

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

## We Welcome You

We welcome you to Pastorate #1. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please call 608-723-4990. 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)  
8:15 a.m.-St. Mary Church, Bloomington (Thurs)  
8:15 a.m.-St. Clement Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)  
8:15 a.m.-St. Andrew Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

### Reconciliation

#### Saturdays except

8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster  
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 School-Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

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.

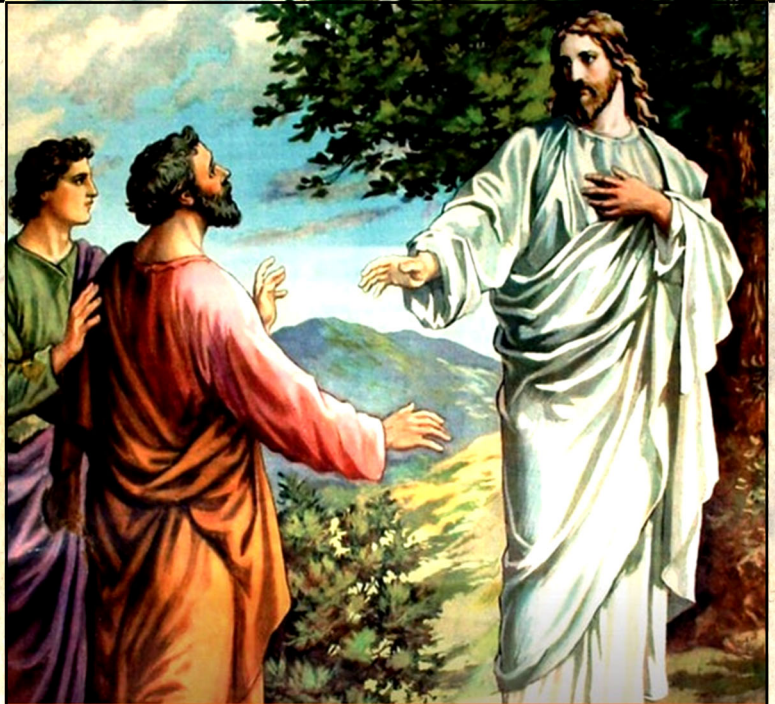
### St. Charles Parish Office Hours (608) 725-5595

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)

Our parish website: [www.catholicparishes.com](http://www.catholicparishes.com)



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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### Pray for the Legal Protection of Preborn Children

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in the Roe vs. Wade decision, made its worst mistake in history. By declaring that children in the womb are not "persons," it opened the door to tens of millions of abortions.

Fortunately, that decision was reversed in 2022. Yet much work remains to be done to protect babies. The date of January 22 will always be a sad commemoration in American history. It should lead us to a deep repentance as a nation for ever having tolerated abortion. It should motivate us each day to speak up for the preborn, promote alternatives to abortion, and get involved in the pro-life movement.

### **Rev. Stephen Brunner**

frsteve@saintclementparish.com

### **Rev. Mark Miller**

frmark@saintclementparish.com

### **Rev. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu**

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**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	1/20	8:00-9:00 AM	No Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM	Zachery Ihm	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Richard Walz	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/21	8:00 AM	Pro Populo	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM	Leonard & Arlene Schmidt	(Bloomington)
Mon.	1/22	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Tues.	1/23	8:15 AM	Marie Stoney	(Cassville)
Wed.	1/24	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM	No Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	1/25	8:15 AM	Lyle & Marian Taylor and Diane Guanella	(Bloomington)
Fri.	1/26	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Bloomington)
Sat.	1/27	8:00-9:00 AM	No Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM	Scott Burkitt	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Fr. John Norder	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/28	8:00 AM	Carol Kanack	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM	Laura Joyce	(Bloomington)

**Scripture for the week of January 22, 2024**

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
 Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41  
 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**January 27 & 28 Weekend Mass Schedule\***

**Fr. Sudhakar** will be away from the Pastorate visiting his family from January 2-February 3.

**Fr. Mark and Fr. Steve** will be celebrating Mass at all the churches with the help of a visiting priest who will have Mass at St. Clement Church at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

\*This schedule may change due to weather or illness.

