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

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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. Greg.

Sacraments: Reconciliation

Fr. Greg will be available to hear confessions on: Mondays-4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles and 6:00-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

Thursdays- 7:30-8:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Bloomington Saturdays- 3:30-4:15p.m. at St. Charles, and 7:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Glenn Haven Sundays- 6:45-7:15 a.m. St. John, Patch Grove and 8:45-9:15 a.m. at St. Marv's, Bloomington.

Baptism

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

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call Fr. Greg 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 Fr. Greg 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!

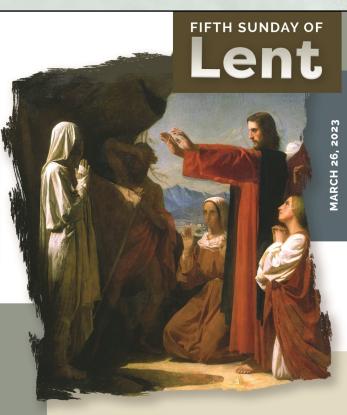
St. Charles and St. Mary's School-Faith, **Family and Academic Excellence**

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 608-994-2435 for St. Mary School or Ms. Dianne Makovec at 608-725-5173 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 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 St. Mary's Parish Office Hours (608) 994-2526 Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Our parish website: www.swwicatholicparishes.com



He cried out in a loud voice. "Lazarus, come out!"

John 11:43

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

646 Christ's Resurrection was not a return to earthly life, as was the case with the raisings from the dead that he had performed before Easter: Jairus' daughter, the young man of Naim, Lazarus. These actions were miraculous events, but the persons miraculously raised returned by Jesus' power to ordinary earthly life. At some particular moment they would die again. Christ's Resurrection is essentially different. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space. At Jesus' Resurrection his body is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit: he shares the divine life in his glorious state, so that St. Paul can say that Christ is "the man of heaven".

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

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Sat.	3/25	4:30 PM	Chris Esser		(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Sam Walz		(Glen Haven)
Sun.	3/26	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		(Patch Grove)
		9:30 AM	Living and	deceased memb	ers of the
			John & Edn	a Busch family	(Bloomington)
Mon.	3/27	8:15 AM	Sharon (Co	ffin) Burkeland	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30	AM Adorati	on	(Cassville)
Tues.			Joyce Adria		(Cassville)
Wed.	3/29	8:15 AM	Esther Stier	man	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	3/30	8:15 AM	Richard & M	Mary Anne Hof	fman
					(Bloomington)
		8:45-9:30	AM Adorati	on	(Bloomington)
Fri.	3/31	8:15 AM	No Mass		
Sat.	4/1	4:30 PM	Living and	deceased memb	ers of the
			Bink & Edi	th Bausch famil	y (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Pro Populo		(Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/2	7:30 AM	Living and	deceased memb	ers of the
			Hromadka	family	(Patch Grove)
		9:30 AM	Dan Bark		(Bloomington)

Scripture for the week of March 27, 2023

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
	Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20
-	23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]



<u>Baptism</u>

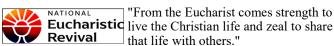
We joyfully welcome to God's holy family Mia Genevieve Noethe, daughter of Christopher and Gina Noethe, who was baptized at St. Mary Church, Bloomington.



GET Out and VOTE - April 4, 2023

On Tuesday, April 4 Wisconsin voters will select a new member to serve on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The two candidates running for the court have very different views on the role of the court, Wisconsin laws and human life before birth. Please take time to find out what each candidate believes. Your vote matters!

Please vote for the candidate who will preserve constitutional rights, uphold the rule of law, prevent judicial activism and is a person who will protect a women right to choose life. It is our responsibility to place leaders in office who will truly protect our religious freedom.



- St. Pope John Paul II

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Fr. Greg's Reflections

Resurrection of Lazarus The signs of the kingdom of God

Jesus accompanies his words with many "mighty works and wonders and signs", which manifest that the kingdom is present in him and attest that he was the promised Messiah.

The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that He is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for "offence"; they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic. Despite his evident miracles some people reject Jesus; he is even accused of acting by the power of demons. 549 By freeing some individuals from the earthly evils of hunger, injustice, illness and death, Jesus performed messianic signs. Nevertheless he did not come to abolish all evils here below, but to free men from the gravest slavery, sin, which thwarts them in their vocation as God's sons and <u>causes all</u> forms of human bondage. (CCC 547-548)

The raising of Lazarus is the 6th miracle of Jesus in John's Gospel, each miracle grows the divine revelation of Jesus as the Christ. Jesus intentionally waits for Lazarus to die and be dead for several days so that the Revelation of the coming of God's Kingdom is obviously apparent. While knowing what he will do, he still enters into the suffering and pain of loss, allowing himself to suffer along with Mary and Martha. Jesus isn't showing off, as one who stands aloof from suffering; no, he is allowing the Father to reveal to us the depth and degree of depravity that he will encounter and overcome. We have a savior who enters into suffering with us; conquers it, and redeems us; to show us who he is. The seventh miracle in John's Gospel is Jesus' Resurrection from the Dead.

