

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

November 5, 2023

We Remember

The members of our parishes remember and pray for their loved ones who passed into eternal life during November 2022-October 2023:

St. Mary's Parish

Joe Bierman

Martina Huffman

Mary Neis

Ruthanne Copsey

Laura Joyce

Jeanine Smith

Glenn Horkheimer

Peter Kirschbaum

Coletta Wegmann

St. Charles' Parish

Marjorie Ackerman

Larry Bernhardt

Lila Hochhausen

Lois McCann

Douglas Schiffman

Chad Adrian

Chris J. Esser

Charles Kinyon

Diane Ploessl

Robert Soule

Mary Wildman

Loyd Beesecker

Carolyn Hochhausen

Sr. Eva Maria Lorscheter

Patricia Pritchett

Catherine Tennessen

St. Mary Help of Christians' Parish

Patricia Walz

St. John's Parish

Doris Valentine McLimans

Virginia Walz

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Rev. Stephen Brunner

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Rev. Mark Miller

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Rev. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	11/4	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Gene & Pat Walz	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Pro Populo	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	11/5	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the	
		Hromadka family	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Joe Bierman	(Bloomington)
Mon.	11/6	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	11/7	8:15 AM James Adrian	(Cassville)
Wed.	11/8	8:15 AM Gerald Rauch	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	11/9	8:15 AM Loren "Butch" Hampton	(Bloomington)
Fri.	11/10	8:15 AM Gary Vogt	(Bloomington)
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)

Scripture for the week of November 6, 2023

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

November 11 & 12 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

Clarity Clinic Baby Bottles & Diaper Request

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Has it been awhile since your last confession? This month take time to go to confession, even if you can't remember the words; even if you don't know where to start. The priest will gently guide you through the steps. There's nothing to be embarrassed about because all of us need God's forgiveness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the Church's Sacraments of Healing. Open your heart to God's mercy, feel how much He loves you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Times on 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

Please contact Fr. Steve, Fr. Mark or Fr. Sudhakar about other times for confessions.



Thirty-first Sunday

We come together today to praise and thank God and to celebrate the Eucharist as Jesus called us to do. We do all this in a spirit of humility, aware that all that we are and all that we have comes ultimately from God and that the Eucharist is Christ's own Body and Blood, which he offered to us so that we could have eternal life. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is proper to humble ourselves before the Lord, for we are called to serve, not to be served.

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 share 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.

Our parish website: swwcatholicparishes.com

St. Mary Church, Bloomington



St. John Church, Patch Grove



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

Last week the student council sponsored "Red Ribbon Week". It is a week where we show our desire to be Drug Free. We had a kickoff on Monday, followed by different themes the rest of the week.

The 3rd and 4th graders attended the Dubuque Symphony on Thursday, November 2.

Our Veterans Day Program will be held on Monday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. It is being presented by the 6th grade class. The public is welcome to attend.

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 plan to attend this fun family events. Please call St. Mary's School 994-2435 for more information.

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.

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God. Anonymous



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 early donations totaling \$9,920.00. 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

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, Mike McCabe, McKenzie Stagman, Kayla Needham



Family Faith Formation

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 Wednesday, November 15 at 6:45 p.m.

Families can register by calling a parish office.



St. John's CCW News

St. John's DOUGHNUT SUNDAY will take place after Mass on November 12.

St. John's CCW will meet on Nov. 12 after Mass.

All women in our parish are welcome to attend.

St. John's Food Pantry Thank You's

Thank you to Catholic Financial Life Chapter 15 for the very generous donation toward paper products for 150 families. Thank you to Patsy White and Deb Van Bogaert for picking everything up and for delivering it to the food pantry. Thank you Deb Van Bogaert and Karen White for helping at food pantry in September to help get everything distributed.

Songambele Hospital Fundraiser Thank You's

The fundraiser for supplies for Songambele Hospital in Tanzania raised \$2,704. Thank you to everyone who gave donations. This money will greatly help with purchasing much needed supplies.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending October 27, 2023

Church Support.....	\$465.00
Offertory.....	\$206.00
3K Program.....	\$691.38
Harvest Fund.....	\$5,050.00
Rent of Parish Facilities.....	\$100.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$23.00

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 October 27, 2023

Church Support.....	\$255.00
Offertory.....	\$236.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00
Memorial for Craig Harris.....	\$100.00

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St. John's Ministry Schedule for November 12, 2023

	8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Barb Stagman
Communion:	Michelle Breuer
Ushers:	Charlie Martin, Tom Breuer
Servers:	Avery Needham, Katie Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for November 12, 2023

	10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Jeff Davis
Communion:	Jeff Davis
Sacristans:	Jeff Davis
Gifts:	Mark & Erin Kluesner family
Ushers:	Joe Mergen, Dan Bierman
Server:	Gabe & Leif Kluesner

St. Charles Church, Cassville



St. Mary Church, Glen Haven



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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, 608-794-2107.

