

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

We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes and our communities. 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, Cassville 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 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 in *writing* to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) on Monday.

St. Charles Parish Office Hours

Call parish office at 725-5595 to schedule appointments.

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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www.swwicatholicparishes.com.



Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	1/2	4:30 PM	Jake & LaVon Schurman and John Harpin	(Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Bob & Marcia Mezera	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/3	8:00 AM	All Parishioners	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Ralph & Margaret Ploessl	(Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Tim McCann	(Cassville)
Mon.	1/4	8:15 AM	Alice Trapp	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration	(Cassville)
Tues.	1/5	8:15 AM	Joan Margaret Kelly	(Cassville)
Wed.	1/6	8:15 AM	Tom Hess and Connie Kirschbaum	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	1/7	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM	Dorothy Mumm	(Bloomington)
Fri.	1/8	8:00 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	1/9	4:30 PM	Carol Vogt	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Larry Zimmer	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/10	8:00 AM	Alicia Rutkowski	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Edward Herbers	(Bloomington)
		10:30AM	All Parishioners	(Cassville)



Fr. John's Notes Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. It falls twelve days after Christmas since this was regarded as enough time for the magi to travel to Bethlehem from foreign lands. With their arrival, Jesus is now manifest to the outside world. Just as the star in the East symbolized the light of Christ in our lives

so others can realize the Good News wherever we go. Let us rejoice, for his saving presence has been made manifest to all.

We Needed Christmas This Year

I am writing this reflection before Christmas because this bulletin has to be sent to our printer on December 23. I pray that by the time you read this you will have experienced some special graces this season.

This year has given us so many difficulties and sorrows. We have had to change the pattern of our daily lives. We hear incessantly about the pandemic and are bombarded by negative news. We are going through a difficult political time. We have tried to keep some of our holiday traditions.

This year we have needed more than just our Christmas traditions. We have needed to know the presence of Christ with us and guiding us. The Magi of the Feast of Epiphany traveled a long way and needed the guidance of the star to be in the presence of the child Jesus. But they also needed to see with the eyes of faith that he is the Savior of the nations.

After this weekend, many people will be taking down their holiday decorations; I put mine up late and leave them up for the month of January. Let us seek the presence of Christ who we need so desperately during difficult time. Let us go to him in prayer, but also listen to his teaching, and beg him to help us follow his teaching.

We desire God's blessing in this new year. I am sharing with you the threefold blessing from the *Roman Missal* that I prayed for all of you at the Holy Day Masses on December 31 and January 1. May God's grace and blessings rest upon us this new year of 2021.

*May God, the source and origin of all blessing,
grant you grace,
pour out his blessing in abundance,
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.*

Amen

*May he give you integrity in the faith,
endurance in hope,
and perseverance in charity
with holy patience to the end.*

Amen.

*May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,
grant your prayers in this and in every place,
and lead you happily to eternal life.*

Amen.

*And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you forever.*

Amen.

Scripture for the week of January 4, 2021

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new calendar year brings us a special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift of God, given to us from His eternity, for us to use to prepare for eternity. The passing of each year and each day is meant to be an exchange with God: He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, bringing as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of others. The New Year is an opportunity to resolve, above all, to serve God faithfully: to believe more firmly, to hope more ardently, to love more generously. That is what makes a new year "happy," and that is what leads us to the happiness that never ends.

2021 Calendars

There are 2021 calendars available at the back of our churches for you to take home. We purchase the calendars from our bulletin printer JS Paluch. For the 2021 calendar, the company has worked with a photographer who lives near their office for some of the images in the calendar.

Year End Giving:

As we celebrate the joy of the blessings in the new year, please know that your financial support is deeply appreciated and needed for the operation of our parishes and Catholic schools. God bless!

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

— G. K. Chesterton

St. Mary Church, Bloomington

St. John Church, Patch Grove



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence
 We hope that the new year brings everyone in our parishes happiness and joy from the love of Christ. We want to thank all of the parish members for supporting the school this year.

For more information about St. Mary's School, please contact Mrs. Kelly Copsey at school 608-994-2435 or at home 608-732-2572.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's & St. John's

We are accepting requests for Masses intentions for loved ones to be said during 2021. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass, and we ask each registered family to scheduled **ONE intention at this time**. We are in an uncertain time and we need and want to be able to allow families to request Masses for newly deceased loved ones. Also, Canon law requires us to offer one Mass each weekend and Holy Day of Obligation for the members of our parishes. These are not unscheduled Masses. To schedule a Mass, you may send a note listing possible Mass dates and the name of the person(s) the Masses are being requested for. You may also call 994-2526 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Monday -Friday to schedule Mass intentions.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)

January 4

Though her liturgical designation is "religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also "wife, mother, educator, foundress." Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"

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2020 HARVEST FUND:

It's the time of year when we thank God for the many blessings we have received from him. We are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling **\$26,769.10** for our 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:
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 \$50,000
 \$45,000
 \$40,000
 \$35,000
 \$30,000
 \$25,000
 \$20,000
 \$15,000
 \$10,000
 \$5,000
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St. John Church

Our Beautiful Churches

Thank you to all who gave donations for the flowers and decorations and to everyone who helped to make our churches beautiful for the Christmas season.



