



St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate

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

April 21, 2024

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 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)

Website: swwicatholicparishes.com



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Catechism of the Catholic Church

754 "The Church is, accordingly, a *sheepfold*, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep."¹⁴⁶

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	4/20	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Laura Tennesen and Tom Tennesen	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Priests in Purgatory	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/21	8:00 AM Pro Populo	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Roy & Mary Jane Hermsen	(Bloomington)
Mon.	4/22	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	4/23	8:15 AM Jayce Reynolds	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM Adoration	(Cassville)
Wed.	4/24	8:15 AM Fr. Bill Seipp	(Cassville)
Thurs.	4/25	8:15 AM Living and deceased members of the Joe and Rita Stoeffler family	(Bloomington)
Fri.	4/26	8:15 AM Living and deceased members of the LeRoy & Marilyn Patterson family	(Bloomington)
Sat.	4/27	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Pro Populo	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Mary Lee Schier	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/28	8:00 AM Fred & Ruth Zenz	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Sally Budworth	(Bloomington)



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, committed to caring for his sheep through every danger, difficulty, and trauma. He told his disciples that he would lay down his life for his sheep. Indeed, this is exactly what he did.

By laying down his life for our sins, he conquered death and raises us to eternal life with him. Let us allow the risen Lord to guide us to the idyllic pasture of salvation.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Easton Adrian, Aria Bernhardt, and Lynnaya Hochhausen who are celebrating their First Holy Communion at the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Charles Church this Saturday, April 20. First Communion at St. Mary's, Bloomington will be next Sunday, April 28 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

We are very grateful to the parents for following through with the promises they made at their child's baptism to bring them up in the practice of the faith. May God continue to bless them as they teach their child about Christ's love and presence in the Eucharist.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

During this grace-filled time of First Communions, let us reflect on this part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which teaches us about the Eucharist.

1322 The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

1323 "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"

Scripture for the week of April 22, 2024

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8

April 27 & 28 Weekend Mass Schedule

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



Birthday Wishes

We wish Fr. John Meinholz a happy and blessed birthday on April 27. Cards and notes may be sent to 4762 Capital View Rd., Middleton, WI 53562



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 contact 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

St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate News

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate,

It is with great joy that I announce I have hired Karilee J. Kelley to be the Director of Daycare for St. Charles. Kari comes to us with many years of daycare experience.

Our goal is to open the Daycare Center at St. Charles on 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. 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.

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.

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

St. Mary Church, Bloomington



St. John Church, Patch Grove



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

Grades 5 & 6 are reading *Johnny Tremaine* in Reading class. This novel provides the students an opportunity to learn about the American colonists' lives at the time of the American Revolutionary War. It supports what they are learning in Social Studies.

Some of the students participated in the Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, April 13. They had a beautiful day for the event. The 19 participants biked 760 laps! The money raised will be used to purchase Chromebooks and other school supplies. We would like to thank Boxlogix for allowing us to use their track.

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.

Thank You's

We are grateful to St. Charles Parish members for donating two of their extra games that we will be able to use for St. Mary's Fall Festival and other events.



Baptismal Garments

We are very grateful to Jerene Arendt for her beautiful sewing to create baptismal garments. She is no longer able to help with this important volunteer activity. Please contact St. Mary's Parish office 608-994-2526 if you would like to volunteer to make the baptismal garments.

Part-time Custodian Position

St. Mary's Catholic Church is currently seeking a part-time Custodian to join our team in Bloomington. This position will have flexible hours at \$15 an hour. Please contact St. Mary's Parish office (608-994-2526 or email sunday7@tds.net) for a list of duties, requirements, and other information.

Reflection

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

St. Mary's Diocesan Tax & Spring Expenses

Spring is here, and it is time for our annual appeal to help cover the cost of our Diocesan Tax and spring expenses. We are asking all St. Mary's families to contribute \$80.00 toward the Diocesan Tax (this is separate from the ACA) and to make an additional \$50.00 or \$100.00 donation to help with spring expenses for the parish. We deeply appreciate all donations—large or small. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's!

