

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. 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 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 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 in *writing* to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) before Monday.

St. Charles Parish Office Hours

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

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours

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

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

January 23, 2022



We are Called to Protect and 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 63.5 million children have been killed in the womb just in America. In fact each year, over 10,000 of these children (over 490,000 the last 49 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. As we mark another Roe vs. Wade commemoration, let us all become involved in the efforts to end abortion. Visit www.TenStepsToEndAbortion.com to learn what you can do.

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	1/22	4:30 PM	All Parishioners	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Deceased members of the Paul White family	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/23	8:00 AM	Elmer Hromadka	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Carl Neis	(Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Zachery Ihm	(Cassville)
Mon.	1/24	8:15 AM	Charles & Lucy Mezera	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration	(Cassville)
Tues.	1/25	8:15 AM	Joyce Adrian	(Cassville)
Wed.	1/26	8:15 AM	Gary Vogt	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	1/27	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Leonard & Arlene Schmidt	(Bloomington)
Fri.	1/28	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	1/29	4:30 PM	Deceased members of the John F. Patterson family	(Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Emil & Katie Meyer family	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/30	8:00 AM	All Parishioners	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Jim & Ellie Hinderman family	(Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Mary Eckstein	(Cassville)



Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

We gather today to worship the Lord, as faithful people have done throughout history. Noteworthy examples are described in our readings today. When Ezra the priest read the Torah in the streets of Jerusalem after the Jewish people had returned from exile, it brought the people to tears.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as “Christ’s body” requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke’s Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God’s “law” of mercy to those in need. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



The Tragic Legacy of Roe v Wade

Since the Supreme Court decisions on January 22, 1973 that legalized abortion through all nine months of

pregnancy, there have been few legal restrictions on this brutal ending of life. Contrary to the proponents who worked hard to make it legal, abortion has not solved the problems of poverty, family breakdown, child abuse, or domestic violence. Instead these problems have grown worse and our country is even more divided. Now many people have come to view abortion as a legal right rather than the ending of a human life. Since abortion is seen as a right, another national debate has gained momentum about the right to end our lives as our choice and to make that choice for someone who we deem has a poor quality of life, but is unable to decide for themselves (euthanasia). Currently, physician-assisted suicide is legal in ten states and the District of Columbia in our country. We as a nation have moved down a path toward treating human beings as disposable objects without dignity and a divine soul.

As we are reminded daily during this pandemic, every human life is precious and has value. We are made in the image of God. Legal abortion has not solved the problem of poverty, family breakdown, or domestic violence and it has physically and emotionally injured multitudes of women. The reality is that because of abortion many individuals are not in our communities who would have taken their place in our society with their own unique gifts.

Let us pray that those who have chosen to have an abortion or who have pushed someone else to do this may seek the mercy of God. We pray that all Christians may work to help women and nurture and protect children especially those who are developing in the womb. We pray that we as a nation may turn away from evil and down the path to cherish each human person at all stages of life from conception to natural death. And we pray that this extends to people of all races and all areas regardless of their economic situation.

Scripture for the week of January 24, 2022

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

St. Mary’s Spaghetti Supper

St. Mary’s annual Spaghetti Supper is next Saturday, January 29, 2022 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.

Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus Council #4416 will not have a January meeting. Their next meeting will be February 15, 2022 at St. Mary’s Church Hall in Bloomington at 7:30 p.m. They request that as many members as possible to attend so they can decide on a Grand Knight and a Financial Secretary. Thank you!

Please contact Bob Reuter at 994-2133 for State Raffle tickets.

Each of us has a mission, each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address in Hyde Park, London, Sept. 18 2010

Sharing Our Blessings

Thank you to everyone who supports our parishes with their time, talents and financial gifts! 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.

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

Ms. Vickie, the instructor for the 3K Program, has a unit on pizza parlors during the month of January. Brent and Mary Sheckler, owners of Papa Murphy's in Prairie du Chien have donated personal pan pizzas for all the St. Mary and 3K students to eat for lunch on , Tuesday, January 18.

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.



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ST. ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

Feast Day January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Mary's Religious Education

Classes for January 26, 2022:

Grades 1-6: 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Grades 7-9: 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Grade 10 Confirmation Class: 7:15-8:45 p.m.