St. Mary Church

Thank You's

Thank you to individuals who have blessed our parishes with financial gifts during the Christmas season.
 Thank you to St. John's CCW for their generous donation to St. John's to help with parish expenses.
 Thank you to the family of Marian Taylor for their generous gift to St. Mary School in her memory.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending December 23, 2020

Church Support.....	\$2,794.00
Offertory.....	\$265.25
Harvest Fund.....	\$1,550.00
Gift.....	\$1,045.00
Respect Life Collection.....	\$20.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00
Christmas Flower Memorials & Donation.....	\$1,075.00

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 December 23, 2020

Church Support.....	\$650.00
Christmas Flower Memorials & Donations.....	\$101.00
Offertory.....	\$114.00
Respect Life Collection.....	\$100.00
St. John's CCW Donation.....	\$1,500.00

St. John's Ministry Schedule for January 10, 2021

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Lector: Maria Breuer
 Ushers: Tom Breuer, Roger McKinney
 Servers: Sean Tolle

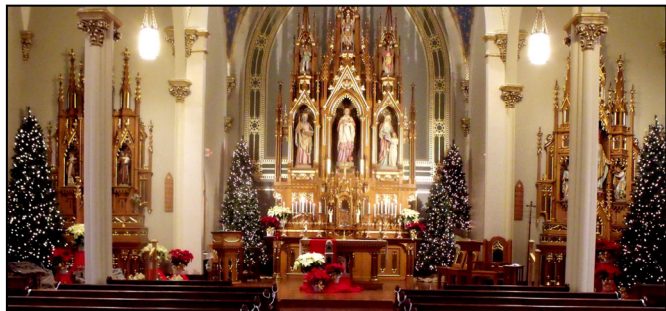
St. Mary Ministry Schedule for January 10, 2021

9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass
 Lector: Jeff Davis
 Sacristan: Jeff Davis
 Ushers: Tony Trento
 Server: Leif Kluesner, Libby Vogt



Our Beautiful Churches

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Restoration/Accessibility Campaign

The Redecorating Committee would like to thank all parishioners whom have returned pledge cards for support of our Restoration/Accessibility Campaign. We have currently \$298,850.00 pledged, \$289,223.94 collected and 228 pledges committed. If you have questions, call Cheryl at 725-5595.

VanDerhoff Studios have installed storm windows. Restoration on the 4 windows are in progress and due to an injury will take longer than expected. New entry doors and auto openers will be installed before winter. Fundraising will continue to complete window project through **October 2021**. *Thank you* for your support and generosity. Our campaign is successful due to our wonderful parish family.

Goal:	\$300,000
	\$275,000
	\$250,000
	\$225,000
	\$200,000
	\$175,000
	\$150,000
	\$125,000
	\$100,000
	\$75,000
	\$50,000
	\$25,000
	\$0

Reflection

"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for December 19, 2020:

Church Support.....	\$450.00
Christmas Flower Memorials.....	\$30.00
Offertory.....	\$85.00

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for December 12, 2020:

Church Support.....	\$0.00
Offertory.....	\$73.00

St. Charles, Cassville for December 20, 2020:

Church Support.....	\$1,825.00
Offertory.....	\$52.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$370.00
DST.....	\$80.00
Christmas Gift.....	\$370.00
Bless Our Priest Collection.....	\$200.00

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

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.

St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for January 9, 2021

	8:00 p.m. Saturday Mass
Lector:	Joe Breuer
Ushers:	Doug and Isaac White

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for January 10, 2021

	4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass
Lector:	Patty Okey
Ushers:	Gene Adrian, Elijah and Ezera Okey
	10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Gordon Kremer
Sacristan:	Linda Reynolds



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

The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Celebrate Life

“Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: ‘Man, living man, is the glory of God’. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself” (The Gospel of Life, n. 34).

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.

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Are you or a loved one carrying the sorrow and regret from abortion? Whether recent or long ago ... God is waiting ... Healing is possible. For confidential help, please contact Mary at 608-221-9593 or rachel@straphael.org www.madisondiocese.org/rachel

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



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter from the comfort of your home. There is a virtual experience Jan. 12 to Feb 2, in a series of two sessions per week for three weeks of roughly 2 hours each or an experience during Lent, February 18 - March 31 once per week. Visit our website at - alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

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

EVENTS

- *January 12, 2021– St. John’s Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.
- *January 30– St. Mary’s Spaghetti Supper
- *February 9– St. John’s Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.
- *February 17–Ash Wednesday
- *February 26–St. Mary’s Fish Fry
- *March 9– St. John’s Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.
- *April 4–Easter

Message from Fr. Paul

Thank you for your support and prayers. I am truly blessed! **You may continue your support of my work by sending donations to Roads to Life Tanzania and sending it to PO Box 157, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.** You are always in my prayers and Masses.

AA and Al-Anon Meetings in Bloomington

Open AA meetings for anyone who is struggling with addiction **are held every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the American Legion, 212 Congress St., Bloomington, WI. Please call Peggy at 317-690-9241 for more information.

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.

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

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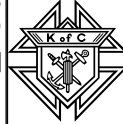
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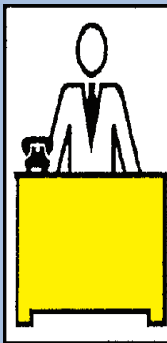
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