

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 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) 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.

DECEMBER 5, 2021



SECOND Sunday OF *Advent*

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God our Father,

Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	12/4	4:30 PM	Al & Florence Errthum and descendants (Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Ralph & Margaret Ploessl (Glen Haven)
Sun.	12/5	8:00 AM	All Parishioners (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Andrew & Leta Hoffman (Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Jill Uppena (Cassville)
Mon.	12/6	8:15 AM	Nicholas (Jack) Valentine (Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration (Cassville)
Tues.	12/7	8:15 AM	Rebecca Fure (Cassville)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tues.	12/7	5:30 PM	All Parishioners (Cassville)
Wed.	12/8	8:15 AM	Fr. Laverne Meier (Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Henry & Margaret Makovec (Cassville)
		4:00 PM	James & Virginia Fleming (Cassville)
		7:30 PM	Richard Hoffman (Bloomington)

Thurs.	12/9	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration (Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Scott Plondke (Bloomington)
	12/10	8:15 AM	No Mass
Sat.	12/11	4:30 PM	Jacob, Frances and Brian Adrian and LeRoy & Pat Schauff (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	All Parishioners (Glen Haven)
Sun.	12/12	8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Charlie & Cathy Martin family (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Jim and Shirley Wegmuller (Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Charlie, Joan and Sandy Dean (Cassville)

Scripture for the week of December 6, 2021

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check the Liturgy Schedule for Mass times. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on December 12 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year.

St. Charles Advent Breakfast

Dine-in or carry out

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9 a.m. – Noon

Menu: Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Hash Brown Casserole, Cinnamon Swirl Coffee Cake, Applesauce

Carry-out \$10

Dine-in: Adult- \$10 Children (6-11)- \$5

Children 5 and under- Free

Raffle Drawing at Noon, Santa's workshop, Visit from Santa



ADVENT 2021

Family gatherings, parish breakfasts, and holiday decorating are taking place again after a year in which so many holiday traditions were suspended. We enjoy when we can be together as family and community.

But there is also ominous news as some people are ill and we hear of dreadful, evil violence in places like Waukesha. We need a deeper center for the hope that we desire this Advent and Christmas season. We need a stronger relationship to Jesus Christ and it will only come to us through PRAYER.

Bishop Hying has asked us to focus on listening to the Word of God so we are again evangelized by Jesus Christ.

Evangelization begins with us, the practicing Catholic Community, the Church. Bishop Hying has asked us to intentionally commit to praying each day, regularly going to confession, doing some form of mortification (penance) at least weekly, and keeping Sunday a day dedicated to God. These outward commitments will lead us to a deeper relation with Jesus Christ.

1. Let us all say the prayer for our nation (that is listed on the cover of this bulletin) every day and at every Mass and at meetings.
2. Everyone should make a personal commitment to praying for 15 minutes each day.
3. We will sing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* as a Communion hymn at all Advent Masses.
4. Everyone is asked to make use of some source for spiritual reflection. There are booklets available at each church and online there are many resources for reflection and discussion. Here are some possibilities: Bishop Donald Hying's "A Moment with the Bishop" videos at <https://madisondiocese.org/> or you can search for them on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch>. Bishop Barron's Advent Reflections at <https://www.adventreflections.com/> Dynamic Catholic Advent Reflections at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/advent-reflections.html>

Advent -A Time for Confession

This Advent season, I invite everyone to participate in the merciful Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for Christmas.

Times for Private Confession

Monday's at 4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles Church, Cassville
Monday's at 6:00-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington
Saturday's at 3:45-4:00 p.m. alternating between St. Charles, Cassville and St. Mary's, Bloomington
Saturday's at 7:30-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Glen Haven
Sunday's at 7:40 a.m. at St. John Church, Patch Grove

Communal Reconciliation (with visiting priests)

St. Charles Church, Cassville on Wed., Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.
St. Mary Church, Bloomington on Wed., Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Please check the bulletin for other times for individual reconciliation. Please share this invitation of God's mercy with others who may not read our bulletin and encourage them to receive this powerful sacrament.

