will be talking about the canonization process - how a person becomes a saint.

Ms. Julie Zenz, our former principal, will be coming to visit on November 30 to talk about her trip to the Holy Land.

Our annual **Calendar Raffle** will start on Nov. 21 for **\$10 each. All money must be turned in by December 22.** Please call St. Mary's School office at 608-994-2435 or contact one of our school families to participate in the calendar raffle.

SCRIP: SCRIP has many cards in stock to complete your fall projects. Many local businesses provide SCRIP gift certificates for this fundraiser for our school. 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



St. Mary's Breakfast with Santa

St. Mary's Breakfast with Santa is this Sunday, November 26. We hope many from our families, parishes, and communities will enjoy the yummy breakfast. There will also be delicious cookies & candy for sale, crafters, children's raffle, and adopt-a-family.

Help Needed With Snow Removal

Unfortunately, winter is just around the corner and with it snow. **We are in need of someone(s) to keep St. Mary's Church steps and sidewalks clear of snow and ice this winter. Please contact the parish office at 994-2526 for more information about this paid position.**

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

It is time again to think of decorating our churches for Christmas, and we are asking the members of St. Mary's and St. John's churches to help by purchasing poinsettias in memory of their loved ones. **The prices for the flowers are \$16.00 for a small poinsettia, \$29.00 for a medium poinsettia, and \$40.00 for a large poinsettia.** Parishioners also have the option of making a donation to help offset the cost of decorating the churches.

Memorials may be dropped off at the parish office or put in the weekend collection by December 17. Please indicate on the envelope what size plant, which church it is being given to, the name of the person(s) it is being given in memory or honor of, and your name.

"Our business is to attain Heaven; everything else is a sheer waste of time." -St. Vincent de Paul



2023 HARVEST FUND

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to St. Mary's Harvest Fund! We are very grateful to the families who have given donations totaling \$19,880.00 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



Family Faith Formation

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wed., December 13 at 6:45 p.m.

St. John's CCW News

Ladies, please remember to take home your pans and dishes that are in the church basement.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's & St. John's

Masses intentions for loved ones to be said during 2024 may be scheduled during November and December. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass, and we ask each registered family to scheduled **two Masses** (only one on a weekend). We are hoping by doing this we will be able to allow families to request Masses for newly deceased loved ones.

To schedule Masses, you may send a note listing possible Mass dates and the name of the person(s) the Masses are being requested for. You may also call (608-994-2526) the Bloomington Parish Office from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday to schedule Mass intentions.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending November 16, 2023

Church Support.....	\$4,715.00
Offertory.....	\$279.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$4,950.00
School Tuition.....	\$56.67
Gifts.....	\$150.00
Memorial Candle.....	\$50.00
Votive Candles.....	\$266.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00

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. Families are also asked to contribute \$300.00 for the Harvest Funds and single members are asked to donate \$150.00

St. John's Collections for the week ending on November 16, 2023

Church Support.....	\$155.00
Offertory.....	\$174.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for December 3, 2023

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Bob McLimans
Communion:	Michelle Breuer
Ushers:	Ray Breuer, Tom Breuer
Servers:	Ty & Matthew Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for December 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Deb Campbell
Communion:	Deb Campbell
Sacristans:	Greg & Jane Patterson
Gifts:	Rachele Breuer & family
Ushers:	Joe Mergen, Mike Mergen
Server:	Brooks Osterhaus, Gabe Kluesner

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

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



Special Mass & Advent Breakfast on December 3

There will be a special 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Charles Church on Sunday, December 3 and you will be able to enjoy the delicious **Advent Breakfast from 9-11:00 a.m.**

Menu: Sausage, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Hash Brown Casserole, Applesauce
Dine-in: Adult- \$10, Children (6-11)- \$5, Children 5 and under- Free, Carry-out \$10
Raffle Drawing at 11:00 a.m.
Santa's workshop

We are in need of Santa's Workshop items to be donated for both men and ladies. Suggestions are kitchen towels and dish cloths, holiday decor, work gloves, small tools, candy, mugs (could be filled with goodies), cards, small games, or anything for \$2-\$5. Please bring the items to the parish office. Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. **These can be dropped off at school or by contacting Angela Adams at 794-2107.**

Family Faith Formation Classes

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wed., December 13 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 at the St. Charles Parish office at 608-725-5595 to schedule Masses at St. Charles or St. Mary Help of Christians Church the rest of 2023 and for 2024.



Royal Neighbors Cookie and Candy Walk

The Cassville Royal Neighbors will be hosting a **Cookie and Candy Walk** on Friday, December 8 (3 PM--6 PM) and Saturday, December 9 (9 AM--NOON) at the Cassville Municipal Building. A Silent Auction will also take place. The proceeds will go to the Grant County Cancer Coalition. The Royal Neighbors Organization will match funds up to \$1,000 with our local council. Come join us for a worthy cause and enjoy the outstanding layout of homemade cookies and candies.

What we do in life echoes in eternity.

St. Charles Parish Council

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

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council

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



Reflection

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.



