

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

We Welcome You

We welcome you to our parishes and our communities. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please contact the parish office (994-2526-Bloomington or 725-5595-Cassville) to register.

For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. John.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Baptism

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

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call Fr. John at least six months in advance of the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included in the Mass prayers, please call the parish office.

Vocations

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

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

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 994-2435 for St. Mary School or Ms. Dianne Makovec at 725-5173 for St. Charles School. St. Mary and St. Charles Schools admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Bulletin Notices

Please submit bulletin notices in *writing* to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) on Monday.

St. Charles Parish Office Hours

Call parish office at 725-5595 to schedule appointments.

St. Mary's Parish Office Hours

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

APRIL 18, 2021



When the two disciples returned from Emmaus, they recounted what had taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

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Our joint parish website can be found at
www.swwicatholicparishes.com.



Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	4/17	4:30 PM	Carl & Sally Adrian, Danny Chapman and Bob Chapman (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Walt Hampton and Diane Moris (Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/18	8:00 AM	Bill Martin and Angela Martin Hundt (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Robert Vorwald and Elaine Vorwald (Bloomington)
		10:30AM	All Parishioners (Cassville)
Mon.	4/19	8:15 AM	Thomas & Joan Hughes and Dennis & Elizabeth Novinski (Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration (Cassville)
Tues.	4/20	8:15 AM	Clara Mumm (Cassville)
Wed.	4/21	8:15 AM	No Mass (Bloomington)
Thurs.	4/22	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration (Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Damien Hoepfer (Bloomington)
Fri.	4/23	8:15 AM	George & Mary Miller (Bloomington)
Sat.	4/24	4:30 PM	Sally Budworth (Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Paul Blum (Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/25	8:00 AM	Judy Schroeder (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Ann Reed (Cassville)
		10:30AM	All Parishioners (Bloomington)



**THE POWER OF CHRIST
CRUCIFIED AND RISEN**

Today the readings are best understood starting with the Gospel. In the gospel, Jesus by his actions and his words is showing his disciples that he is now the Risen Jesus by doing very human acts like eating, but that He is also the Savior, the Christ who has brought about the possibility of salvation beyond the grave. This message is first given by him to his close disciples. Then in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles those same disciples are speaking that message to the very people who were complicit in the crucifixion of Jesus. Bishop Hying is asking us to follow that same path. We are first to hear again the message of Christ (be evangelized) and then to witness that message outward. He teaches it much better than I can, so please read his message underneath my reflection.



First Holy Communions

St. Mary's second graders will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. The First Holy Communion for St. Charles children will be on Sunday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m. We are very grateful to the parents for following through with the promises they made at their child's baptism to bring them up in the practice of the faith. May God continue to bless them as they teach their child about Christ's love and presence in the Eucharist.

Scripture for the week of April 19, 2021

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

87th International Rosary March

Join our Bishop Donald Hying for Mass on Sunday, May 2, at 10:45 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Pine Bluff, 3673 Cty. Rd. P, Cross Plains, Wisconsin. Rosary will follow Mass outdoors. May crowning of our Blessed Mother will follow the Rosary.

"There is no problem no matter how large whether it be world, family or personal that cannot be solved through the recitation of the Rosary." – Sr. Lucia of Fatima
 "One day the world will be saved through the Rosary and the Scapular." – St. Dominic

Low Gluten Hosts

We have low gluten hosts available for those who need this option for Holy Communion. Please contact Fr. John before Mass to request the low gluten host for communion.

Sharing Our Blessings

Thank you to everyone who supports our parishes with their time, talents and financial gifts! May God continue to bless you for your generosity and kindness. Please pray for the financial health of our parishes and that all members will generously share the many blessings that God has given them with our parishes.

The effect of receiving the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.
 —Pope Saint Leo the Great

Evangelization—Bishop Hying

The task of evangelizing has three concentric circles of influence: Catholics already engaged in the life and mission of the Church, Catholics who are not, and the wider community. We ourselves must allow the Lord to stir the Holy Spirit into flame within us and to deepen our sacrificial love, so that we can help lead and equip our people to reach the disengaged, the lost, and the seeking. We cannot give what we do not possess ourselves.

The witness of a holy life totally consecrated to Christ is the primary evangelizing tool. The building blocks of sanctity include regular and fervent participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, Scripture study, daily prayer, joyful asceticism, and generous loving service of our neighbor. As we more profoundly discover the depths of God's loving mercy, the truth of the Gospel, and the urgency of the evangelizing task, we are compelled to share with everyone the fullness of life in Christ which we have come to know as the true meaning and purpose of our existence.

Bishop Hying wants all Catholics in the diocese to commit to evangelization. The first step is for us to accept and live the Good News, the Gospel. We cannot share what we do not possess ourselves. He has four simple 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

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

SCRIP: SCRIP gift cards are a great way to do your shopping and helps support St. Mary School at the same time. We carry cards for national retailers, local gas cards, Piggly Wiggly and Wal-Mart as well as most local vendors. You can purchase SCRIP at Economy Feed Mill and the SCRIP program is online.

Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported St. Mary School with donations to the Annual Alumni Appeal.