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



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

Breakfast with Santa was a great success. There are a few ornaments left on the "Adopt-a-Family" Tree. If anyone is interested in purchasing gifts for the family, please stop at school between 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

The St. Mary Staff invites interested individuals to join them in person to discuss an online podcast called "Abiding Together" at 3:10 p.m. on Monday afternoons during Advent in the St. Mary's School Teacher's lounge. They will listen to each week's podcast and discuss questions and thoughts as they prepare their hearts for Jesus this Advent. They hope to hear from you! If you are interested in joining the online discussion group, please contact Andrea Mezera at mezeraa@stmarybl.org. For more information or to subscribe to digital content, please visit <https://www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com/>.

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.



Breakfast with Santa Thank You's

A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who supported, helped with and attended St. Mary's Breakfast with Santa last Sunday! A special thank you to the crew who prepared the delicious breakfast and the many wonderful people who worked and helped organized the event. There are not enough words to thank you for your help which made it a successful day.

Thank You's

A huge thank you to Todd Kielley for volunteering the use of his LUL lift to clean the eaves and downspouts on the rectory, school, and church. We deeply appreciate his help and the help of Mike Noethe and Dave Meoska to complete this project before winter.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

It is time again to think of decorating our churches for Christmas, and we are asking the members of St. Mary's and St. John's churches to help by purchasing poinsettias in memory of their loved ones. **The prices for the flowers are \$16.00 for a small poinsettia, \$28.00 for a medium poinsettia, and \$40.00 for a large poinsettia.** Parishioners also have the option of making a donation to help offset the cost of decorating the churches.

Memorials may be dropped off at the parish office or put in the weekend collection before December 18. Please indicate on the envelope what size plant, which church it is being given to, the name of the person(s) it is being given in memory or honor of, and your name.



2021 HARVEST FUND

In this time of giving thanks, we are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling \$23,392.78 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
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St. Mary's Religious Education

St. Mary's Religious Ed classes for Wed., December 8:

Grades 1-6: 7:00 p.m. The students will have a short class learning about the Immaculate Conception of Mary and will join their families at 7:30 p.m. to attend Mass with them.

Grades 7-10: 7:15-8:45 p.m. The students will attend the Holy Day Mass with their families followed by class until 8:45 p.m.

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.



Needed With Snow Removal

Unfortunately, winter is just around the corner and with it snow. We are in need of someone(s) to keep St. Mary's church steps and sidewalks clear of snow and ice this winter. **Please contact Fr. John or the parish office at 994-2526 for more information about this paid position.**

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending November 26, 2021	
Church Support.....	\$4,339.00
Offertory.....	\$322.65
Harvest Fund.....	\$2,000.00
3K Program Tuition.....	\$1,106.75
Rent of Parish Facilities.....	\$75.00
Memorials & Gifts.....	\$5,100.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00

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 November 26, 2021

Church Support.....	\$265.00
Offertory.....	\$123.00

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

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

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for December 8, 2021

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass

Lector:	Deb Campbell
Communion:	Deb Campbell
Ushers:	Charley Errthum, Dave Mergen
Server :	CCD Students

St. John's Ministry Schedule for December 12, 2021

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector:	Carol Harris
Communion:	Mike McCabe
Ushers:	Charlie Martin, Gene Harris
Server:	Ty & Katie Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for December 12, 2021

Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass

Lector:	Joanie Dickerson
Communion:	Joanie Dickerson
Sacristan:	Greg & Jane Patterson
Ushers:	Ronnie Mumm, Ken Kluesner
Server	Braden & Mallory Crubel



St. Charles Advent Breakfast

Dine-in or carry out

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9 a.m. – Noon

Menu: Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Hash Brown Casserole, Cinnamon Swirl Coffee Cake, Applesauce
Carry-out \$10

Dine-in: Adult- \$10 Children (6-11)- \$5
Children 5 and under- Free

Raffle Drawing at Noon, Santa's workshop, Visit from Santa



St. Charles School News

St. Charles students enjoyed participating in the Christmas in Cassville parade with a live Nativity scene and St. Charles float. The students were also involved with other organizations' activities and floats. Our St. Charles students are highly involved in the Cassville community.

St. Charles students and families, in cooperation with the religious education families, are hosting the Advent Breakfast on Dec. 5, 9a.m.-noon.

