

St. Mary & St. Charles St. Mary & St. John Parishes

We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes and our communities. 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 Fr. John.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. John will be available to hear confessions on Mondays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles, Cassville and from 6:00-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

Baptism

May God bless our new parents! Please contact Fr. John to schedule the baptism of your child at your church and to attend a baptismal preparation session.

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call Fr. John at least six months in advance of the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included in the Mass prayers, please call the parish office.

Vocations

Please contact Fr. John 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!

St. Charles and St. Mary's School -Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 994-2435 for St. Mary School or Ms. Dianne Makovec at 725-5173 for St. Charles School. St. Mary and St. Charles Schools admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Bulletin Notices

Please submit bulletin notices in *writing* to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) on Monday.

St. Charles Parish Office Hours

Call parish office at 725-5595 to schedule appointments.

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours

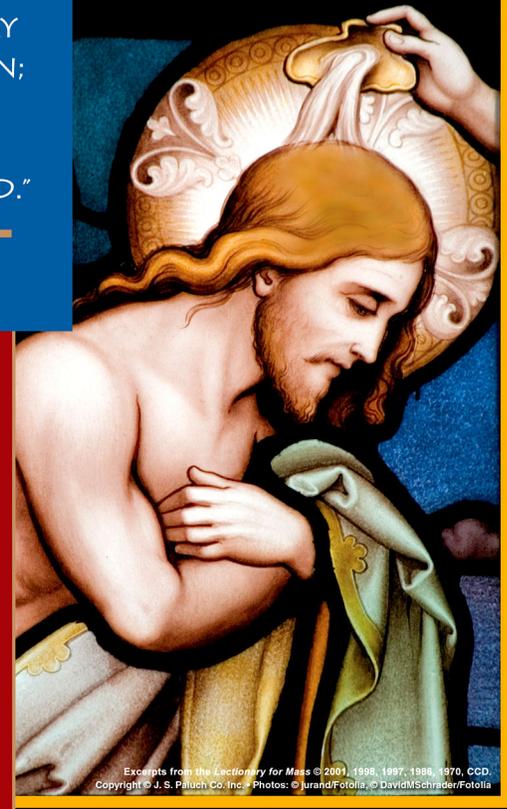
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

A VOICE CAME
FROM THE
HEAVENS,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU
I AM
WELL PLEASED."

Mark 1:11

THE
BAPTISM
OF
THE
LORD

January
10
2021



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Our joint parish website can be found at
www.swwicatholicparishes.com.



Liturgy Schedule

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| Sat. | 1/9 | 4:30 PM | Carol Vogt | (Cassville) |
| | | 8:00 PM | Larry Zimmer | (Glen Haven) |
| Sun. | 1/10 | 8:00 AM | Alicia Rutkowski | (Patch Grove) |
| | | 9:15 AM | Edward Herbers | (Bloomington) |
| | | 10:30AM | All Parishioners | (Cassville) |
| Mon. | 1/11 | 8:15 AM | Special Intention of J.S. | (Cassville) |
| | | 8:45-9:30 AM | Adoration | (Cassville) |
| Tues. | 1/12 | 8:15 AM | Simon, Ethel, Buz and Ray Ackerman | (Cassville) |
| Wed. | 1/13 | 8:15 AM | Florence Herbers | (Bloomington) |
| Thurs. | 1/14 | 7:30-8:05 AM | Adoration | (Bloomington) |
| | | 4:30 PM | Albert Ertz | (Bloomington) |
| Fri. | 1/15 | 8:00 AM | No Mass | |
| Sat. | 1/16 | 4:30 PM | All Parishioners | (Bloomington) |
| | | 8:00 PM | Norma (Zimmer) Ward | (Glen Haven) |
| Sun. | 1/17 | 8:00 AM | Albert Meinholz | (Patch Grove) |
| | | 9:15 AM | Skip Raisbeck | (Bloomington) |
| | | 10:30AM | Dave Wood | (Cassville) |



The BAPTISM OF THE LORD, a Forgotten Feast

We remember many important events in the life of Jesus. We have creches at Christmas to remember his birth in a stable, and we have the magi and the camels to remember their journey from afar to adore Christ. We have pictures of the Last Supper in our homes and churches. We keep the crucifix in an honored place in our homes and at the center of our devotional art in Church. But we have far fewer images of the Baptism of Jesus. Yet all four Gospels describe his baptism in the Jordan and the revelation that Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father, and his favor rests with him. Details of Jesus’ birth are only given in two Gospels, but the all the Evangelists considered Jesus’s baptism a very important and revelatory event so they included it in their Gospel.

