

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

January 29, 2023



## Celebrating Our Catholic Schools

St. Mary's and St. Charles Schools  
Faith, Family & Academic Excellence



St. Mary's Students and Fr. Greg

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



**Liturgy Schedule**

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)
Mon.	1/30	8:15 AM	Fr. Cy Weissensel (Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	AM Adoration (Cassville)
Tues.	1/31	8:15 AM	Raymond & Doris Lou (Valentine) McLimans (Cassville)
Wed.	2/1	8:15 AM	Pete & Delores Kirschbaum (Bloomington)
Thurs.	2/2	8:15 AM	John Patterson (Bloomington)
		8:45-9:30 AM	AM Adoration (Bloomington)
Fri.	2/3	8:15 AM	No Mass
Sat.	2/4	4:30 PM	Pete & Delores Kirschbaum (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Pro Populo (Glen Haven)
Sun.	2/5	7:30 AM	Living and deceased members of Dan Nies family (Patch Grove)
		9:30 AM	Carl Neis (Bloomington)



**Fr. Greg's Reflections**

**Beatitudes**

The teachings of Jesus in the sermon on the Mount on the meaning and way to true happiness (Mt. 5:1-12).

These teachings reflect the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham; they portray the countenance of Christ and describe his charity. Moreover, by shedding light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life, they describe the vocation of all the faithful. (CCC Glossary)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

To learn more about the Beatitudes I would suggest reading this book: The Eight Doors of the Kingdom: Meditations on the Beatitudes, Jacques Philippe

This week is Catholic Schools Week, and I want to highlight how blessed our communities are to have two Catholic Schools to send our children to for a full education that incorporates faith into all areas of study. It is a place where students not only learn the Beatitudes but are also encouraged to live them. Our Catholic Schools have a strong family feel to them; students are welcomed, feel safe and comfortable; while being challenged to grow and mature according to God's plan for each of them. The kids grow in knowledge of what is right and wrong and how to treat people with charity. Our teachers are dedicated, love the children, and they assist parents in fulfilling their role as primary educators of their children.

Please pray for the continued success of our schools, be an advocate in public to encourage parents to send their kids to our schools, and lastly please consider financially supporting them.

"Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 4). This relationship elicits a desire to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Christ and his teaching. In this way those who meet him are drawn by the very power of the Gospel to lead a new life characterized by all that is beautiful, good, and true; a life of Christian witness nurtured and strengthened within the community of our Lord's disciples, the Church." Pope Benedict XVI April 17, 2008

**Scripture for the week of January 30, 2023**

- Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**Baptism**



We joyfully welcome to God's holy family Elizabeth Cecilia Tyler, daughter of Cordel Tyler and Carolyn Tolle, who was baptized at St. John Church.



**St. Mary's Spaghetti Supper**

St. Mary's annual Spaghetti Supper is this 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 be available. Come and enjoy the classroom displays and a great Silent Auction.



**Candlemas (February 2)**

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687-701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* ("to shine") and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25-38). —Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

2229 As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to *choose a school for them* which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators.<sup>38</sup> Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise.



"The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life,"  
- St. Thomas Aquinas



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

Catholic Schools Week starts on Sunday, Jan. 29, with a special Mass at 9:30 a.m. On Monday the 4K-4th graders will go bowling and the 5th-8th graders will go skiing. On Tuesday we will have the Living Rosary in the gym at 12:15 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. We will have a luncheon on Wednesday in appreciation for our parents. Grandparents are welcome to come have breakfast with their grandchildren. We will close out the week with Staff Appreciation Day and a movie for the students.

**SCRIP Push Update**

Our SCRIP push was another success this year. We sold over \$46,000 worth of SCRIP. Thank you all for your support to our school and church. This is a great way to fund-raise year-round. Our students and staff at St. Mary's will be enjoying a pizza party during Catholic Schools Week courtesy of Route 35 and Home and School Assoc. A special thanks to Economy Feed Mill, and St. Mary's School for assisting in our SCRIP push this year. We couldn't do it without them

**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>.

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



**St. Angela Merici (c. 1474-1540) - Jan. 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 St. 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.