Goal:	
\$35,000	
\$30,000	
\$25,000	
\$20,000	
\$15,000	
\$10,000	
\$5,000	
\$1,000	
\$0	

St. John's Donut Sunday & CCW Meeting

All are invited to attend St. John's DONUT Sunday on April 28 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Join us for treats and fellowship!

St John's CCW will meet after Mass on April 28. All ladies from St. John's are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Family Faith Formation Classes

The next class will be held at St. Charles School, Cassville on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:45 p.m.

Grant County CCW Spring Meeting

The Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women invites you to attend their Spring Vicariate gathering on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Holy Ghost Church and School Gym in Dickeyville. Registration begins at 3:30 pm in the church and Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner, the speaker, short meeting, and a silent auction.

The guest speaker will be Fr. Randy Timmerman, the Parochial Administrator for Pastorale 9, who will be talking about his travels to the Holy Land. Send your registration count and fee to Sharon Loeffelholz – 3119 Line Road – Cuba City WI 53807 before Monday, May 6, 2024. You can also contact her via email at sloeffelholz@gmail.com.

St. John's Diocesan Tax

Spring is here, and it is time for our annual appeal to help cover the cost of our Diocesan Tax. We are asking all St. John's families to contribute \$80.00 toward the Diocesan Tax (this is separate from the ACA). Thank you for your support of St. John's Parish!

Goal:	
\$6,000	
\$5,000	
\$4,000	
\$3,000	
\$2,000	
\$1,000	
\$0	

Parish Financial Updates

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 12, 2024

Church Support.....	\$4,410.00
Offertory.....	\$176.00
Spring Expenses Donations.....	\$820.00
DST.....	\$840.00
Memorial Candles.....	\$100.00
3K Program Fees.....	\$572.00

St. John 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 April 12, 2024

Church Support.....	\$760.00
Offertory.....	\$172.00
DST.....	\$280.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for April 28, 2024

<u>8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</u>	
Lector:	Carol Harris
Communion:	Michelle Breuer
Ushers:	Gene Harris, Tom Breuer
Servers:	Ty & Matthew Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for April 28, 2024

<u>10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</u>	
Lector:	TBD
Communion:	TBD
Sacristans:	Greg & Jane Patterson
Gifts:	2nd Grade Students
Ushers:	Dan Bierman, Ken Klusner
Servers:	Libby & Tessa Vogt

St. Charles Church, Cassville



Family Faith Formation Class

The next class will be held at St. Charles School, Bloomington on Wednesday, May 1 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.

St. Charles CCW News

Dear Ladies of the Parish,

The Grant Vicariate Spring Dinner meeting will be held in Dickeyville at Holy Ghost Church on May 15. Mass is at 4:00 p.m. with registration at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Fr. Randy Timmerman, the Parochial Administrator for Pastorate 9, who will be talking about his travels to the Holy Land. 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

Catholic Question & Answer

Question: What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer: Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

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.

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council

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

St. Charles Parish Council

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

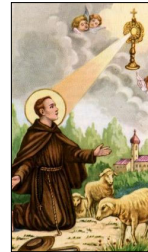


St. Mary Church, Glen Haven



United States Flag Donations

We are in need of a new United States flag for the church flagpole. Anyone wishing to make a contribution, please send it to St. Mary's Help of Christians Church marked FLAG.



St. Paschal Baylon (1540-1592)

St. Paschal Baylon was born in Spain to impoverished Catholic parents. He worked alongside his father as a shepherd from his childhood until his 20's. He often prayed while working in the fields, listening daily for the church bells that would ring at the point of Elevation of the Eucharist during Mass to remind him to spend time with the Lord. He was known for his work ethic and honesty and desired a religious life from a young age.