Why is the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan so important? He did not need to do it to repent of sin because he was sinless. But Jesus told John the Baptist it was necessary to fulfill all righteousness. Christ was showing the people of his time and all of us that the journey to God requires forgiveness of sins from God and our cooperation with a commitment of faith. The voice from the heavens, the voice of God, revealed that Jesus was the divine Son of God. Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan was one of the key times this truth was revealed. Many of us were baptized as infants because of someone else’s faith. We are called as a new year begins to recommit to our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Mission/Vocation

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

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

It is important that all Catholics:

1. Take time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
2. Reflect on our own vocation and strengthen our personal relationship with Christ
3. Educate our young people about the importance of silent prayer and taking time to truly listen to God
4. Talk about vocations with our family members
5. Participate in the Sacraments and attend Mass every Sunday as a family.

Prayer for Vocations

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women.

Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church.

May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more...

and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

Scripture for the week of January 11, 2021

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| Monday: | Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20 |
| Tuesday: | Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday: | Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thursday: | Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45 |
| Friday: | Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday: | Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sunday: | 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42 |

The Waters of Baptism

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “kni” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sharing Our Blessings

Thank you to everyone who supports our parishes with their time, talents and financial support! May God continue to bless you for your generosity and kindness. Please pray for the financial health of our parishes and that all members will generously share the many blessings that God has given them with our parishes.

**Let us share
God’s Many
Blessings**

To Parish.....5-8%
To Diocese.....1%
To Charities....1-4%



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

We are preparing for our Catholic Schools Week celebration at the end of January.

For more information about St. Mary's School, please contact Mrs. Kelly Copsey at school 608-994-2435 or at home 608-732-2572.

SCRIP: SCRIP gift cards are a great way to do your shopping and helps support St. Mary School at the same time. We carry cards for national retailers, local gas cards, Piggly Wiggly and Wal-Mart as well as most local vendors. You can purchase SCRIP at Economy Feed Mill and the SCRIP program is online.

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

We are accepting requests for Masses intentions for loved ones to be said during 2021. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass, and we ask each registered family to scheduled **ONE intention at this time**. We are in an uncertain time and we want to be able to allow families to request Masses for newly deceased loved ones. Also, Canon law requires us to offer one Mass each weekend and Holy Day of Obligation for the members of our parishes. These are not unscheduled Masses. To schedule a Mass, 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 994-2526 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday to schedule Mass intentions.

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the *names*," but "in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith. — Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



2020 HARVEST FUND:
It's the time of year when we thank God for the many blessings we have received from him. We are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling **\$28,569.19** for our Harvest Fund. 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:
Goal:
\$50,000
\$45,000
\$40,000
\$35,000
\$30,000
\$25,000
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
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St. Mary's Religious Education

Classes will resume on January 20, 2021

5:45-7:00 p.m.—Grades 2, 3, 5, 6 (White Group)

7:15-8:45 p.m.—Grades 7-9 (White Group)

Confirmation Class: 7:15 –8:45 p.m. (White Group)

Belated Christmas Flower Memorial

In memory of Lawrence and Catherine Kuenster from Max and Vera Wood.

Thank You's

Thank you to the family of Leta Hoffman for their generous gift to St. Mary Parish in her memory.

Thank you to Denise Breuer for her generous donation to St. Mary School in memory of her brother, Dan Crubel.

