



St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate

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

We Welcome You

We welcome you to St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate. If you would like to become a member of our Pastorate, please call a parish office. 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
8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Church, Tennyson
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 Schools

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.
sunday7@tds.net (Julie M Jentz)

Website: swwicatholicparishes.com

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

Alleluia! He is risen!



Catechism of the Catholic Church

656 Faith in the Resurrection has as its object an event which is historically attested to by the disciples, who really encountered the Risen One. At the same time, this event is mysteriously transcendent insofar as it is the entry of Christ's humanity into the glory of God.

Rev. Stephen Brunner

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Rev. Mark Miller

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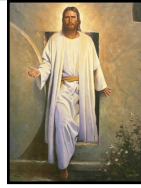
Rev. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	3/30	8:00-9:00 AM	NO Adoration	(Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Deceased members of the Paul White family	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	3/31	8:00 AM	Bill Martin	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM	Charlie, Rebecca & Christine Kinyon	(Cassville)
		10:00 AM	Dan Bark	(Bloomington)
Mon.	4/1	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Tues.	4/2	8:15 AM	Patricia Cullen	(Cassville)
Wed.	4/3	8:15 AM	James Adrian and Joyce Adrian	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM	Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	4/4	8:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Jake & LaVon Schurman family	(Bloomington)
Fri.	4/5	8:15 AM	Lyle & Marian Taylor and Diane Guanella	(Bloomington)
Sat.	4/6	8:00-9:00 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM	Larry Bernhardt	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Sam Walz	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/7	8:00 AM	Roger & Phyllis Osterhaus	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM	Tom & Carol Mumm	(Bloomington)



Easter Sunday

The Lord IS RISEN, He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Our Lord has risen from the tomb. He has conquered death. He has redeemed us from our sins. Nearly two thousand years later, we celebrate it as if it is happening today. For it *is* happening today. Jesus Christ *is* RISEN, death *is* defeated, redemption *is* here. Let us give thanks to Jesus for his supreme sacrifice, let us praise God for the promise of eternal life, let us sing out in joy, for our Lord is risen today.

St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate News

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate,

It is with great joy that I am able to announce to you in this letter that I have hired Karilee J. Kelley to be the Director of Daycare for St. Charles. This hiring is the result of a several-month process and numerous interviews in which we have tried to find the candidate who is best qualified and the best fit for St. Charles. Kari comes to us with many years of daycare experience, including more than 15 years of experience at the Mercy Child Development Center and Preschool and numerous other caregiving assignments. If you see Kari around town or at St. Charles, please give her a warm St. Charles welcome.

Our goal is to open the Daycare Center at St. Charles on the Tuesday after Labor Day, that is, Sept. 3. Between now and then, we will be applying for licensing from the State of Wisconsin, hiring teachers and teacher's aides, fundraising, and preparing the rooms for the opening. The village has expressed interest in supporting this endeavor, and I hope we are able to work together to fundraise for this important project, as it will be a big help for Cassville. A note on the licensing aspect: Applying for licensing from the State of Wisconsin will not restrict us from practicing our Catholic faith in any way and allows us to show certification of the safety of our institution.

We already have 12 children whose parents have expressed interest in the Daycare Center and our goal is to open at least two rooms, covering children aged 6 weeks through at least a child's third birthday, but our plan is flexible enough to extend to older ages if we believe it will be beneficial. I encourage you to spread the word about this new endeavor. We continue to keep track of interested families so that we can open in September with the greatest service to Cassville.

We are hoping that this new venture will bring glory to God and also new life to Cassville.

God bless, and stay tuned for future announcements,
Fr. Steve Brunner

Into the Deep Update

Bishop Hying has announced that the name of our new parish will be St. Joseph the Worker. We will continue to use the title Pastorate until we legally become a parish. The seven churches will keep their names and will be part of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Remember, at this time, no financial merging has occurred. Our 6 parishes continue to exist as 6 parishes, and we haven't become 1 parish canonically or legally yet. Fr. Steve will communicate to the pastorate whenever something significant occurs, especially from a financial perspective. The purpose of our transition team meetings is to discuss things that may be happening in the future to our pastorate and to think through how we want to handle them as a parish family.

Scripture for the week of April 1, 2024

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

April 6 & 7 Weekend Mass Schedule

Fr. Steve - Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Lancaster and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Patch Grove & 10:00 a.m. at Bloomington
Fr. Mark - Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Cassville and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Potosi & 10:00 a.m. at Tennyson
Fr. Sudhakar - Sat. 8:00 p.m. at Glen Haven and Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster
 *This schedule may change due to weather or illness.



Baptism

We joyfully welcome to God's holy family Grant Russel Udelhoven, son of Alexander Udelhoven and Venessa Mezera, who was baptized at St. Mary Church, Bloomington.



