



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 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

April 7, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

Rev. Stephen Brunner

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Rev. Mark Miller

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Rev. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu

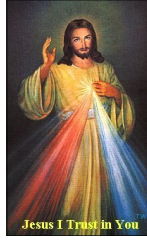
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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	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)
Mon.	4/8	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	4/9	8:15 AM Connie Kirschbaum	(Cassville)
Wed.	4/10	8:15 AM Lawrence & Monica Bay	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	4/11	8:15 AM Skip Raisbeck	(Bloomington)
Fri.	4/12	8:15 AM Elva Barr	(Bloomington)
Sat.	4/13	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Jeff Glass	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Pro Populo	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/14	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Max & Vera Wood family	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Tom & Ruth Mergen	(Bloomington)



Second Sunday of Easter

Still basking in the glory of Easter today, we celebrate God’s unparalleled mercy. Out of mercy for all Jesus died on the cross, atoning for our sins, past, present, and future. Out of mercy for those whose faith is weak or doubt is strong, Jesus comes to reassure us of his eternal presence. Out of mercy for those who cannot see him, Jesus blessed them in their faith. This Easter season, let us rejoice for the risen Lord is in our midst, forever bestowing God’s mercy upon us.

Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy. For more information about this devotion, please contact the Divine Mercy website at <http://thedinemercy.org>.

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.

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

Scripture for the week of April 8, 2024

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

April 13 & 14 Weekend Mass Schedule

Fr. Steve - Saturday 8:00 p.m. at Glen Haven 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 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Lancaster and Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster
 *This schedule may change due to weather or illness.

Happy Birthday to Fr. Sudhakar!

Fr. Sudhakar will be celebrating his 52nd birthday on Tuesday, April 16. Cards and birthday wishes may be sent to St. Mary Church, PO Box 35, Bloomington, WI 53804. We are grateful to God for Fr. Sudhakar’s loving presence and work in our Pastorate. May God bless him!

Knights of Columbus Meeting

April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles School Computer Lab in Cassville.

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.

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 .





ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

The staff and students of St. Mary's School hope everyone had a faith-filled, enjoyable and relaxing Easter weekend.

During the Easter Season, the 5th - 8th grade students will learn about new life as they incubate and study duck eggs. They will learn about God's precious gift of our lives and how we develop.

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.



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.

Baptismal Garments

We are very grateful to Jerene Arendt for her beautiful sewing to create baptismal garments for our parishes. 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.

Catholic Question & Answer

Question: Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer: You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. The Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

What we do in life echoes in eternity.

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

Thank You's

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



St. Mary Church



St. John Church

Parish Financial Updates

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending March 29, 2024

Church Support.....	\$1,415.00
Offertory.....	\$267.00
Gift.....	\$33.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$400.00
Fish Fry Donation.....	\$100.00
Easter Flower Memorials and Donations.....	\$756.00

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 29, 2024

Church Support.....	\$565.00
Offertory.....	\$266.00
Easter Flower memorials and Donations.....	\$228.00
Votive Candles.....	\$40.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for April 14, 2024

	8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Bill Mergen
Communion:	Mike McCabe
Ushers:	Charlie Martin, Roger McKinney
Servers:	Ty & Matthew Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for April 14, 2024

	10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Deb Campbell
Communion:	Deb Campbell
Sacristans:	Greg & Jane Patterson
Gifts:	Dave & Ione Meoska
Ushers:	Mike Mumm, Ken Kluesner
Servers:	Leif & Gabe Kluesner



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St. Charles Church



St. Mary Help of Christians Church

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.



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.

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

4:30 p.m. Mass on April 13, 2024
Lector: Patty (Okey) Bowden
Sacristan: Rob & Susan Bernhardt
Communion: Kris Mumm
Servers: Riedl children
Ushers: Isaac, Elijah and Ezra Okey

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on April 13, 2024
Lector: Theresa Zimmer
Communion: Theresa Zimmer
Servers: Erin & Evelyn Adrian
Ushers: Gerard & Zach Zimmer

THANK YOU'S

THANK YOU to Mason Mumm for his professional help taking down the big tree next to church.

St. Andrew of Crete (650-c.726)

St. Andrew of Crete was born in Damascus and was mute until he received his First Communion at age 7. As a young teenager, Andrew entered a monastery near Jerusalem. His exceptional qualities quickly caught the attention of his superiors, leading to his appointment as Archdeacon by Theodore, the Patriarch of Jerusalem who was the head bishop of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem at the time. Theodore also sent Andrew to represent the Church at the Sixth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople called by Emperor Constantine, playing a role in addressing the heresy of Monothelism. This Sixth Council was pivotal in establishing that Jesus had both a divine and a human nature.

Around the year 700 he was appointed Archbishop of the city of Gortyn, on the island of Crete. His service to the Church included charitable work for the poor and orphaned and he is credited with introducing the canon, a new form of hymn, into the liturgy.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles, Cassville for March 23, 2024

Church Support.....\$1,250.00
Offertory.....\$144.00
Easter Flowers.....\$190.00

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 23, 2024

Church Support.....\$20.00
Offertory.....\$60.00

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for March 30, 2024

Church Support.....\$475.00
Offertory.....\$290.00

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

Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly.

There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following:

"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, **primarily the sin of abortion.**" ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13)."

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

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are 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.



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 16—Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles School, Cassville
- *April 21 –Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement Church at noon
- *May 8-St. Mary's Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Bloomington

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.



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>

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.**



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!

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.

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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