M Upcoming Lenten Activities

Friday, March 31– Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7:00 p.m. at St. Charles Church, Cassville

Triduum & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:April 67:30 p.m. – St. Charles Church, Cassville

with Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Lord's Passion Good Friday Services:

April 71:00 p.m.- St. Mary Church, Bloomington
5:00 p.m. - St. Charles Church, Cassville

Easter Vigil Holy Saturday Mass:

April 8 8:00 p.m.- St. Mary Church, Bloomington Easter Sunday:

April 98:00a.m.- St. Mary Church, Bloomington10:00a.m. – St. Charles Church, Cassville

Into the Deep - Pastorate 1

Bishop Hying has finalized that our four parishes will join with St. Clement Parish, Lancaster, St. Andrew Parish, Tennyson and St. Thomas Parish in Potosi to form Pastorate 1. Father Stephen Brunner has been named as the Parochial Administrator and Fr. Sudhakar Devarapu and Fr. Mark Miller have been named as Parochial Vicars of the pastorate. More information about the final assignments can be found at https:// www.intothedeepmadison.org/pastorates-and-priests

March 26, 2023

St. Mary Church, Bloomington



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence Our next Stations of the Cross is on Friday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m.

Students and staff at St. Mary's enjoyed a pizza party, because we met our Scrip goal. A special thank you to local business Route 35 and St. Mary's Home and School Association for funding this party. As spring and summer approach we have stocked up on your scrip needs for home improvement projects! You may also download the RaiseRight App to instantly download some scrip cards while you're out shopping. If you need any help or guidance, please reach out to Molly Breuer to walk you through the app process.

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.

Easter Flower Memorials

We are asking members of St. John's and St. Mary's to help decorate our churches for the Easter season by purchasing flowers in memory of their loved ones. The prices for the flowers are: Kalanchoe \$27.00 Lily \$20.00

Mum 20.00Large Lily \$40.00Begonia \$30.00Azalea \$40.00Calla Lily \$40.00

Memorial donations to help offset the cost of decorating the churches are also appreciated. Memorials may be put in the weekend collection or dropped off at the parish office by April 2. Please indicate on the envelope what type of 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.

Part-time Custodian

St. Mary's Catholic Church is currently seeking a part-time Custodian to join our team in Bloomington. This position will have flexible hours (maximum of 20 hours per week or less) at \$15 an hour.

Please contact St. Mary's Parish office (608-994-2526 or email sunday7@tds.net) for a list of duties, requirements and other information.

We Need Your Help!

Last weekend, Fr. Greg mentioned the financial challenges that St. Mary Parish is facing. Due to rising costs and other factors beyond our control (for example, our parish insurance has increased by 24.75%, heating costs are up, and we have received less income from restricted funds) we will need to raise an additional \$50,000.00 to cover parish expenses from now until the end of the fiscal year.

We will also need to raise funds to replace the original 1949 roof on the rectory. We will let you

know the expected cost after we receive the bids. Fr. Greg has pledges to donated \$400.00 dollars each month until July and asks all parish members to be generous in their support of St. Mary's. We need our parish to be financially strong as we join with the other parishes in our pastorate. We are deeply grateful to the generous people who have donated \$2,900.00 for this fund drive so far. God bless and thank you for supporting St. Mary's!

Goal:	
\$50,000	
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St. John Church, Patch Grove

Religious Education

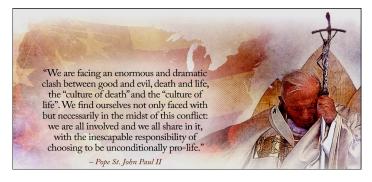
The next Family Faith Formation classes will be at St. Charles School on Wednesday, April 12 with a meal at 6:30 p.m. and class at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Thank You's</u>

We are deeply grateful to Steve Adrian, Bloomington Meats II for donating the delicious pulled pork and for the St. John's ladies who donated the yummy bars for the Family Faith Formation supper. Everyone enjoyed the food very much and we are grateful for all who support the faith formation of our children from the cluster.