Thank you to individuals who have blessed our parishes with financial gifts during Christmas and the new year.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending January 1, 2021

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Church Support | \$6,190.00 |
| Offertory | \$747.25 |
| Harvest Fund | \$1,800.00 |
| Gift | \$100.00 |
| DST | \$100.00 |
| School Tuition | \$97.61 |
| Memorial | \$630.00 |

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. It is suggested for a family to give \$900.00 and a single person \$450.00 per year.

St. John's Collections for the week ending on January 1, 2021

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| Church Support | \$200.00 |
| Christmas Flower Memorials & Donations | \$36.00 |
| Offertory | \$209.00 |

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

St. Mary's Memorial Candle Display

St. Mary's Church has a beautiful Memorial Candle display at the back of the church. Candles can be reserved in memory of or in honor of loved ones or for special intentions or occasions: for example a wedding anniversary. The cost is \$60.00 for the first year (includes \$10.00 to cover the cost of engraving the name place) and \$50.00 for each following year. For more information, contact the parish office at 994-2526.

St. John's Ministry Schedule for January 17, 2021

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| | Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass |
| Lector: | Carol Harris |
| Ushers: | Gene Harris, Ray Breuer |
| Servers: | Ty Tolle |

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for January 16 & 17, 2021

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| | 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass |
| Lector: | Joanie Dickerson |
| Ushers: | Mark Herbers, Gary Mumm |
| Server: | Diana Herbers |
| | 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass |
| Lector: | Deb Campbell |
| Sacristan: | Greg & Jane Patterson |
| Ushers: | Daniel Herbers, Ronnie Mumm |
| Server: | Conner & Ava Hoepfer |



Restoration/Accessibility Campaign

The Redecorating Committee would like to thank all parishioners whom have returned pledge cards for support of our Restoration/Accessibility Campaign. We have currently \$298,850.00 pledged, \$289,223.94 collected and 228 pledges committed. If you have questions, call Cheryl at 725-5595.

VanDerhoff Studios have installed storm windows. Restoration on the 4 windows are in progress and will take longer than expected. Fund-raising will continue to complete window project through **October 2021**. **Thank you** for your support and generosity. Our campaign is successful due to our wonderful parish family.

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| Goal: | |
| \$300,000 | |
| \$275,000 | |
| \$250,000 | |
| \$225,000 | |
| \$200,000 | |
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| \$150,000 | |
| \$125,000 | |
| \$100,000 | |
| \$75,000 | |
| \$50,000 | |
| \$25,000 | |
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Reflection

“And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” - Mark 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary’s, Glen Haven for

December 24, 2020:

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| Church Support..... | \$330.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$292.00 |

December 26, 2020:

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| Church Support..... | \$295.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$143.00 |

December 31, 2020:

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| Church Support..... | \$480.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$23.00 |

January 2, 2021:

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| Church Support..... | \$2,020.00 |
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St. Charles, Cassville:

Dec. 25, 2020

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| Church Support..... | \$255.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$334.00 |
| Christmas Gifts..... | \$678.00 |

Dec. 27, 2020

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| Church Support..... | \$1910.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$120.00 |
| Bless our Priest..... | \$20.00 |
| Christmas Gift..... | \$75.00 |
| Fuel Fund..... | \$4,675.00 |

Dec. 31, 2020

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| Church Support..... | \$2,150.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$49.00 |
| Fuel Fund..... | \$1,220.00 |

Jan. 3, 2021

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| Church Support..... | \$3,845.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$198.00 |
| Fuel Fund..... | \$300.00 |

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

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

Catholic Herald

Each week the *Catholic Herald* gives its readers a Catholic perspective on national and international news with articles from Catholic News Service. The *Catholic Herald* also keeps readers up to date locally with coverage of events happening around the diocese. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the *Catholic Herald* print or e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office. The cost is \$20.00 per year.

St. Charles School News



Please call St. Charles Parish office at 725-5595 for more information about enrolling your child at our school.

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367) January 13

Born in Poitiers, France to a pagan family, little is known about St. Hilary's life before he became a bishop. Hilary grew up apparently without any significant Christian influence, but received an comprehensive education in the Latin and Greek classics. He rigorously studied both Greek philosophy and the Bible. Like other early Church Fathers, he came to accept the truth of the Bible by recognizing its compatibility with philosophy and the sciences.