**Fr. John Meinholz News**

Fr. John had his second knee surgery on Tuesday, January 9. It was successful and he has started therapy. He is recuperating at his farm with the care of his cousins. If you would like to send him a card or note, his address is: 4762 Capital View Rd., Middleton, WI 53562.



**St. Mary's Lasagna Supper**

St. Mary's Lasagna Supper is next Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The meal will include Ma's Bakery lasagna, garlic bread, salad, dessert and beverage. There will be a gluten free option. Carry-outs will also be available. Come and enjoy the classroom displays and a great Silent Auction!

**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**2258** "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."



**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

In the first reading, God sends Jonah to the huge city of Nineveh, where he warns of God's wrath and calls for repentance. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to Galilee calling for repentance as well. He proceeds to call his first disciples, promising that he would change their lives. They follow immediately, much as the residents of Nineveh turned toward the LORD immediately. As Paul reminds the Corinthians, "Time is running out." Let us realize the urgency with which we're called to repent and follow the Lord.

**Into the Deep Update**

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

The results are in! The results of the voting process are:

1. All Saints Parish
2. Christ the King Parish
3. St. Joseph the Worker Parish

If things go as planned, we will become All Saints Parish consisting of St. Clement, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. Charles, St. Mary Help of Christians, St. John, and St. Mary Churches. These 3 names listed above have been submitted to Bishop Hying. He will look at all of the names for the pastorates to ensure that none are duplicated. We will await the final decision from him. Thank you to all of the parishioners who voted and thank you to the transition team members who counted the ballots.

Our next transition team meeting will be on Sunday, January 21 at noon at St. Clement, and we will continue to discuss how we can make the Into the Deep Initiative a more successful initiative for our parish!

May all of us become saints,  
Fr. Steve

**Greetings from Fr. Sudhakar**

I heard that you have a lot of snow these days in Wisconsin. Here in Australia, I am enjoying the warm weather with 70 to 80 degrees. Hope you are all doing well. I am having good time with my family. See you in February.



Fr. Sudhakar, his parents and his brother and family



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

To kick off Catholic Schools Week, we will be having our Lasagna Supper on Saturday, January 27, followed by a special Mass on Sunday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m.

On Monday the 5th - 8th graders will be going skiing and the 4K - 4th graders will be going bowling. We will honor our St. Mary School parents on Wednesday with a luncheon and program. On Thursday we would like our students' grandparents to join us for Mass at 8:15 a.m., followed by a program performed by the students.

**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 Lasagna Supper**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Lasagna Supper and Family fun Night on Sat., January 27, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Carry-outs

will be available. There will also be a Silent Auction and classroom display to enjoy during the evening.

We are hoping the wonderful bakers from our parish will be able to donate cookies or bars for the supper. This would be greatly appreciated! The goodies need to be dropped off at the school gym by 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 27.

**Thank You's**

We are very grateful to have received \$13,523.60 from the Bud and Rosemary Elskamp Memorial Fund that will be used toward our teachers' salaries. We are immensely thankful for the generous people who have supported our parish and school with memorials and gifts.

Thank you to St. Mary's Home and School for the generous donation of \$3,000.00 from the Breakfast with Santa proceeds that will be used for the school's heating expenses.

A huge & hearty THANK YOU to all of the wonderful people from our parishes for their hard work to remove the snow and ice from the church steps, sidewalks and school entries after the recent snow storms. We are deeply blessed to have truly selfless people in our Pastorate who are willing to make sure people can safely attend Mass and school.

**St. Mary's Rectory Housekeeper Needed**

We are very grateful to Cara Drew for her fantastic work as our rectory housekeeper the last few years. She has decided to step down from this position, so we are in need of a new housekeeper. This part-position pays \$20.00 per hour. Please contact the parish office at 608-994-2526 for more information.



**2023 HARVEST FUND**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to St. Mary's Harvest Fund! We are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling \$25,755.00 so far. 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:	\$50,000
	\$45,000
	\$40,000
	\$35,000
	\$30,000
	\$25,000
	\$20,000
	\$15,000
	\$10,000
	\$5,000
	\$0



**Family Faith Formation Classes**

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:45 p.m.

