

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 the parish office.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation

Saturdays-

8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington
3:45-4:15p.m. at St. Charles Church, Cassville
7:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Glen Haven

Baptism

May God bless our new parents! Please contact the parish office to schedule the baptism of your child and to attend a baptismal preparation session.

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call the parish office at least six months before the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick

If someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. Please call the parish office if there is someone who would like to be included in the Mass prayers.

Vocations

Please contact a parish office if you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming a priest, brother, sister, deacon, or lay church minister. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and all religious ministries!

Our Catholic School-Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 608-994-2435 for St. Mary School or Mrs. Cheryl Junk at 608-725-5173 for St. Charles Montessori Education Program. St. Mary and St. Charles admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Bulletin Notices - Please submit bulletin notices to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) by Monday.

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon
stchas@tds.net (Cheryl Junk)

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours (608) 994-2526

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
sunday7@tds.net (Julie M Jentz)

Our parish website: swwicatholicparishes.com

November 12, 2023



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

1022 Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification⁵⁹⁴ or immediately,⁵⁹⁵ -- or immediate and everlasting damnation.⁵⁹⁶

At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.⁵⁹

Rev. Stephen Brunner

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	11/11	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM John & Gertrude Ploessl family, Lawrence & Lucille Reynolds family, and Nancy Gabel	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Pro Populo	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	11/12	8:00 AM Marilyn Huser	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Fred & Agatha Breuer family	(Bloomington)
Mon.	11/13	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	11/14	8:15 AM Robert & Song Shaben	(Cassville)
Wed.	11/15	8:15 AM Sharon (Coffin) Burkeland	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	11/16	8:15 AM Living and deceased members of the Tom and Carol Mumm family	(Bloomington)
Fri.	11/17	8:15 AM Carrie Hochhausen	(Bloomington)
Sat.	11/18	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM LeRoy & Patricia Schauff, and Jacob, Frances, and Brian Adrian	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Ed O'Connell	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	11/19	8:00 AM Pro Populo	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Clarence & Margaret Gotto family	(Bloomington)

Scripture for the week of November 13, 2023

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1
 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



Baptism

We joyfully welcome to God's holy family Macy Annemarie Fure, daughter of Jordan and Brooke Fure, who was baptized at St. Charles Church.

November 18 & 19 Weekend Mass Schedule

Fr. Sudhakar – Sat. 8:00 p.m. at Glen Haven and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Patch Grove & 10:00 a.m. at Bloomington
Fr. Mark - Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Lancaster and Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster
Fr. Steve - Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Cassville and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Potosi & 10:00 a.m. at Tennyson

There will be no Masses in the Pastorate on November 23 & 24.

Honoring Our Veterans

Thank you for your faithful service!



Thirty-second Sunday

On this day in the middle of November, the month in which we remember in a special way all who have died, let us reflect on our baptism. When we were baptized in Christ, we were baptized into his death. Therefore, we are with the Lord in life and in death. Those who have died in the Lord are with him eternally, while we here today gather to receive his very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Let us take consolation that we are always with the lord, in life and in death.

Where Are We in the Process of Into the Deep?

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

I want to take this time to thank all of our church finance councils for meeting with me in the month of October. As a result of our meetings, I have been able to gain a better understanding of the financial position of our 7 churches at this time. Canon Law says that the parochial administrator/pastor should issue a report at least once a year to provide a financial summary to the parish. This allows parishioners to see how money is being taken in and spent. This weekend, I have published a financial report for each of our 7 churches – technically, I have issued 6 financial reports since Ss. Andrew-Thomas shares their resources already. This brochure is at the back of the church and is meant to provide you with a summary of your church's financial performance from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

In this month of November, I am going to focus on our pastoral councils and meet with them before the month is over. In our meetings, I will ask them to nominate a person to participate in the Transition Team that is being assembled. The Transition Team will be a team of parishioners selected from the 7 churches whom I will consult with in order to better answer questions related to the merging our 7 churches. For example, the Transition Team will assist me in answering the question: How shall we determine a new name for our parish?

The Transition Team will ensure that every church has a voice as we become more organized as a pastorate, and that my leadership can be properly informed by your advice. Pastoral council meetings will be posted in the bulletin in the next few weeks as we find the best dates and times to meet.

I look forward to this next step in the process, and I continue to pray for your faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
 Fr. Steve Brunner

Evangelization—Bishop Hying

Bishop Hying wants all Catholics in the diocese to commit to evangelization. The first step is for us to accept and live the Gospel. We cannot share what we do not possess ourselves. He has four things that we can do to grow in faith.

1. Develop or strengthen a habit of going to confession regularly, ideally at least once per month.
2. Prioritize Sunday as the Lord's Day in your lives especially by attending Mass.
3. Commit to spending at least 15 minutes per day in prayer, ideally praying often with Scripture.
4. Make asceticism (voluntary practices of self-denial) a regular part of their lives, beginning with at least the mandatory observance of Fridays as penitential fasting days throughout the year.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence
Our Veterans Day Program will be held on Monday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. The public is welcome to attend.

November 13 - 17 is American Education Week.