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 <u>https://</u> <u>signup.formed.org/</u> You will need to enter 53804 to find our <u>subscription which is listed under Southwest Wisconsin</u> <u>Catholic Parishes</u>. Then enter your name and email address. That's it! You're in.



PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

<u>PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES</u>	
St. Mary's Collections for the period ending March 17, 202	3
Church Support\$3	,885.00
Offertory	\$251.75
3K Program Fees\$1	
School Tuition	\$61.64
Gifts\$3	,010.00
Catholic Herald	\$20.00
St. Mary's families are asked to generously contri	bute
toward the support of parish expenses.	
St. John's Collections for the week ending on March 17, 20	23
Church Support\$	120.00
Offertory	.\$50.00
St. John's families are asked to generously contril	oution
toward the support of parish expenses.	

St. John's Ministry Schedule for April 2, 2023		
	7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass	
Lector:	Bob McLimans	
Communion:	Roger McKinney	
Ushers:	Charlie Martin, Ray Breuer	
Servers:	Avery Needham, Katie Tolle	
St. Mary Mini	istry Schedule for April 2, 2023	
	9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass	
Lector:	Mary Sue White	
Communion:	Ione Meoska	
Sacristans:	Greg & Jane Patterson	
Gifts:	Mark & Erin Kluesner family	
Ushers:	Eric Fuerstenberg, Daniel Herbers	
Server:	Gabe & Leif Kluesner, Sawyer Breuer	

St. Charles Church, Cassville



<u>ST. CHARLES FISH FRY</u>

Plan to attend St. Charles Fish Fry on Friday, March 31, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the delicious baked or fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw, grilled cheese, roll, potato chips, and

dessert. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children ages 6-10 years old. Carry-outs are \$15.50.

This is a Catholic Financial Life Matching Fund event. Parishioners are asked to donate a dessert or a

0.00 donation towards the food for the Fish Fry.

St. Charles Catholic Montessori Early Education Program

We are excited to have a Montessori/Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Early Education Program for Children ages 3-6 starting for the 2023/2024 school year at St. Charles. This is equivalent to 3K, 4K, and 5K education. If you have questions or would like to register your child, please contact the parish office at 608-725-5595 or cassie.okey@stcharlescassville.org

According to the founder of Montessori education, Maria Montessori, "The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn." What is **Montessori**?

- The method is based on the natural development of the child
- Children learn at their own pace and individual interests
- Understanding comes through experiences via the materials and the promotion of children's ability to find things out for themselves
- Students learn knowledge through movement and the senses
- The physical exploration and cognition of children are linked
- The teacher works in collaboration with the children

For more information about Montessori education, please visit: <u>https://amshq.org</u>. This website contains a lot of information about the Montessori method. For particulars about the 3-6 year-old classroom, please visit:

https://amshq.org/About-Montessori/Inside-the-Montessori-Classroom/Early-Childhood. There is a good video that takes us into the Montessori classroom. This page also discusses the curriculum children learn at this level.

St. Charles School

St. Charles students are praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 2:45 p.m. (except Good Friday). Please join us for this prayerful Lenten experience.

St. Charles Home and School meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27. Thank you for your support of this organization. Through our fundraising (wreath sale, rummage sale), we support the school students, such as by funding field trips and service opportunities.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our school and children. Please continue to keep Ms. Dianne Makovec in your prayers as she continues to receive treatments.

CCW Bake Sale—March 31

Dear Ladies of the Parish,

Bakery items for the CCW Bake Sale can be dropped off Friday afternoon, March 31, at your convenience. Tables will be set up in the school entrance. Thank you for your donations. Starting at 5 p.m., come join us for the CCW Bake Sale, Basket Drawings, and St. Charles Fish Fry. Blessings to All!

St. Mary Church, Glen Haven



Reflection

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" Jn 11:40 Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend

Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Glen Haven Fire Department Breakfast

Everyone is invited to attend the Glen Haven Fire

Department Pancake & Sausage Breakfast this Sunday, March 26, from 8:00 a.m.–noon. The All You Can Eat Breakfast will include: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, orange juice or coffee. The cost is \$10.00 /meal dine-in or carry-out. And children 6 years old and younger eat for FREE. The proceeds will benefit the Glen Haven Fire Department's Training and Equipment Fund.

🔜 <u>St. Mary's Altar Society Bake Sale</u>

St. Mary's Altar Society is holding our annual Bake Sale along with the Glen Haven Fire Department Pancake Breakfast. Each lady is asked to donate at least \$10 worth of baked goods or \$10 cash. Please deliver to the firehouse by 8:00 a.m.

