

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

## 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:  
Mondays-4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles and 6:00-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington  
Thursdays- 7:30-8:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Bloomington  
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 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 to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) by Monday.

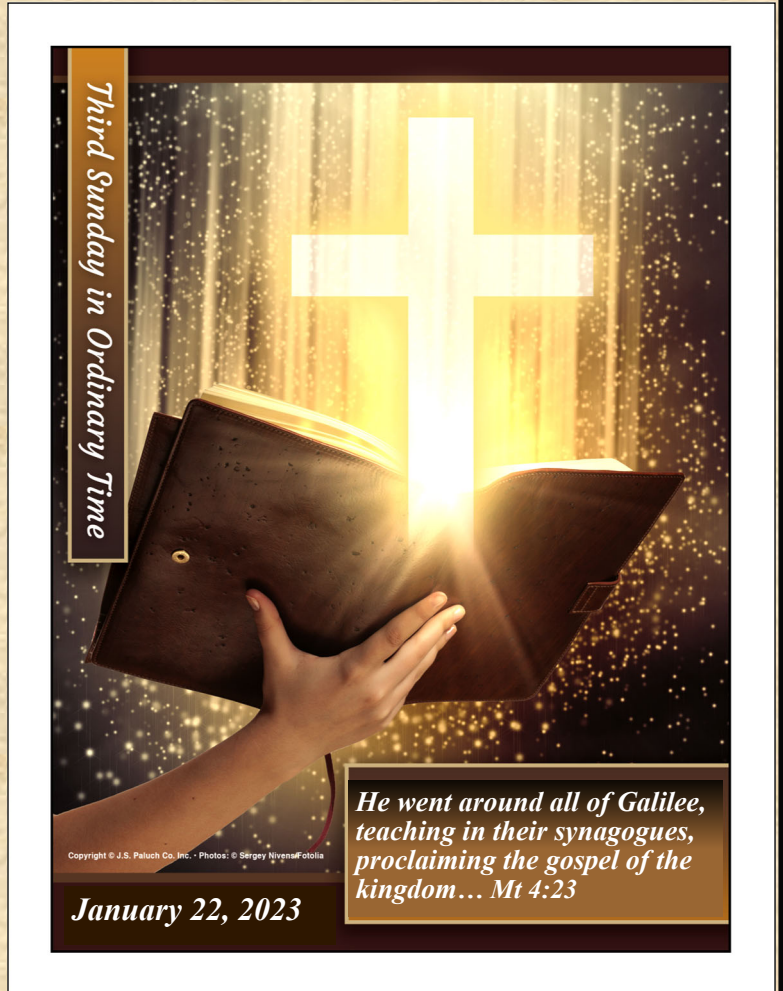
### St. Charles Parish Office Hours (608)725-5595

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.

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



## Catechism of the Catholic Church

124 "The Word of God, which is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, is set forth and displays its power in a most wonderful way in the writings of the New Testament"<sup>96</sup> which hand on the ultimate truth of God's Revelation. Their central object is Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son: his acts, teachings, Passion and glorification, and his Church's beginnings under the Spirit's guidance.<sup>97</sup>

125 The *Gospels* are the heart of all the Scriptures "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior".<sup>98</sup>

## Rev. Gregory Ihm

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**Liturgy Schedule**

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)
Mon.	1/23	8:15 AM	Mary Eckstein	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration	(Cassville)
Tues.	1/24	8:15 AM	Joyce Adrian	(Cassville)
Wed.	1/25	8:15 AM	Leonard & Arlene Schmidt	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	1/26	8:15 AM	Sharon Coffin Burkeland	(Bloomington)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
Fri.	1/27	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	1/28	4:30 PM	Oswin, Mary Agnes and Steve Tranel	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Richard Walz	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/29	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	(Patch Grove)
		9:30 AM	Sharon Davis	(Bloomington)