**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 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 7:00 p.m.

The Youth Group will meet on Wed., February 22, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Charles.

**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 20, 2023**

Church Support.....	\$1,725.00
Offertory.....	\$204.05
Harvest Fund.....	\$325.00
Gift.....	\$75.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00
3K Program Fees.....	\$2,796.25
School Tuition.....	\$61.64

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 20, 2023**

Church Support.....	\$520.00
Offertory.....	\$125.00

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

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for February 5, 2023**

	<b>7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass</b>
Lector:	Bob McLimans
Communion:	Mike McCabe
Ushers:	Tom Breuer, Roger McKinney
Servers:	Katie Tolle, Avery Needham

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for February 5, 2023**

	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass</b>
Lector:	Deb Campbell
Communion:	Deb Campbell
Sacristans:	TBA
Gifts:	Rachele Breuer & family
Ushers:	Mike Mergen, Mike Mumm
Server:	Leif & Gabe Kluesner



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**St. Charles School**

“Educating for Life, Guided by Christ.” Our motto at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Cassville is truly something we strive for daily. Our students benefit from more than 40 years of Catholic school teaching and administration experience in teacher and principal Ms. Dianne Makovec.

Ms. Makovec strives to combine religious teaching into all aspects of Catholic education, through both Catholic textbooks and the integration of faith and morals throughout the day. The students participate in weekly Mass as well as periodic Confession, and Father Greg Ihm teaches the children once per week in the classroom. Currently, Father is teaching the students about the Israelites and the Arc of the Covenant. Service is also a top priority for the school family at St. Charles Borromeo.

Catholic Schools Week is always much enjoyed by the children. Activities to celebrate the week include making Valentines for Vets and door decorations for a local nursing home, ministry such as reading at the weekend Catholic Schools’ Mass, a parent luncheon with food prepared by the students, and an annual ski trip. We ask for your prayers for our students and staff and for the future of our school and all Catholic schools.

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

**Catholic schools prepare every student to meet the challenges of their future by developing their mind, yes, but also their body and their soul and spirit.**

~ David Vitter

**Cassville FFA Alumni Pancake Breakfast**

The Cassville FFA Alumni will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Cassville High School cafeteria. Price is \$10 per person and children under 6 eat free. The meal includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, cheese curds, milk, coffee, and juice. Dine-in or Carry-out.

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



**Reflection**

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3*

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.



**Prayer for Students**

**by St. Thomas Aquinas**

*Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen*

**People of God**

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God’s agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God’s blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**St. Mary’s, Glen Haven for January 21, 2023**

Church Support.....\$1,050.00

Offertory.....\$87.00

**St. Charles, Cassville for January 21, 2023**

Church Support.....\$820.00

Offertory.....\$141.00

**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 February 4, 2023**

Lector: Abby Tasker  
 Communion: Elijah Okey  
 Servers: Audrey & Aimslee Tasker  
 Ushers: Tim, Holly and Adison Tasker

**St. Mary’s, Glen Haven**

**8:00 p.m. Mass on February 4, 2023**

Lector: Barb Breuer  
 Communion: Barb Breuer  
 Servers: Mezera’s  
 Ushers: Mike Breuer, Gerard Zimmer



## Celebrate Life

“One thing is certain: When the time has come nothing which is man made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness.”  
— Alice von Hildebrand, *The Privilege Of Being A Woman*

## 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

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Let us begin with having peace in our marriage. Learn to have the best marriage 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 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. **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 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

\*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 10 - St. Mary's Fish Fry from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall, Bloomington

## 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.

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## 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/>

## 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](mailto:courage@madisondiocese.org).



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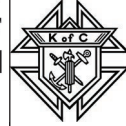
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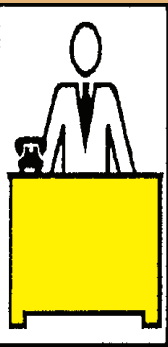
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