We will have a prayer service on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at church at 8:15 a.m. Mrs. Drew is fixing a special Thanksgiving meal for the students that day. We are on Thanksgiving vacation from November 22 - 24.

SCRIP: SCRIP has many cards in stock to complete your fall projects. Many local businesses provide SCRIP gift certificates for this fundraiser for our school. 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.



Breakfast with Santa

St. Mary's Breakfast with Santa will take place on Sunday, November 26. Please share the date with your family and friends so they can attend this fun family events and enjoy the yummy breakfast, craft show and lots of delicious Christmas cookies. Please call St. Mary's School 994-2435 for more information.

All St. Mary's fabulous bakers are very welcome to donate cookies and candy for Breakfast with Santa. Monetary donations would also be appreciate.

Please drop your cookies or candy by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 25.

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

Masses intentions for loved ones to be said during 2024 may be scheduled during November and December. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass, and we ask each registered family to scheduled **two Masses** (only one on a weekend). We are hoping by doing this we will be able to allow families to request Masses for newly deceased loved ones.

To schedule Masses, 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 (608-994-2526) the Bloomington Parish Office from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday to schedule Mass intentions.



2023 HARVEST FUND

It's harvest time again which means St. Mary's Harvest Fund has started. We are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling \$13,120.00 so far. We hope all of our parish members will be able to share their bounty and blessings to help with fall and winter expenses for the parish. We appreciate all contributions large or small and thank the many generous parishioners for their continued support.

Goal:	
\$50,000	
\$45,000	
\$40,000	
\$35,000	
\$30,000	
\$25,000	
\$20,000	
\$15,000	
\$10,000	
\$5,000	
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St. Mary Parish Council

President: Melanie Mergen

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

St. John Parish Council

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



Family Faith Formation

The next class will be held at St. Charles School, Cassville on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:45 p.m. Families can register by calling a parish office.

Steubenville Youth Conference

All Teens in 8th thru 12th grade (class of 2024 - 2028) in Pastorate #1 are invited to attend the "Illuminate" Steubenville Youth Conference at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, held on July 26- 28, 2024. For more information and to sign up, please contact the St. Mary's or St. Charles Parish offices. You may also contact Angie Pierce at apn1994@gmailcom. **Registration form and deposit due before November 14.**

St. John's CCW News

St. John's CCW will meet on Nov. 12 after Mass. All women in our parish are welcome to attend.

Ladies, please remember to take home your pans and dishes from the Smorgasbord.

Reflection

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending November 3, 2023

Church Support.....	\$1,270.00
Offertory.....	\$161.00
3K Program.....	\$727.00
School Tuition.....	\$1,541.46
Harvest Fund.....	\$3,200.00
Gifts.....	\$600.00
St. Charles Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$701.35
Interest from Perrin/McDermott Memorial Fund.....	\$509.90

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. Single members are asked to contribute \$500.00 and family are asked to contribute 1,000.00. Families are also asked to contribute \$300.00 for the Harvest Funds and single members are asked to donate \$150.00.

St. John's Collections for the week ending on November 3, 2023

Church Support.....	\$360.00
Offertory.....	\$180.00
International Combined Collection.....	\$110.00

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St. John's Ministry Schedule for November 19, 2023

	<u>8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</u>
Lector:	Carol Harris
Communion:	Roger McKinney
Ushers:	Gene Harris, Ray Breuer
Servers:	Matthew & Ty Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for November 19, 2023

	<u>10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</u>
Lector:	Mary Sue White
Communion:	Mary Sue White
Sacristans:	Greg & Jane Patterson
Gifts:	Matt & Kim Vogt family
Ushers:	Mike Mergen, Mike Mumm
Server:	Libby & Tessa Vogt



Advent Breakfast on December 3

Mark your calendars! The Advent Breakfast is scheduled for December 3. We are looking for volunteers to help with the breakfast, in the kitchen and dining room as well as selling tickets. If you are interested, please contact Angela Adams at 608-794-

2107.

Family Faith Formation Classes

Fr. Mark Miller invites families with children in grades 5K-9th grade to participate in the Family Faith Formation /Religious Education program.

The next class will be held at St. Charles School, Cassville on Wed., November 15 at 6:45 p.m. Families can register by calling a parish office.

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St. Charles Catholic Montessori

Early Education Program

If you have questions or if you would like to register your child, please contact Cassie Okey at cassie.okey@stcharlescassville.org.

Catholic Question & Answer

Question:

Where does the money go that is collected each week at church?

Answer:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations including the basic needs to operate the church. This includes expenses for heating and cooling, electricity and other expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music and Mass books, vestments, and so on, plus there are salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there may be schools to support, programs to run, and charities to fund. In some cases, there are expenses for cemeteries and other parish buildings. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the contributions from the weekly collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. However, cash flow can be a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Parish Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management. Good stewardship is the basis for a financially stable parish.

St. Charles Parish Council

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



Mass Intentions

Please contact Cheryl at the the St. Charles Parish office at 608-725-5595 to schedule a Mass at St. Charles or St. Mary Help of Christians Church the rest of 2023 and for 2024.



ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE (1769-1852) November 18

Pope Benedict once declared himself struck by how remarkably diverse our American saints are—some native born: Mother Seton, Katherine Drexel, Kateri Tekakwitha; most, like many Catholics today, immigrants: Padre Serra, Bishop Neumann, Mother Cabrini, and Rose Philippine Duchesne. When the French Revolution that dispersed her convent ended, Rose joined the Religious of the Sacred Heart, volunteering for their United States mission, opening the first free school west of the Mississippi. Only after lengthy service as Superior did Rose—now seventy-one—realize her life's dream, undertaking a mission among the Potawatomi Indians. When some worried about her advanced age and failing health, the Jesuit mission leader overruled them: "She must come! She may not be able to do much work, but she'll bring the mission success by praying for us!" Frustrated by her inability to learn their languages, Rose nevertheless "spoke" to the Native Americans by her prayerful presence before the tabernacle. "Quah-kah-kanum-ad," they named her, "Woman-Who-Prays-Always"—their way of bestowing the title the Church would later make official: saint! —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

"If we love Jesus, we shall be loved in turn by Him, and that is perfect happiness."

- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Charles, Cassville for November 4, 2023

Church Support.....	\$NA
Offertory.....	\$NA
International Combined Collection.....	\$NA
Diocesan Tax.....	\$NA

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for November 4, 2023

Church Support.....	\$70.00
Offertory.....	\$78.00

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. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council

President: Joe Breuer

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

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

4:30 p.m. Mass on November 18, 2023

Lector:	Abby Tasker
Communion:	Scott Knox
Servers:	Audrey & Aimslee Tasker
Ushers:	Tim, Holly & Adison Tasker

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on November 18, 2023

Lector:	Theresa Zimmer
Communion:	Tracy Walz
Servers:	Mezera's
Ushers:	Tim Walz, Gerard Zimmer



Celebrate Life

-Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows easily... And abortion, which often follows from contraception, brings a people to be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome. -St. Teresa of Calcutta

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 or the Women's Care Center in Madison, WI at 608-241-8100. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.WisconsinRightToLife.org.



Clarity Clinic Baby Bottles & Diapers

If anyone still has a Baby Bottle from the Clarity Clinic fundraiser, please return it to a parish office. They would like to have all of the bottles back before the end of the year.

Also, they are in need of size 4 baby diapers for families with little ones. Diapers may be placed in the box at the back of St. Mary's Church or dropped off at the parish office in Bloomington.

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

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Let us appreciate our spouses by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Dec. 2-3 in Madison, WI; Feb. 9-11, 2024 in Geneva, IL or April 27-28, 2024 in Mundelein, IL. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

The AA meetings are every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Cassville.

The National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline-

Call, text or chat 988 to reach a trained counselor. These trained counselors will listen, understand how problems are affecting a person, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary. **There is help specifically for farmers.**



MEETINGS

- *Nov. 12-St. John's CCW meeting after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
- *Nov. 14-St. Mary's Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 16-St. John's Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 21-St. Charles Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *Nov. 30-St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

EVENTS

- *November 12-Doughnut Sunday at St. John's after Mass
- *November 26-Breakfast with Santa at St. Mary School
- *December 3- St. Charles Advent Breakfast
- *December 3- Solemn Choral Vespers and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Name Oratory, Madison
- *December 10-Bishop Donald Hying at St. Mary Church, Bloomington for an evening program
- *December 12- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- *December 17-Diocesan Choir and Chamber Orchestra performance *A Service of Lessons and Carols*, Madison
- *December 18-St. Mary's Christmas Program



Holiday Grief Gathering

We would like to invite all who have lost loved ones this last year to a **Holiday Grief Gathering that will be held at St. Clement Church, Lancaster on Thursday, November 30, from 6:00-8:00p.m.** For more information, please contact Bill Manthe at St. Clement Parish, or Marcia Hampton.



Planning Continues for OPERATION SANTA CLAUS in the River Ridge Area

Members of the West Grant Lions Club, which sponsors Operation Santa Claus in the River Ridge area, are continuing to work on planning which includes the ordering of food items and arranging for delivering people in the communities and surrounding areas served by the club. This includes the Bagley, Bloomington, Glen Haven, Mount Hope, and Patch Grove areas.

If you have any nonperishable food items (especially canned goods) please bring them to one of the collection places in Bloomington. Items can be left at Bloomington Monuments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at the lobby entrance to the Bloomington Public Library (which is also the entrance to the Village office) on any week day and also any Saturday morning. The Lions Club cannot distribute home canned foods or home baked items.

Money donations for Operation Santa Claus are still needed and may be mailed to the West Grant Lions Club Treasurer, Joe Gates, P. O. Box 142, Bloomington, WI 53804. Be sure to make checks out to the West Grant Lions Club. The deadline for making money donations is December 1.

Some of the members of the River Ridge Leos Club will be helping with the loading of food boxes and some will accompany Lions members and volunteers who are making food deliveries.

KC Council 4416 News

With the holidays approaching, the Council will not hold meetings in November and December. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on **January 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Mary's Church basement in Bloomington. Blessings to all as we approach the Christmas season.