

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

January 15, 2023

We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please contact the parish office (994-2526) Bloomington or (725-5595) Cassville to register. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Greg.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation

Fr. Greg will be available to hear confessions on:
Saturdays- 3:30-4:15p.m. at St. Charles, and 7:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Glenn Haven
Sundays- 6:45-7:15 a.m. St. John, Patch Grove and 45-9:15 a.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

Baptism

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

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call Fr. Greg 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 Fr. Greg 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 Copey 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 to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) by Monday.

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours (608) 994-2526

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

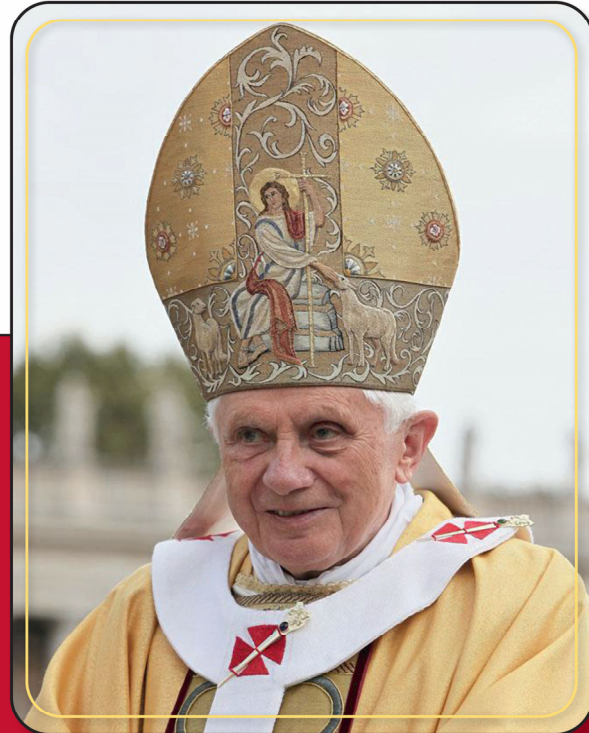
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POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

APRIL 16, 1927 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

IN MEMORIAM

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him. May
the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church

882 The *Pope*, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful." "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered."

Our parish website: www.swwicatholicparishes.com



Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	1/14	4:30 PM	Gary and Steve Adams and deceased family members	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Edgar Bornhauser and Harold Stelpflug	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/15	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	(Patch Grove)
		9:30 AM	Susan Mergen	(Bloomington)
Mon.	1/16	8:15 AM	Sharon Coffin Burkeland	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	No Adoration	(Cassville)
Tues.	1/17	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Cassville)
Wed.	1/18	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	1/19	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Bloomington)
		8:45-9:30 AM	No Adoration	(Bloomington)
Fri.	1/20	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	1/21	4:30 PM	Pro Populo	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Zachery Ihm	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/22	7:30 AM	Carol Kanack	(Patch Grove)
		9:30 AM	Albert Ertz and Brandon Ketchum	(Bloomington)



Fr. Greg's Reflections
Jesus is born of the Virgin Mary

“The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.” Jn 1:14, 12

Last week we spoke about the radiance and light of Christ, saying that we take on the light of Christ by living moral upright lives in accordance with the truth because the grace of Christ resides and flows through those who keep His commandments. The truth of the dignity of each human person from conception until natural death is one of these fundamental truths that helps shed the light of Christ into the world.

January 23rd is National Day of prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. “There is hope and healing for mothers and fathers who now regret their abortion and deeply grieve the loss of their little child. A new day is dawning; be not afraid. Seek the help you need. Your wounded heart can be healed through the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Go to Him, seek Him, and receive the help you desire to be healed and live in hope once again. There are millions and millions who regret their abortions. You are not alone.”

“Walking with Moms in Need: The Catholic Church has a long history of service to those who are most vulnerable. From pregnancy care centers, to foster care and adoption agencies, and from maternity homes to parish-based ministries, the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life-including both mother and child.

This program asks parishes and parishioners to adopt and support those centers and agencies that are actively helping moms in need.” Pro-Life WI website

In the Church's teachings there is a hierarchy of truths; example: The Trinity and Mary as Mother of God are both true but the Trinity supersedes the truth that Mary is the Mother of God. The ‘right to life’ is like this, it supersedes all the other rights and obligations owed to man without alienating them because we need not talk about rights or obligations for a person if they aren't alive. As a Church we are called to concretely respond to the demands of protecting human life by supporting parents who find their pregnancy challenging for whatever reason; as well, as those parents struggling to raise the children that they have. We can respond also by helping educate others, especially our youth, about the truths of the dignity of each human person and to be Pro-Life is to give people a choice. Lastly, we are called to concretely respond by assisting political candidates that uphold Pro-Life values to get elected in both local and national elections.

Please consider reading “What to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion”

Time Away from the Cluster

I will be away from the cluster until January 21. I am very grateful to Fr. John Meinholz for being here for the Masses on January 13-16. Please contact a parish office if you need to send me a message. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Vernon at St. Clement Church in Lancaster.