Baylon taught himself to read so he could pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin. He had great compassion for the sick and those in need. At age 24, He joined the Friars Minor and although invited to study to be a priest, he chose to be a brother. In this vocation he served his brothers as a chef, door man, gardener, and official beggar. He took a vow of poverty but remained generous to those poor who came begging at the monastery—to the point that the other friars sometimes tried to limit his giving.

St. Paschal found particular solace while praying before the Blessed Sacrament. His devotion to Christ in the Eucharist was tangible as he was known to spend most of his free time in adoration and would occasionally experience visions after all-night prayer. Because of this devotion, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies. He was also known widely for his spiritual council. People all over the region would visit him to talk about faith and life.

St. Paschal Baylon, pray for us!

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles, Cassville for April 7, 2024

Church Support.....\$817.00
Offertory.....\$216.00
Flowers.....\$5.00
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 April 14, 2024

Church Support.....\$190.00
Offertory.....\$105.00
Flowers.....\$30.00

“God is as really present in the consecrated host as He is in the glory of heaven.” St. Paschal Baylon

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

4:30 p.m. Mass on April 27, 2024

Lector: Bruce Boyum
Sacristan: Cheryl Junk
Communion: Sandra Raveling
Servers: Easton & Beckett Uppena
Ushers: Marge Tennesen, Barb & Terry Schrobilgen

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on April 27, 2024

Lector: Ed Breuer
Communion: Tracy Walz
Servers: Mezera's
Ushers: Tim Walz, Ken Breuer



Celebrate Life

“That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women.

How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike! Yet we can destroy this gift of motherhood, especially by the evil of **abortion**, but also by thinking that other things like jobs or positions are more important than loving, than giving oneself to others. No job, no plans, no possessions, no idea of “freedom” can take the place of love. So anything that destroys God’s gift of motherhood destroys His most precious gift to women— the ability to love as a woman.”

– St. Mother Teresa

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: Ware 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

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL, May 4-5 in Muskego, WI, or August 3-4 in Wisconsin. 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.**

"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

MEETINGS

*April 21 –Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement Church at noon

*May 7– St. John’s Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

*May 8-St. Mary’s Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Bloomington

EVENTS

*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.

*May 19-St. Mary’s 8th Grade Graduation

*June 11- St. John’s Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

*June 23-St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Drive Thru Pork Chop Dinner

An Evening with Micah Tyler Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Lancaster High School

Come join us for an incredible night as Micah Tyler comes to Lancaster, WI! As one of Christian Music's fastest-growing stars, Micah has voiced 7 #1 Hits in just the last few years, including "I See Grace," "Amen," "Even Then," "Different," "Never Been A Moment," and his latest single, "Praise The Lord" - currently in Top-10 on Christian Radio Nationwide! Joining him for the evening are Dan Bremnes ("Up Again", "Beautiful") and Iveth Luna. We can't wait for you to join us for this amazing night of Hits, Community, and Worship! VIP ticket is \$25.00 and General Admission ticket is \$15.00. Tickets can be ordered at <https://showops.co/e/271/an-evening-with-micah-tyler/tickets>

SS Andrew-Thomas Spaghetti Dinner

Please join SS Andrew-Thomas School for their Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to add educational materials to their classrooms. **The dinner will be Tuesday, May 7 from 5:00 - 7:30 and tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact a school family or SS Andrew-Thomas School (608)763-2120 for tickets.** Tickets will be on sale from April 17- May 1. The cost is \$15 for adults and children under 6 are \$10. There will also be a live auction at 6:30 p.m. and they would appreciate any donations to make the evening a success. The students of SS Andrew-Thomas School will have a performance at 7:30 p.m.

Come hungry, enjoy the auction and live entertainment. We greatly appreciate your support of our school.

Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop

Gundersen Health System will be hosting a Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop Wed., mornings for 6 wks starting May 22. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870.

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 at <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>