Saint Andrew - November 30

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life. According to Christian tradition, Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth, but his ship was said to have wrecked off the shores of Scotland. Today the relics of St. Andrew are at a shrine in Patras.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

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St. Charles, Cassville for November 4, 2023

Church Support.....\$1,773.00
 Offertory.....\$155.00
 International Combined Collection.....\$5.00

St. Charles, Cassville for November 11, 2023

Church Support.....\$2,755.00
 Offertory.....\$225.00
 Fuel Fund.....\$100.00
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 November 11, 2023

Church Support.....\$20.00
 Offertory.....\$94.00

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

4:30 p.m. Mass on December 2, 2023

Lector: **Patty (Okey) Bowden**
 Communion: **Sandra Raveling**
 Servers: **Brielle Fishnick, Audrey Tasker**
 Ushers: **Barb & Terry Schrobilgen**

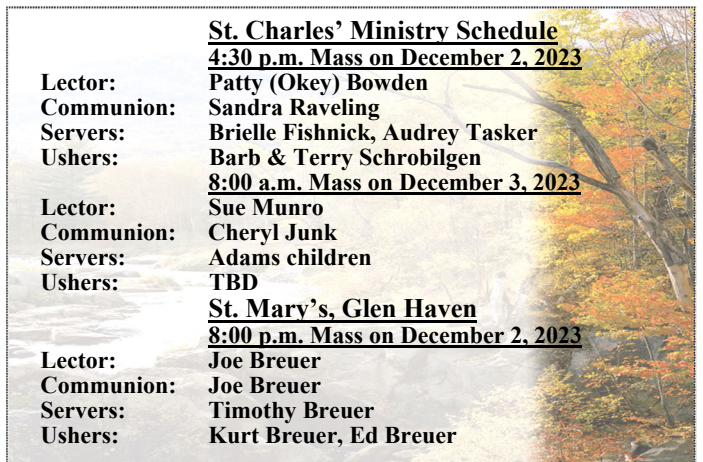
8:00 a.m. Mass on December 3, 2023

Lector: **Sue Munro**
 Communion: **Cheryl Junk**
 Servers: **Adams children**
 Ushers: **TBD**

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on December 2, 2023

Lector: **Joe Breuer**
 Communion: **Joe Breuer**
 Servers: **Timothy Breuer**
 Ushers: **Kurt Breuer, Ed Breuer**





Celebrate Life

The liturgy for today's Feast of Christ the King tells us that his is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Indeed, all these realities fit together perfectly. Truth and life go together, because when we know the truth about God's love and care for creation, we will respect all life. When we know the truth about ourselves, that we belong only to God, then we realize we cannot destroy any other person. A respect for life, personally as well as in our laws and policies as a nation, is the first requirement of justice and an absolute condition of peace. And the holier we are, the more we allow God's grace into our every thought and desire, the more we will adhere to truth, defend life, and promote justice and peace.

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.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Your care and concern for others should start with your spouse.

Learn to love to the fullest by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Dec. 2-3 in Madison, WI; Feb. 9-11, 2024 in Geneva, IL or April 27-28, 2024 in Mundelein, IL. Visit our website at: 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.**

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

MEETINGS

- *Nov. 28-Ss. Andrew-Thomas Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 29-St. Clement Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 30-St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *January 16, 2024-Knights of Columbus #4416 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

EVENTS

- *November 26-Breakfast with Santa at St. Mary School
- *December 3- St. Charles Advent Breakfast
- *December 3- Solemn Choral Vespers and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Name Oratory, Madison
- *December 10-Bishop Donald Hying at St. Mary Church, Bloomington for an evening program
- *December 12- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- *December 17-Diocesan Choir and Chamber Orchestra performance *A Service of Lessons and Carols*, Madison
- *December 18-St. Mary's Christmas Program



Holiday Grief Gathering

We would like to invite all who have lost loved ones this last year to a **Holiday Grief Gathering that will be held at St. Clement Church, Lancaster on Thursday, November 30, from 6:00-8:00p.m.** For more information, please contact Bill Manthe at St. Clement Parish, or Marcia Hampton.



Planning Continues for Operation Santa Claus in the River Ridge Area

Members of the West Grant Lions Club, which sponsors Operation Santa Claus in the River Ridge area, are continuing to work on planning which includes the ordering of food items and arranging for delivering people in the communities and surrounding areas served by the club. This includes the Bagley, Bloomington, Glen Haven, Mount Hope, and Patch Grove areas.

If you have any nonperishable food items (especially canned goods) please bring them to one of the collection places in Bloomington. Items can be left at Bloomington Monuments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at the lobby entrance to the Bloomington Public Library (which is also the entrance to the Village office) on any week day and also any Saturday morning. The Lions Club cannot distribute home canned foods or home baked items.

Money donations for Operation Santa Claus are still needed and may be mailed to the West Grant Lions Club Treasurer, Joe Gates, P. O. Box 142, Bloomington, WI 53804. Be sure to make checks out to the West Grant Lions Club. The deadline for making money donations is December 1.

Some of the members of the River Ridge Leos Club will be helping with the loading of food boxes and some will accompany Lions members and volunteers who are making food deliveries.

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