Religious Education

The next Family Faith Formation classes will be at St. Charles School on Wednesday, April 12 with a meal at 6:30 p.m. and class at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Gockel Cemetery

St. Mary's Gockel Cemetery, Glen Haven, is in need of someone to mow the cemetery. The interested person(s) will need their own equipment to mow and trim. For more information, please contact Tom Kuenster, (608) 642-2673.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for March 11, 2023	
Church Support	\$1,635.00
Offertory	
Diocesan Tax	
Flowers	\$70.00
St. Charles, Cassville for March 11, 2023	
Church Support	\$450.00
Offertory	
Flowers	\$30.00
PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPEN	SES

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 April 1, 2023
Lector:	Bruce Boyum
Communion:	Sandra Raveling
Servers:	Iris & Isabel Adams
Ushers:	Joan & Jack Bausch, Gene Adrian
St. Mary's, Glen Haven	
	8:00 p.m. Mass on April 1, 2023
Lector:	Renee Schwantes
Communion:	Tracy Walz
Servers:	Luke Patterson, Timothy Breuer
Ushers:	Tim Walz, Dave Schwantes

Fifth Sunday of Lent



<u>Celebrate Life</u>

"All of us must put our energy and effort into ending the legal protection for abortion. It is, and must be, the primary political objective of American

Catholics—it is difficult to imagine any political issue with the same significance as the sanctioned killing of children." —Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013

Help is Available

If you need support for an unplanned pregnancy, please contact the <u>Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin</u> at 608-348-5787 or email at clientservices@claritywi.com or the <u>Women's Care Center in Madison, WI</u> at 608-241-8100. For more information on pro-life issues, visit <u>www.WisconsinRightToLife.org.</u>

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

<u>St. Catherine Ministry: We are here to</u> support families through miscarriage

Whether you or a loved one have just received the sad news of a miscarriage, the miscarriage is already underway, or you want to know what is next after miscarrying, St. Catherine Ministry is here to accompany you by e-mail, phone call, text message or, if desired, in person. 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 <u>ljkarlen@hotmail.com</u> or 608-445-2064.

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: <u>March 24 - 26 and November 10 - 12</u>. Whether recent or long ago, call or email Mary at 608-821-3177

rachel@madisondiocese.org Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/ rachel. Referrals to a priest and /or therapist also available.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUTER

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Do you believe that Jesus is the Lord of your marriage? Bring God into your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 28-30 in Brookfield, WI; June 23-25 in Geneva, IL or Aug. 4-6 in person or virtual. 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.



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 necessary.

resources if necessary.

MEETINGS

EVENTS

*March 26 - Glen Haven Fire Department Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8:00 a.m.-noon.

*March 27 - Red Cross Blood Mobile 11:00 a.m-5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington

*March 31-St. Charles Fish Fry

*April 11-St. John's Food Pantry at 12:30-1:30 p.m. *April 12—Family faith Formation at St. Charles

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<u>The Supernatural - Can miracles stand up</u> to the test of science? Seeing is Believing!

St. Mary Parish in Platteville, WI is hosting Mr. Tim Francis who will speak about Eucharistic Miracles and the Supernatural. If you have an "I will believe it when I see it" attitude, don't miss this event!

All are welcome to attend his presentation at St. Mary Church on Saturday, April 1 at either 10:00a.m. -12:30p.m. or 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m. He will also be speaking at St. Augustine Parish on March 31 from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Love Begins Here Mission Trip!

We are so excited to announce that this summer July 18-19, 2023, we are hosting a crew of about 80 middle schoolers for a **Love Begins Here mission trip**! Love Begins Here provides middle and high school youth with an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way through weeklong, local mission trips where they live in Catholic community and continue His work here on earth. For the week teens are staying at St. Charles, they will be doing service projects for our very own Parishes!

A big part of what they do is helping individual community or parish members with projects that they could not otherwise accomplish due to physical or financial limitations such as yardwork, cleaning, window washing, painting, etc. If you yourself or anyone you know would be interested in having a group of teens and adult chaperones help you with a project this summer, please don't hesitate to contact Agnes Hughes at 608-778-2208 or the parish secretaries.

Love Begins Here missionaries work in groups as small as 4-5 teens accompanied by 1-2 adult chaperones and depending on the size of your project, we could send out multiple groups for one or more days! The only thing we ask is that depending on the project, you would provide some of the tools necessary for the teens to do the work. If you would be interested in having some help July 8-19 or know anyone in need in our community, please don't hesitate to reach out! We have 80 enthusiastic and joyful teens looking to serve our community for a week so don't be shy, we need lots of work! God Bless!

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/

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