**Fr. Greg's Reflections**  
**GOD COMES TO MEET MAN**

By natural reason man can know God with certainty, on the basis of his works. But there is another order of knowledge, which man cannot possibly arrive at by his own powers: the order of divine Revelation.<sup>1</sup> Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. This he does by revealing the mystery, his plan of loving goodness, formed from all eternity in Christ, for the benefit of all men. God has fully revealed this plan by sending us his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**One common source. . .**

"Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together, and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing, and move towards the same goal."<sup>40</sup> Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age".<sup>41</sup>

. . . two distinct modes of transmission "Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit."<sup>42</sup>

"and [Holy] Tradition transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It transmits it to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound and spread it abroad by their preaching."<sup>43</sup>

As a result the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence."<sup>44</sup>

**Apostolic Tradition and ecclesial traditions**

The Tradition here in question comes from the apostles and hands on what they received from Jesus' teaching and example and what they learned from the Holy Spirit. The first generation of Christians did not yet have a written New Testament, and the New Testament itself demonstrates the process of living Tradition.

Tradition is to be distinguished from the various theological, disciplinary, liturgical or devotional traditions, born in the local churches over time. These are the particular forms, adapted to different places and times, in which the great Tradition is expressed. In the light of Tradition, these traditions can be retained, modified or even abandoned under the guidance of the Church's Magisterium.  
CCC 50, 81-83

**Scripture for the week of January 23, 2023**

- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



**We are Called to Protect & Cherish All Human Life**

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. Since then **over 64 million children have been killed in the womb just in America. In fact each year, over 10,000 of these children (over 500,000 the last 50 years) killed by abortion were 21 weeks of development or beyond.** Babies at this stage can feel pain and are only a few weeks from being able to survive outside of the womb.

Let all of us become involved in the efforts to protect human life from conception to natural death and help mothers and fathers before and after the birth of their child. Visit [www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com](http://www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com) to learn what you can do.



**St. Mary's Spaghetti Supper**

St. Mary's annual Spaghetti Supper is next **Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

The meal will include Ma's Bakery spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and milk. Carry-outs will also be available. Come and enjoy the classroom displays and a great Silent Auction.



"As a man must be born before he can begin to lead his physical life, so he must be born to lead a Divine Life. That birth occurs in the Sacrament of Baptism. To survive, he must be nourished by Divine Life; that is done in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist."

- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**The 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."



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

We will begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week with our annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, January 28. Everyone is invited to enjoy the delicious Ma's Bakery Spaghetti and garlic bread, salad bar, and desserts. Then you can check out all of the great things at the Silent Auction and the great projects in the classrooms.

**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 .

**Non-discrimination Statement**

St. Mary Schools admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



**St. Mary's Spaghetti Supper**

**Come and enjoy St. Mary's School Annual Spaghetti Supper next 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.

**Thank You's**

Thank you to Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly for the delicious supper they generously provided for our Family Faith Formation families. Thank you to the Curt and Michelle Zinkle and Jeremiah and Carrie Callahan families for preparing and serving the supper. We deeply appreciate everyone who is helping with our Religious Education classes.

Thank you to St. Mary's Home and School for the generous donation of \$2,500.00 from the Breakfast with Santa proceeds that will be used for the school's heating expenses.

**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=I-pOSv7tvq>.

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.



**2022 HARVEST FUND**

We are very gratefully for the donations totaling \$25,130.00 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.

A First Reconciliation Retreat will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9:00 -11:30a.m. at St. Mary's.

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.



**FORMED**

Our cluster has a subscription to FORMED that allows all parishioners to learn about the Catholic Faith, watch movies, read e-books and more on a computer, tablet, TV, or a smart phone! To sign up for FORMED, go to <https://signup.formed.org/> You will need to enter 53804 to find our subscription which is listed under Southwest Wisconsin Catholic Parishes. Then enter your name and email address. That's it! You're in.