“How can it be that the most Wondrous and Sacred Human Space - the Womb - has become a place of unutterable violence?” Pope Benedict XVI

Scripture for the week of January 16, 2023

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Baptism

We joyfully welcome to God's holy family Ryver Lee Ronnfeldt, son of Travis and Abby Ronnfeldt, who was baptized at St. Mary Church, Bloomington.

Baptism of the Lord

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday, but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



“Christ gives us his Body in the Eucharist, he gives himself in his Body and thus makes us his Body, he unites us with his Risen Body. If man eats ordinary bread, in the digestive process this bread becomes part of his body, transformed into a substance of human life. But in holy Communion the inverse process is brought about. Christ, the Lord, assimilates us into himself, introducing us into his glorious Body, and thus we all become his Body.” -Pope Benedict XVI



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

There is no school on Wed., January 18. We are starting the second half of the 2nd Trimester on Monday, Jan. 16. Progress reports go home on Friday, Jan. 20. Our Spaghetti Supper will be held on Sat., January 28.

There will be a Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, please call the office at 994-2435.

SCRIP: 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.



St. Mary's Spaghetti Supper

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual Spaghetti Supper on Sat., January 28, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and milk. Carry-outs will be available.

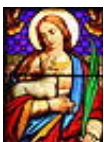
We are hoping the wonderful bakers from our parish will be able to donate cookies or bars for the spaghetti supper. This would be greatly appreciated! The goodies need to be dropped off at the school gym by 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 28.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

We have Catechism of the Catholic Church books available at the parish office or church for \$5.00 each.

Fr. Mike Schmitz is hosting a great year-long program to read the Catechism which can be found at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear> or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tI-pOSv7tvG>.

On January 22 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, all are welcome to join Fr. Greg in the church basement to discuss the Catechism readings from the previous week.



SAINT AGNES (died 304) January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world-or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer.—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.,



2022 HARVEST FUND

We are very gratefully for the donations totaling \$24,655.00 for the Harvest Fund. We hope all of our parish members will be able to share their bounty and blessings to help with winter expenses for the parish. We appreciate all contributions large or small and thank the many generous parishioners for their continued support.

Goal:	\$50,000
	\$45,000
	\$40,000
	\$35,000
	\$30,000
	\$25,000
	\$20,000
	\$15,000
	\$10,000
	\$5,000

Religious Education

The Youth Group will meet on Wed., January 25, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

The next Family Faith Formation classes will be at St. Charles School on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 in Cassville with a meal at 6:30 p.m. and class at 7:00 p.m.



West Grant Lions Club Breakfast

The West Grant Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at River Ridge High School on Sunday, Feb. 5. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, cinnamon rolls, milk, juice and coffee from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. There will be baked goods for sale. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-12 and FREE for kids under 6.

Ordinary Time

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending January 6, 2023

Church Support.....	\$2,819.00
Offertory.....	\$260.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$925.00
3K Program Fees.....	\$75.01
School Tuition.....	\$61.64
Rent of Parish Facilities.....	\$165.00
Breakfast with Santa Proceeds.....	\$2,500.00
Gifts.....	\$310.00
St. John's Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$1,765.07

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. It is suggested a family to give \$1,000.00 and a single person \$500.00 per year.

St. John's Collections for the week ending on January 6, 2023

Church Support.....	\$150.00
Offertory.....	\$106.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for January 22, 2023

	7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Carol Harris
Communion:	Michelle Breuer
Ushers:	Tom Breuer, Gene Harris
Servers	Avery Needham

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for January 22, 2023

	9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Jeff Davis
Communion:	Dave Meoska
Sacristans:	Jeff Davis
Gifts:	Matt & Kim Vogt family
Ushers:	Daniel Herbers, Mike Mergen
Server:	Libby Vogt, Jovie Kruger



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St. Charles School

The virtue the students are studying this month is fidelity. "Fidelity expresses constancy in keeping one's given word. God is faithful." (CCC 2365) Fidelity means being faithful to promises and commitments.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla was a wife, mother, and pediatrician in Italy. Dr. Gianna gave special attention to mothers, babies, elderly, and poor in her medical practice. She considered her work a mission from God and exercised great care in fulfilling her responsibilities. Gianna and Pietro Molla were married in 1955. In 1961 toward the end of her second month of pregnancy with their fourth child, Gianna was diagnosed a serious condition that required surgery. The surgeon suggested that Gianna undergo an abortion in order to save her life. Gianna replied, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate. Choose the child – I insist on it. Save baby." On the morning of April 21, 1962, Gianna Emanuela was born. Despite all efforts and treatments to save both of them, Saint Gianna died on the morning of April 28 at the age of 39.

Her husband described Gianna's life as "an act and a perennial action of faith and charity; it was a non-stop search for the will of God for every decision and for every work, with prayer and meditation, Holy Mass and the Eucharist".