**Christian Experience Weekend**

Southwest Wisconsin CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) will be held at Immaculate Conception School, Kieler, WI. The women's weekend will be Feb. 16-18. The men's weekend will be Feb.23-25, 2024. The weekends begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and end on Sunday at around 4:30 p.m. Application forms are available in the church entrance or on the website(<http://swwicew.org/>). For more information on the women's weekend, call Gail Steiner at 608-330-0654. For the men's weekend, call Steve Malone at 608-732-3606. Week-ends fill up fast. Applications will be taken on a first come first serve basis.



**ST. MARY'S FISH FRY- March 8**

Save the Date and plan to attend St. Mary's Fish Fry on Friday, March 8. The evening will also include a raffle.

**Parish Financial Updates**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

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

Church Support.....	\$1,375.00
Offertory.....	\$212.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$200.00
Gift.....	\$105.00
Memorial Candles.....	\$150.00
Breakfast with Santa Proceeds.....	\$3,000.00
3K Program Fees.....	\$121.00

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 January 12, 2024**

Church Support.....	\$645.00
Offertory.....	\$185.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$45.00

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

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for Jan. 28, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass**

Lector:	Barb Stagman
Communion:	Mike McCabe
Ushers:	Tom Breuer, Charlie Martin
Servers:	Ty & Matthew Tolle

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for January 28, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass**

Lector:	St. Mary's Students
Communion:	Sue Mumm
Sacristan:	Marcia Hampton
Gifts:	St. Mary's Students
Ushers:	Dan Bierman, Mike Mumm
Servers:	St. Mary's Students

**St. Mary Parish Council**

President: Melanie Mergen  
Members: Rose Bierman, Janet Patterson, RJ Osterhaus, Len Pritchett, Bill Mezera, Gary Mumm, Paul Wegmann

**St. John Parish Council**

President: Ray Breuer  
Members: Cindy Morgan, Leo Breuer, McKenzie Stagman, Kayla Needham



**Family Faith Formation Classes**

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6:45 p.m.

**Mass Intentions**

Please contact Cheryl Junk at the St. Charles Parish Office at 608-725-5595 to schedule Masses.

**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](mailto:cassie.okey@stcharlescassville.org).

**Blessed Hermann of Reichenau (1013-1054)**



A child born with cleft palate, cerebral palsy and spina bifida who could hardly speak and became blind in later age, was literate in arabic, greek and latin and wrote on

Math, astronomy and Christianity, was a theologian and a poet. A benedictine monk and the author of SALVE REGINA. many children with the above mentioned disabilities are aborted today in 21st Century

In our time when children and adults considered "imperfect" are believed to have lives not worth living, the life of Hermann stands as a testimony that we cannot measure the value of a single human life. Within his deformed body lived a man of great humility, courage, patience, and charity, in addition to his obvious brilliance. It was not only for his intelligence that many people were attracted to him, but also his holiness. He bore his infirmities without complaint and possessed a delightful sense of humor.

**SALVE REGINA**

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



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**Reflection**

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."- Mark 1:17 Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

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**St. Charles, Cassville for January 7, 2024**

- 2023 Church Support.....\$5,586.00
- 2024 Church Support.....\$802.00
- Offertory.....\$177.00
- Fuel Fund.....\$50.00

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 January 13, 2024**

- The 8:00 p.m. Mass was canceled due to the subzero temperatures and blowing snow
- 2023 Church Support.....\$20.00
- Offertory.....\$0.00

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

**St. Charles' Ministry Schedule**  
**4:30 p.m. Mass on January 27, 2024**

- Lector: Gordon Kremer
- Communion: Kris Mumm
- Servers: Declan Fishnick, Aimslee Tasker
- Ushers: Joe Ploessl, Jim Koopman, Gene