WEST GRANT LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEB. 6

The West Grant Lions Club will hold its annual pancake and sausage breakfast at River Ridge High School on Sunday, Feb. 6. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, juice and coffee from 8:00-11:30 a.m. There will also be baked goods for sale that morning. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 6-12 and FREE for kids under 6.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending January 14, 2022

Church Support.....	\$1,405.00
Offertory.....	\$220.00
Tornado Relief Collection.....	\$115.00
Memorial Candles.....	\$100.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$300.00
3k Program Fees.....	\$493.75

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 14, 2022

Church Support.....	\$435.00
Offertory.....	\$160.25

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

"Keep to the ancient way and custom of the Church, established and confirmed by so many Saints under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And live a new life. Pray, and get others to pray, that God not abandon His Church, but reform it as He pleases, and as He sees best for us, and more to His honour and glory."
— St. Angela Merici

St. John's Ministry Schedule for January 30, 2022

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

- Lector: Bill Mergen
- Communion: Roger McKinney
- Ushers: Charlie Martin, Ray Breuer
- Servers: Ty Tolle, Avery Needham

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for January 29 & 30, 2022

4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass

- Lector: Mary Sue White
- Communion: Mary Sue White
- Ushers: Mike Mergen, Denny Moris, Gary Mumm Mark Herbers
- Servers: Diana Herbers, Ava Dilley, Brooks Osterhaus

9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass

- Lector: Joanie Dickerson
- Communion: Joanie Dickerson
- Sacristan: Linda Osterhaus
- Ushers: Dan Bierman, Daniel Herbers
- Servers: Leif & Gabe Kluesner, Alan Hernandez



2021 HARVEST FUND

In this time of giving thanks, we are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling \$29,787.78 for the 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:	\$50,000
	\$45,000
	\$40,000
	\$35,000
	\$30,000
	\$25,000
	\$20,000
	\$15,000
	\$10,000
	\$5,000
	\$0



MASS INTENTIONS

St. Charles and St. Mary's Glen Haven have immediate openings for Mass intentions. Please call Cheryl at 725-5595 and leave a message or (608) 885-0227 to schedule a Mass.

St. Charles Advent Breakfast Thank You's

St. Charles Advent Breakfast had a profit of \$1,742.00 and 191 meals were served. Thank You very much to Holly Bernhardt, Holly Fishnick, Angela Adams, and Kathleen Fleming for chairing the Breakfast!

Thank You also to the school students, religious ed. students, youth group and their families for all their help in preparing the breakfast. It is a very busy time of year, and the school and parish very much appreciate they time the gave for this important event.



St. Charles School News

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

St. Charles 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.

Blessed Herman Reichenau



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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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.



Reflection

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)
St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using

your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to pray and discern your gifts from the Holy Spirit. Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

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, February 5, 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: Culver's 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.

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for January 15, 2022:

Church Support.....\$1,260.00
Offertory.....\$60.00
Tornado Relief.....\$100.00

St. Charles, Cassville for January 16, 2022

Church Support.....\$870.00
Offertory.....\$123.00
Tornado Relief.....\$50.00

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.

"Our business is to attain Heaven; everything else is a sheer waste of time." -St. Vincent de Paul

St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for Jan. 29, 2022

8:00 p.m. Mass
Lector: Renee Schwantes
Communion: Tracy Walz
Servers: Mezera's
Ushers: Dave Schwantes, Mike Breuer

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for Jan. 30, 2022

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: St. Charles Students
Sacristan: Linda Reynolds
Communion: Linda Reynolds
Servers: St. Charles Students
Ushers: Adison & Holly Tasker



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.” J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada, Homily at Holy Innocents Annual Pro-Life Mass, January 12, 2010

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 sorrow and regret from an 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

Retrouvaille Program

Is your marriage tearing you apart? We invite you to find help through Retrouvaille, (re-tro-vi), where husbands and wives are helped to re-discover each other. In Retrouvaille, couples discover they are not alone. There is hope and grace.

Madison’s upcoming Retrouvaille program begins January 28-30, 2022 at the Green Lake Conference Center. Follow up sessions will be in Madison. Call 608-249-2377. Check our website at www.helpourmarriage.org. Your confidentiality is always respected.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on Feb. 11-13 in Madison, WI; April 22-24 in Brookfield, WI or June 24-26 in Geneva, IL. Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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

- *February 7—St. Mary’s Parish Council meeting in Bloomington
- *February 15—Knight of Columbus at St. Mary’s, Bloomington

EVENTS

- *January 27—Blood Mobile at St. Charles from 12:30-5:30 p.m.
- *January 29- St. Mary’s Spaghetti Supper
- *January 30– February 5– Catholic Schools Week
- *February 8 - St. John’s Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.
- *March 2– Ash Wednesday
- *March 8 - St. John’s Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.
- *March 11– St. Mary’s Fish Fry
- *April 17– Easter

BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at St. Charles School Gym

Sponsored By: Cassville Tourism

Food: 5:00 p.m. Provided by Cassville Food Pantry

Bingo: 6:00-9:30 p.m.

Beer, Seltzers, water & soda sold by Cassville Tourism
50/50 Raffle Benefit for Dave & Karri Schauff Family

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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.



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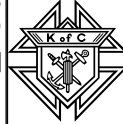
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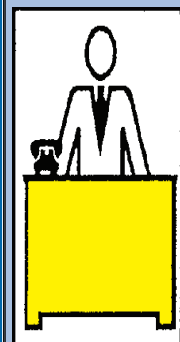
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