On April 24, 1994, Pope John Paul II beatified Gianna Beretta Molla. At the beatification ceremony, the Holy Father said that Gianna's act of self-sacrifice was possible only after a lifetime of preparation. Saint Gianna was canonized in 2004, which is rather extraordinary, especially since her husband and children were still living at the time of her canonization. She continues to remind the Church and the world of the virtue of fidelity, because of her faithful commitment to her family and to God. We are being called to heroism by our choice of life.

Let us ask Saint Gianna to intercede for us that we might be faithful.

Please call the office 608-725-5595 for more information about enrolling your child(ren) at our school.

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Reflection

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

Glen Haven First Responders

Soup and Ham Sandwich Supper

The Glen Haven First Responders will be holding a All You Can Eat Soup and Ham Sandwich Supper at the Glen Haven Fire Station on Saturday, January 28, from 4-8:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Price: \$8.00 for ages 12+, \$4.00 for ages 5-11, FREE for ages 4 & under.

Serving: chicken noodle, potato bacon soup or chili, ham sandwiches, cheese, milk, and desserts. Raffle prizes and beverage bar.

The proceeds will go towards the First Responder Training and Equipment fund.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for January 7, 2023

Church Support.....\$510.00

Offertory.....\$67.00

St. Charles, Cassville for January 7, 2023

Church Support.....\$1,280.00

Offertory.....\$197.00

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



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You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."-St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

4:30 p.m. Mass on January 21, 2023

- Lector: Denny Uppena
- Communion: Sandra Raveling
- Servers: Easton & Beckett Uppena
- Ushers: Jack & Joan Bausch, Gene Adrian

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on January 21, 2023

- Lector: Ed Breuer
- Communion: Tracy Walz
- Servers: Luke Patterson, Timothy Breuer
- Ushers: Tim Walz, Dave Schwantes



Celebrate Life

This week our nation honors the dream of equal human rights articulated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On January 22, we also mark the anniversary of the most egregious violation of human rights through the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade, which permitted the killing of children in the womb. During these days, Christians also observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. These three themes intersect powerfully. We pray that Christians will unite in effective service to all who are deprived of their rights, and bring about a Culture of Life, Justice, and Love.

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.

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

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, call or email Mary: 608-821-3177 or visit www.madisondiocese.org/rachel.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. Allow the Holy Spirit to deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb. 10-12 in Geneva, IL; April 21-23 in Brookfield, WI or June 23-25 in Geneva, IL. For more info go to: 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 and Lifeline -Call, text or chat. Mention you are a farmer and they will provide help specific for farmers.



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

MEETINGS

- *Jan. 16 - St. Mary's Parish Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Bloomington
- *Jan. 17-KC meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington
- *March 15-St. John's Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

EVENTS

- *January 25-Youth Group at Bloomington
- *January 28-St. Mary's Spaghetti Supper
- *January 28—Glen Haven First Responders Soup & Ham Sandwich Supper from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station
- *January 29-February 4 -Catholic Schools Week
- *February 5—West Grant Lions Club Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 –11:30 a.m. at the River Ridge High School Cafeteria. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, cinnamon rolls, juice, and coffee. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 12 –6.
- *February 10-12– Frassati Fest at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells for students in 9-12th grades.
- *February 14-St. John's Food Pantry at 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- *February 22– Ash Wednesday
- *March 3 - St. Mary's Fish Fry

A Trip to Visit Fr. Paul Fagan

A group of local people are planning a trip to visit Fr. Paul at his hospital complex in Tanzania in early June. Anyone interested in joining the group for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure can call Dave or Ione Meoska (723-9605) for more details.



Is your marriage tearing you apart? Does separation and divorce seem inevitable? There is hope. Madison Area Retrouvaille is a ministry for struggling marriages. Couples have rediscovered each other and their marriages through this program. A Retrouvaille program is scheduled January 27-29, in Green Lake, WI. Visit www.helpourmarriage.org for more information and/or for registration.

SQUARE DANCE at St. Anne Gym, Stoughton

Callin' all married couples to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter **SQUARE DANCE** on Sat., January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ann's Gym (323 N Van Buren, Stoughton). Potluck dinner (no nut/peanuts please) followed by 2 hours of guided square dancing by an official Square Dance Caller. We will learn as we go! There is no cost to attend but free-will donations accepted. Registration is requested but not required (Amy & Jim @ 608-215-5197 or awollangk17@gmail.com)

Healthy Living with Diabetes and Healthy Living with Chronic Pain

Gundersen Health System will host VIRTUAL workshops starting in February on these topics: Healthy Living with Diabetes and Healthy Living with Chronic Pain. Each class is one day a week for 2½ hours for 6 weeks. Cost is \$30 and includes a workbook. To register or have a brochure sent to you with more information, please call 608-775-6870.

Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Friday, September 29-October 1, 2023 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Waunakee, WI. More information to come.



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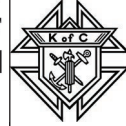
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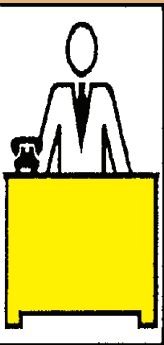
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