**St. Mary's, Glen Haven**

**8:00 p.m. Mass on January 27, 2024**

- Lector: Cindi Breuer
- Communion: Cindi Breuer
- Servers: Mezera's
- Ushers: Joe Breuer, Tim Walz

**St. Charles Parish Council**

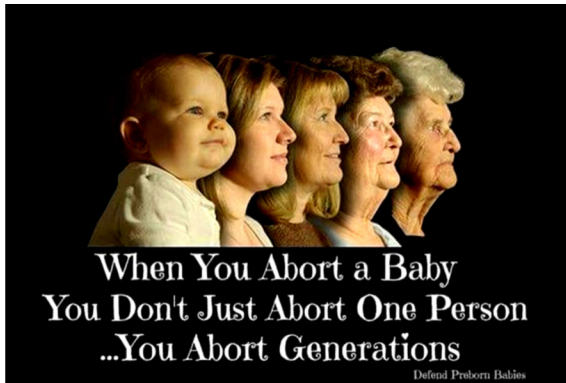
President: Denny Uppena  
Members: Judy Adrian, Suzanne Brinkman, Agnes Hughes, Isaac Okey, Gina Kartman, Cliff Tennesen, Joe Uppena

**St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council**

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



## Celebrate Life



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.WisconsinRightToLife.org).

## St. Catherine Ministry: We are here to support families through miscarriage

St. Catherine Ministry is here to accompany anyone who has received the sad news of a miscarriage. From providing miscarriage kits to referring for burial sites to crying with you, we want to help because we have been there, too. It's as simple as contacting St. Catherine Ministry director Laura Karlen at [ljkarlen@hotmail.com](mailto:ljkarlen@hotmail.com) or 608-445-2064.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 26-28 in Brookfield, WI; Feb. 9-11 in Geneva, IL; March 9-10 in Wisconsin or April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL. Visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://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.**

*What we do in life echoes in eternity.*

## MEETINGS

\*January 21 - Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement Church

\*Feb. 7- St. Mary's Parish Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

## EVENTS

\*January 27-St. Mary's School Lasagna Supper

\*January 28-February 3 -Catholic Schools Week

\*February 13- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

\*February 14-Ash Wednesday

\*March 8-St. Mary's Fish Fry in Bloomington

\*March 12- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

\*March 22- St. Charles Fish Fry

\*March 22-24-TEC Retreat at St. Mary Church, Bloomington



## St. Clement Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

All are invited to attend the delicious pancake, sausage and egg breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, January 21 from 8:00 a.m.-noon at St. Clement Church. Cost is \$10 (ages 6 & under are free).

## PASTORATE #1 MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Knights of Columbus Council 2820 is sponsoring a retreat for all men in Pastorate #1 February 9-11 at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA. The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends on Sunday morning after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. You can attend any day or the entire retreat. For questions and to RSVP by February 1, call Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543.

## Healthy Living with Chronic Pain

Gundersen Health System will host *Healthy Living with Chronic Pain* on February 7-March 13. After registering, participants will receive an email with a link to join the class and a workbook will be mailed to them. This virtual class is one day a week for 2½ hours for 6 weeks. The cost is \$30 and includes a workbook. To register or have a brochure sent to you with more information, please call 608-775-6870.



## A DINNER & A MOVIE!

Our pastorate, with the generous support of the Knights of Columbus 2820, will be hosting a **Dinner & Movie** on Sunday, February 18. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clement Dining hall with a simple meal of hot roast beef, buns, chips, dessert and beverages. At 7:00 p.m., we will go to the Grantland Theatre to watch the movie, "A Man For All Seasons."

You may attend one or both events. Free-will donations are welcome. Please bring money for concessions at the theatre. This is open to all people in our pastorate.

## GRIEFSHARE: An Ecumenical Grief Support Group

After the death of a loved one, life quickly returns to normal for some but not for those who are grieving. In GriefShare, you will learn valuable information about facing your "new normal" in life and renewing your hope for the future. **GriefShare will be held on Thursday afternoons beginning on February 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the St. Clement Parish Office meeting room.** The cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the workbook; scholarships are available. If you have any questions or to register, call Bill Manthe at 608-723-4990.