First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at:
 St. Andrew Church, Tennyson on Sunday, April 14
 St. Charles Church, Cassville on Saturday, April 20
 St. Mary Church, Bloomington on Sunday, April 28
 St. Clement Church, Lancaster on Sunday May 5

Rice Bowls

Small sacrifices really do add up. Operation Rice Bowl helps to fight global hunger and poverty, but also helps on the local level as well. Please turn in your rice bowl donations in the box in the back of church, at school, or you can mail in a check. Please mark all envelopes "Rice Bowl." We will send the donations to the diocese to ensure that 25 percent of the donations will stay local and support St. John's Food Pantry.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

Mrs. Mezera's 5-8 Religion class learned about the Seder Meal during Holy Week. They celebrated the meal during their class. Students were able to better understand how Jesus celebrated the Jewish festival of Passover and how it connects with Holy Thursday and the Institution of the Eucharist.

St. Mary School will be on Easter break from Holy Thursday, March 28 through Easter Monday, April 1.

SCRIP: SCRIP is now carrying D'Lish scrip, they are available in \$5 and \$10 increments. They are generously donating 5% of proceeds. 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.

SCRIP is also looking for a new Volunteer Scrip Coordinator. If you or someone you know is interested please reach out to Molly Breuer: 563-608-5734.



Catholic Question & Answer

Question: Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer: If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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's School, Bloomington on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:45 p.m.



Love Begins Here Mission Trip

We are excited to announce that this summer, July 8-11, we are hosting a crew of about 60-80 teens for a Love Begins Here mission trip in our St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate at St. Clement Church in Lancaster!

Love begins here provides middle and high school youth the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way through week long, local mission trips where they live in Catholic community and continue His work here on Earth.

Teens who are interested in participate in Love Begins Here can find more information and how to register at <https://madisondiocese.org/lovebeginshere>.

Grant County CCW Spring Meeting

The spring GCCCW meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at Holy Ghost Church in Dickeyville, WI. Registration is at 3:30 p.m. and Mass is at 4:00 p.m.

Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who gave donations and memorials for flowers and helped to make our churches look beautiful for Easter.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped to clean the churches and parish grounds before Holy Week.

We are grateful to have received \$2,500.00 in matching funds from Alliant Energy that will be used for the educational needs of St. Mary's students.

Parish Financial Updates

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending March 22, 2024

Church Support.....	\$555.00
Offertory.....	\$216.00
Donations for St. Mary School.....	\$1,300.00
3K Program Fees.....	\$452.00
School Tuition.....	\$925.00
St. Charles Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$916.57
St. Mary's, Glen Haven Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$475.10
Matching Funds from Alliant Energy.....	\$2,500.00

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 March 22, 2024

Church Support.....	\$435.00
Offertory.....	\$185.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for April 7, 2024

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

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for April 7, 2024

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: Chris Bishell
Communion: Chris Bishell
Sacristans: Chris Bishell
Gifts: Mark & Erin Kluesner family
Ushers: Dan Bierman, Mike Mergen
Servers: Meghyn & Sawyer Breuer

St. Charles Church, Cassville

St. Mary Church, Glen Haven



St. Charles Fish Fry Thank You's

Thank you to the Fish Fry Crew and the St. Charles CCW for their hard work to make St. Charles Fish Fry a successful event. Thank you to everyone who attended the Fish Fry. We deeply appreciate your support!



Family Faith Formation Classes

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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.

St. Charles CCW News

Dear Ladies of the Parish,
Please mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 17** for our **Spring CCW Brunch at St. Charles School. Following the 8:15 a.m. Mass, please join us in the Computer Lab Room (around 9:15 A.M.).** We want to thank you and treat you for your continued generosity for our special fundraisers. Please give Bev Klauer (725-5876) or Susan Kremer (725-5961) a call if you can attend. We will be discussing our Spring, Summer, and Fall fundraising events.

Another date to mark on your calendar is **Wednesday, May 15 for the Grant Vicariate Spring Dinner meeting in Dickeyville at Holy Ghost Church. Mass is at 4:00 p.m. with registration at 3:30 p.m.** Our CCW Council will pay for your registration/dinner if you would like to attend. Please call Bev Klauer (725-5876) if you would like to attend.

Blessings to All, CCW Leadership Team

Six Rivers Food Pantry News

Volunteers are needed at the Six Rivers Food Pantry. If you would like to become a volunteer, please give Karel Tormey a call at (608) 434-0420.