**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.

**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.

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Mary's Collections for the period ending January 13, 2023**

Church Support.....	\$1,256.00
Offertory.....	\$318.70
Harvest Fund.....	\$150.00
Gift.....	\$10.00
Catechism of the Catholic Church Books.....	\$20.00

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 13, 2023**

Church Support.....	\$645.00
Offertory.....	\$212.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$25.00

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

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for January 29, 2023**

**7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**  
 Lector: Barb Stagman  
 Communion: Roger McKinney  
 Ushers: Charlie Martin, Ray Breuer  
 Servers: Ty & Matthew Tolle

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for January 29, 2023**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**  
 Lector: St. Mary's Students  
 Communion: Ione Meoska  
 Sacristans: Pat Casey  
 Gifts: St. Mary's Students  
 Ushers: Ronnie Mumm, Eric Fuerstenberg  
 Server: Alan Hernandez, Brooks Osterhaus



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**The next Family Faith Formation classes will be at St. Charles School on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 with a meal at 6:30 p.m. and class at 700 p.m.**



**St. Charles School**

The students are currently attending art class with Ms. Zenz. They are making puppets, and they will be recording puppet shows. In social studies, the students are studying the Revolutionary War. They are reading Johnny Tremain, which takes place in the same time period and location. In science, the students are learning about rocks and minerals.

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

**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

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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. Blessed Hermann was beatified in 1863 and was also known as Bl. Hermann the Cripple.



**Reflection**

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Mt 4:22*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

**Salve Regina**

**Hail, Holy Queen!**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, Poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we sigh, mourning and weeping in this vale of fears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and, after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for January 14, 2023

Church Support.....\$20.00  
Offertory.....\$99.00

St. Charles, Cassville for January 14, 2023

Church Support.....\$4,900.00  
Offertory.....\$165.00

**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.*

**St. Charles' Ministry Schedule**

**4:30 p.m. Mass on January 28, 2023**

Lector: St. Charles Students  
Communion: Judy Adrian  
Servers: Natalie & Gwen Riedl  
Ushers: Barb & Terry Schrobilgen, Joe Ploessl

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

**8:00 p.m. Mass on January 28, 2023**

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



## Celebrate Life

"The fact that we know that we are right about the sacred value of human life should make us humble and more determined to spread this message by the

love shown in our lives and our willingness to be servants of life. As St. John reminds us, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 Jn 1:8). Pro-lifers are convinced – mightily convinced – of the boundless mercy of God. That is the light we bring to the world: the truth about God's love, about forgiveness, about the beauty of human life in all its stages and states." -Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada, Homily at Holy Innocents Annual Pro-Life Mass, January 12, 2010

## 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).

## 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](mailto:nfp@straphael.org)

## Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer Hope and Healing for women and men who have struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Upcoming retreats in 2023: March 24 - 26 and November 10 - 12. Whether recent or long ago, call or email Mary at 608-821-3177 [rachel@madisondiocese.org](mailto:rachel@madisondiocese.org) Visit: [www.madisondiocese.org/rachel](http://www.madisondiocese.org/rachel). Referrals to a priest and /or therapist also available. Confidentiality is assured.



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him." Let us answer God's call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb. 10-12 in Geneva, IL; April 21-23 in Brookfield, WI or June 23-25 in Geneva, 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 and Lifeline** -Call, text or chat. Mention you are a farmer and they will provide help specific for farmers.



## MEETINGS

\*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. 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

## Lancaster KC's Pancake Breakfast

Everyone is invited to attend the Lancaster Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, January 22 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at St. Clement Church.

## 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.



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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) for more information and/or for registration.

## 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. 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.

## Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist! Answer Christ's call and come to the Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress for a deeper encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Make it a weekend retreat of faith, fellowship and family. **Friday, September 29-October 1, 2023** at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Waunakee, WI. For a guide, schedule or to pre-register go to <https://blessedbrokenandgiven.com/>



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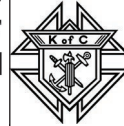
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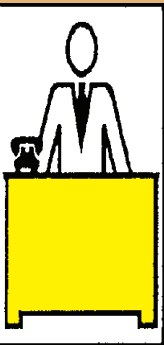
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