The Christmas program is Dec. 9 at 6:00 p.m. We would love to see you there!

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.

Mass Intentions

Please contact Cheryl at the St. Charles Parish office at 725-5595 to schedule a Masses at St. Charles Church.

Message from Royal Neighbors

There will be a **COOKIE & CANDY SALE** on Friday, December 10, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 11, from 8:00 a.m. to NOON at the Cassville Municipal Building. The Proceeds are going to the Grant County Cancer Coalition.



Reflection

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."

(Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for November 27, 2021:

Church Support.....\$290.00
 Offertory.....\$120.00
 Fuel Fund.....\$150.00

St. Charles, Cassville for November 28, 2021

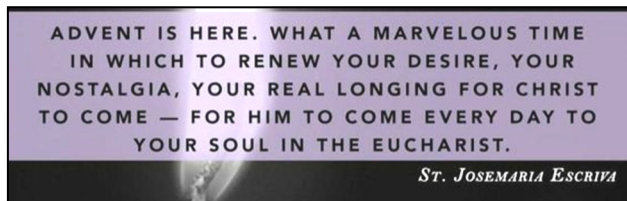
Church Support.....\$2,010.00
 Offertory.....\$373.00

St. Charles, Cassville for November 21, 2021

Church Support.....\$655.00
 Offertory.....\$265.00
 Flowers.....\$100.00

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 for Dec. 7 & 8, 2021

5:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Lector: Gordon Kremer
 Communion: Scott Knox
 Ushers: Rick & Cheryl Junk
 Servers: NA

4:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass

Lector: CCD Students
 Communion: Holly Fishnick
 Ushers: CCD Students
 Servers: CCD Students

St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for December 11, 2021

8:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

Lector: Cindi Breuer
 Communion: Cindi Breuer
 Ushers: Joe Breuer, Ed Breuer
 Servers: Cody & Mason Mezera

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for Dec. 11 & 12, 2021

4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

Lector: Patty Okey
 Communion: Patty Okey
 Ushers: Gene Adrian, Elijah & Ezra Okey
 Servers: Erasmus Okey, Adison Tasker

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector: Denny Uppena
 Communion: Judy Adrian
 Sacristan: Judy Adrian
 Ushers: Jack & Joan Bausch
 Servers: NA



Celebrate Life

"When I found out I was pregnant, I was so scared and felt like I didn't know where to turn. I felt like I had no other choice. After I had my abortion I felt relief at first. But after 7 years of denial it finally hit me. I was so scared when I found out what an abortion really [is]. I was so angry at my family and boyfriend (now husband). I felt like nobody was there for me. I was angry at the clinic personnel for saying everything would be fine. I found Project Rachel and they helped me start to grieve [for] my child. So many women feel that if they had more support and truth during their crisis pregnancy many lives would have been saved." Help is available: Call 1-800-712-HELP

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.

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

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Sign up today to prepare your marriage to follow the Lord by attending one of the next **virtual** Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan. 8-9; in person Experiences on Feb. 11-13 in Madison, WI or April 22-24 in Brookfield, WI. Visit our website at - 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.

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.

"Eternal Father I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen." Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in

MEETINGS

*December 5-St. John's CCW meeting after 8:00a.m. Mass

*Jan. 10, 2022- St. Mary's Parish Council meeting, Bloomington

EVENTS

*December 5-St. Charles Advent Breakfast

*Dec. 9-St. Charles School Christmas program at 6:00 p.m.

*December 14 - St. John's Food Pantry at 1:00 p.m.

*December 15-St. Mary's School Christmas Program at 7:00 p.m.

TEC Retreat at St. Dennis, Madison

The Retreat will be Dec. 27-29 (noon on Monday to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday). TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. TEC is especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart who are 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. This is also a 'shout out' to those of you who have already experienced a TEC retreat and would like to help with this one. Fr. Randy Timmerman is the Spiritual Director. Online or paper applications and more information about TEC can be found www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC or contacting Marie Lins at the OEC at 608.821.3135.



ST. JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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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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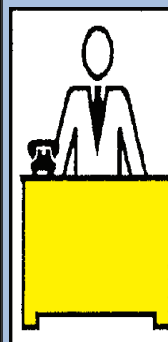
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