Love Begins Here Mission Trip

We are excited to announce that this summer, July 8-11, we are hosting a crew of about 60-80 teens for a Love Begins Here mission trip in St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate! Love begins here provides middle and high school youth the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way through week long, local mission trips where they live in Catholic community and continue His work here on Earth. **For the week teens are staying at Saint Clement, they will be doing various service projects for the Lancaster area!** Teens who are interested in participate in Love Begins Here can find more information and how to register at <https://madisondiocese.org/lovebeginshere>

Please Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543, if you would be interested in having some help July 9 & 10 or know anyone in need in the Lancaster community!

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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



Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who gave donations and memorials for flowers and helped to make our churches look beautiful for Easter.

Thank you to all the altar society members who gave donations and supported the Bake Sale last Sunday.

Reflection

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."- COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan



An Easter Prayer

Almighty God, you have created us anew. Nailed to the cross for our sake, Jesus gave his life so that we might have a share in the new life of his resurrection. Now that we have been set free from the power of sin and death, we pray to be transformed by the Holy Spirit into the image of your love. In our Easter celebration, may we remember that we have not been saved for ourselves alone, but to become light for the salvation of the world and for your greater glory.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles, Cassville for March 16, 2024

Church Support.....	\$2,195.00
Offertory.....	\$176.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$295.00
Fuel Fund.....	\$200.00

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 March 16, 2024

Church Support.....	\$390.00
Offertory.....	\$132.00

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

4:30 p.m. Mass on April 6, 2024

Lector:	Denny Uppena
Sacristan:	Cheryl Junk
Communion:	Cheryl Junk
Servers:	Declan Fishnick, Aimslee Tasker
Ushers:	Rick Junk, Gene Adrian, Tom Vondrum

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on April 6, 2024

Lector:	Cindi Breuer
Communion:	Tracy Walz
Servers:	Timothy Breuer
Ushers:	Kurt Breuer, Tim Walz

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



Celebrate Life

"Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering..."

"Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep ... so in Christ all will come to life again" (1 Cor. 15:20). The paradox of the Christian message is this: Christ - the head - has already conquered sin and death. Christ in his body - the pilgrim people of God - continually suffers the onslaught of the Evil One and all the evil which sinful humanity is capable of.

"The liberating message of the Gospel of life has been put into your hands. And the mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation. Like the great apostle Paul, you too must feel the full urgency of the task: "Woe to me if I do not evangelize" (1 Cor. 9:16). Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life. The church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love." – Pope John Paul II to Youth, August 15, 1993, Denver, Colorado

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

He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL or May 4-5 in Muskego, WI. Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



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

- *April 1– St. Mary's Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Bloomington
- *April 16—Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. Charles School, Cassville
- *April 21 –Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement Church

EVENTS

- *April 9- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- *April 20-St. Charles First Communion
- *April 28-St. Mary's First Communion
- *May 14-St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at St. Mary School in Bloomington on Monday, April 1, from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Experiencing Suicide Grief?

Suicide rates, sadly, are on the rise. For those of you who are grieving this type of loss, you are not alone and there is hope. We would invite you to consider attending a 4 part Series: Addressing Our Suicidal Losses with the Help of our Catholic Faith at Holy Name Heights at 6:00 p.m. (optional dinner at 5:00 p.m.) on April 2, 16, 30 and May 14. This is sponsored by the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities, by Peg Weber RN MSN, Certified Grief Educator, along with Cheryl Horne, a Pastoral Associate in the Diocese of Madison.

Please RSVP by calling 608-821-3050 or online at www.apdmadisondiocese.com/ministry/mental-illness.

KC Council 4416 News

At the February 20 meeting, 3 members out of 147 were in attendance. As for now, the council would appreciate the members who have not paid their dues or purchased raffle tickets to do so. Please understand that the State Council and Supreme charges us per-capita for 147 members who are on our roster, whether they pay or not. Council 4416 needs your dues to meet the per-capita requirements.

A major question facing the council is whether to remain as we are or consider a merger with Council 2820 in Lancaster? The Field Agent, Tim Dreger and District 40 District Deputy, Mike Plear advised that we proceed with the merger option. Supreme will give us proper direction as to the correct steps to follow: securing membership of individuals who pay their dues and removal of members to a white council, who do not pay dues. More information will be forthcoming.

A special "thank you" to members who have stepped forward to pay dues and purchase raffle tickets. All raffle tickets must be returned to Daniel Herbers, Financial Secretary, 1041 East Dewey Street, Cassville, WI 53806-9696 by April 1.

Next meeting: April 16 at 7:30 P.M. at St. Charles School Computer Lab in Cassville.

National Eucharistic Congress

The National Eucharistic Congress, an event expected to draw tens of thousands of Catholic laypeople, priests and religious, will be held in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024. JESUS WILL BE THERE. WILL YOU? For more information, check out the National Eucharistic Congress website, or contact Bernadette Schaefer at bschaefer2020@outlook.com or 608-723-7475.