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: Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer: All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

St. Charles Parish Council

President: Denny Uppena

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

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The cost of printing our bulletins is defrayed through the local business and individuals who advertise in the bulletin. Please thank these generous sponsors and mention that you saw their ad in our bulletin. It is always good to let them know that their advertising works. **Please contact a parish office if you would like to advertise in the bulletin.**



Mass Intentions

Please contact 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.

Saint Leo the Great—November 10

Elected in 440, Pope Leo the Great worked tirelessly as "Peter's successor until his death in 461 focusing on the importance of the Bishop of Rome in the Church, and of the Church as the ongoing sign of Christ's presence in the world. His work branched into four main areas. The first of these involved the rebuttal of heresies including Pelagianism, which overemphasizes human freedom and Manichaeism which sees everything material as evil and other heresies.

A second major area of his concern was doctrinal controversy in the Church in the East. He responded with a classic letter setting down the Church's teaching on the two natures of Christ. With strong faith, he also led the defense of Rome against barbarian attack, taking the role of peacemaker.

The fourth focus of his work was the pastoral care of his people and his ability to reach the everyday needs and interest of his people through his powerful sermons and call to holiness. It is said of Leo that his true significance rests in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the Church and in the supernatural charisms of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and in his Body, the Church.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Charles, Cassville for October 21, 2023

Church Support.....	\$1,565.00
Offertory.....	\$86.00
International Combined Collection.....	\$155.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00
Respect Life Collection.....	\$45.00

St. Charles, Cassville for October 28, 2023

Church Support.....	\$525.00
Offertory.....	\$245.00
International Combined Collection.....	\$200.00
Diocesan Tax.....	\$80.00

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for October 28, 2023

Church Support.....	\$511.56
Offertory.....	\$48.00
International Combined Collection.....	\$220.00

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 11, 2023

Lector:	Gordy Kremer
Communion:	Scott Knox
Sacristan:	Bev Klauer
Servers:	Anna & Natalia Paar
Ushers:	Jim Koopman, Joe Ploessl, Gene Adrian

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on November 11, 2023

Lector:	Cindi Breuer
Communion:	Cindi Breuer
Servers:	Timothy Breuer, Luke Patterson
Ushers:	Joe Breuer, Kurt Breuer



Celebrate Life

2277 Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.

Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded.-Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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.

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 ljkarlen@hotmail.com or 608-445-2064.

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Whether recent or many years ago ... Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer hope and peace for anyone, women or men who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain after abortion. Upcoming retreat: Nov.10-12. Confidential and private. **Contact Mary: Call 608-821-3177, Text 608-215-0061 or email: rachel@madisondiocese.org**



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Be humble to one another. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on Dec. 2-3 in Madison, WI; Feb. 9-11, 2024 in Geneva, IL or April 27-28, 2024 in Mundelein, IL. Visit our website at - alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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

EVENTS

*November 11-14th Annual Back Home For Christmas Craft Show 9 AM - 3 PM at the Holiday Gardens Event Center in Potosi. There will also be a Silent Auction, door prizes, and food. Free admission.
*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 12- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
*December 18-St. Mary's Christmas Program

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 aprn1994@gmail.com. **Registration form and deposit due before November 14.**



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.



OPERATION SANTA CLAUS IN THE RIVER RIDGE AREA

Operation Santa Claus is sponsored by the West Grant Lions Club to help those families in need to have a Merry Christmas. The club serves the Bagley, Bloomington, Glen Haven, Mt. Hope and Patch Grove areas.

Money donations which are needed for the purchase of food items 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 Friday, December 1.

If you have any nonperishable food items (especially canned goods) please bring them to one of the collection locations which will be announced at a later date. Also please mark the bags or boxes as being for the West Grant Lions Operation Santa Claus. Sometimes there are other organizations or classes who are gathering food items for a different project. The Lions Club can't distribute home canned foods or home baked items.

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.

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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