However, and it was not until 345 – by which time he was already married, and had a daughter– that Hilary committed himself to full membership in the Catholic Church and was baptized with the rest of his family. By 353, the people of Poitiers called for him to be made their bishop.

This position involved tremendous responsibility, as well as significant personal sacrifice. While the early church permitted some married men to become bishops, they were traditionally required to practice celibacy within marriage, and many like Hilary adopted a radically simplified lifestyle.

Moreover, Hilary's election as the Bishop of Poitiers coincided with the second wave of the Church's first great doctrinal controversy. Although the Council of Nicaea in 325 had confirmed the Church's rejection of Arianism – which claimed Jesus was only human, not divine – powerful forces within both the Church and the empire clung to the heresy.

Only a few years after becoming a bishop, Hilary found himself virtually alone in defending Jesus' deity before a hostile crowd of bishops in the southern French region of Gaul. The bishops appealed to Emperor Constantius II, who favored a modified version of Arianism and declared Hilary's exile from Gaul to Phrygia. There he was inspired to mount an even greater defense of orthodox theology and wrote his most important work, "On the Trinity," showing the Bible's consistent witness to the central mystery of Christian faith.

The Orthodox bishop worked with groups of clergy and faithful to bring them into full adherence with tradition.

Hilary also traveled to Constantinople during his exile, to explain to the city's bishops why their emperor was not orthodox. After the death of Constantius II in 361, Hilary was able to return to his diocese at Poitiers. Once exiled for opposing Arianism in Gaul, he lived to see it completely condemned in the local church after his return.

St. Mary’s, Glen Haven Schedule for January 16, 2021

8:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

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| Lector: | Theresa Zimmer |
| Ushers: | Gerard & Zach Zimmer |

St. Charles’ Ministry Schedule for January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

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| Lector: | NA |
| Sacristan: | NA |
| Ushers: | NA |



Celebrate Life

“Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what “life” really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await “eternal life” - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what “life” means: “this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we ‘live’” – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007.

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.

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Are you or a loved one carrying the sorrow and regret from abortion? Whether recent or long ago ... God is waiting ... Healing is possible. For confidential help, please contact Mary at 608-221-9593 or rachel@straphael.org www.madisondiocese.org/rachel

Natural Family Planning

Register for in-person education courses or for a self-paced online course: <http://www.madisondiocese.org/classes-andregistration> Questions? Call 608-495-6117 or email: nfp@straphael.org



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit”. Invite the Holy Spirit into your marriage by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter from the comfort of your home. There is a virtual experience Jan. 12 to Feb 2, in a series of two sessions per week for three weeks of roughly 2 hours each or an experience during Lent, February 18 - March 31 once per week.

For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653. Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Support Group

This support group is meant to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide and to give hope. More information at <http://www.bens-hope.com>.

National Suicide Prevention Life Line
– 1.800.273.8255 24 Hour assistance.

Meetings

*January 11 - St. Mary (Bloomington) Parish Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

EVENTS

- *January 12 – St. John’s Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.
- *January 30 – St. Mary’s Spaghetti Supper
- *February 9 - St. John’s Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.
- *February 17 - Ash Wednesday
- *March 9 -St. John’s Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.
- *April 4 - Easter

Message from Fr. Paul

Thank you for your support and prayers. I am truly blessed! **You may continue your support of my work by sending donations to Roads to Life Tanzania and sending it to PO Box 157, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.** You are always in my prayers and Masses.

AA and Al-Anon Meetings in Bloomington

Open AA meetings for anyone who is struggling with addiction **are held every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the American Legion, 212 Congress St., Bloomington, WI. Please call Peggy at 317-690-9241 for more information.

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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

Courage & EnCourage

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. They also have an outreach called EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. In recognition of the irreplaceable role of the family in attaining an understanding of the homosexual condition and embracing a life of chastity. If you are looking for acceptance for yourself-same-sex attraction and all-while embracing the truth about sex as God means it to be, you may call (608) 821-3018 or contact courage@madisondiocese.org for more information.

AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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