Our deepest gratitude to Joe and Elizabeth Wanersdorfer for their very generous gift to St. John Church in memory of James and Mildred Sprosty.

Thank you to the family of Helene Reuter for the generous donation to St. Mary Parish in her memory.

A belated thank you to Greg and Jane Patterson for their donation toward the Easter flowers and decorations.

New St. Mary's Parish Council Members

St. Mary's Parish Council is seeking two to three volunteers who would like to serve on the council for a three-year period. Please contact Vickie Crubel or the parish office for more information.



Saint George—April 23

It is uncertain when Saint George was born. However, his death date is estimated to be April 23, 303 A.D. George was the son of a Roman officer and a Greek native of Lydda. His parents were Christians from noble families and George was raised to follow their faith. When George was old enough, he was welcomed into Diocletian's army and by his late 20's, George became a Tribune and served as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia.

On February 24, 303 A.D., Diocletian, who hated Christians, announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods. George refused to abide by the order and told Diocletian, who was angry but greatly valued his friendship with George's father. To save George, Diocletian attempted to convert him to believe in the Roman gods, offered him land, money, and slaves in exchange for offering a sacrifice to the Roman gods, and made several other offers that George refused.

Finally, Diocletian ordered George's execution. In preparation for his death, George gave his money to the poor before he was tortured. He was lacerated on a wheel of swords and resuscitated three times, but still George did not turn from God. On April 23, 303 A.D., George was decapitated before Nicomedia's outer wall. His body was sent to Lydda for burial, and Christians honored George as a martyr.

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



St. Mary's Religious Education

Classes will resume in the fall.

St. John's Parish Council News

At the last parish council meeting, the current parish council members agreed to stay on for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. However going forward, they need parishioners to be available to be part of the parish council. Starting in May 2022, two to four new individuals to be needed on the council.

Planning is underway for St. John's Summer Fest. on Saturday, August 14. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this fun event.

Volunteers Are Needed:

We are in need of volunteers at all of our parishes to help in a variety of ways. Especially, please prayerfully consider if you could help with our Masses as a reader or usher. We also need of more servers for our Masses.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 9, 2021

<u>Church Support</u>	\$1,475.00
<u>Offertory</u>	\$544.15
<u>Gift</u>	\$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 April 9, 2021

<u>Church Support</u>	\$390.00
<u>Offertory</u>	\$231.00

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

St. Mary's Memorial Patio Project

St. Mary's Parish Council has organized the building of the Memorial Patio around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the south side of St. Mary Church in Bloomington. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project. For more information about ordering a paver or brick in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office at 994-2526 or Tony at Bloomington Monuments (994-2700).

F **faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.** *1 Corinthians 13:13*

St. John's Ministry Schedule for April 25, 2021

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass
Lector: Carol Harris
Ushers: Gene Harris, Roger McKinney
Servers: Carolyn & Matthew Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for April 24 & 25, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass
Lector: Deb Campbell
Ushers: Charley Errthum, Gary Mumm
Server: Diana Herbers

Sunday 10:30 a.m. First Communion Mass

Lector: St. Mary's Teachers
Ushers: Mike Mergen, Daniel Herbers
Server: Libby Vogt, Leah Patterson



Fish Fry Thank You

Thank you to Holly Tasker and her Fish Fry Crew and the St. Charles CCW for their hard work to make St. Charles Fish Fry a successful event. A special thanks to Darlene Schauff and her crew who made the potato salad. It was delicious as always. Thank you to the Cassville Conservation club and the "fry crew" for preparing all the fish. We appreciate your work. Thank you to Marge Tennesen for her help prepping before the fry. Thank you to all the workers who helped make this event go as smoothly as possible. We couldn't have pulled it off without all of you. Lastly, thank you to all who came and bought meals and supported St. Charles.



Sign Up to Lead the Rosary

May is the month of Mary so again we will be reciting the Rosary before each Mass in May. Please sign up as a leader for this most important prayer. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the back of church. Thank you in advance for leading this most holy prayer.



St. Charles School News

Do you want your child/children or grandchildren to receive an excellent faith based education? We offer small class sizes, one on one instruction, and a standards based curriculum. Scholarships are available to help offset the cost of tuition. If interested, please contact the school at 608-725-5173.

St. Charles' school admit 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.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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St. Mary's News

The chairs have arrived! We now have completed the replacement of the old metal chairs with white Lifetime chairs for the church basement. Thank You so much to the families for their generous donations in memory of Ralph and Margaret Ploessl, Roger Schildgen, and Mary Lee Schier.

We will be selling the metal chairs in groups of four. The pink chairs - \$10 and the grey chairs-\$20. Please call Cindi & Joe Breuer 794-2295. First come first serve basis.

Reflection

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..."
- LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for April 4, 2021:

Church Support.....\$70.00
Offertory.....\$60.00

St. Charles, Cassville for April 3 & 4, 2021

Church Support.....\$1,765.00
Offertory.....\$242.00
Capital Imp.....\$300.00

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles suggested giving is \$1,400.00 a year for a married couple and \$700.00 a year for a single household.

Catholic Herald

Each week the *Catholic Herald* gives its readers a Catholic perspective on national and international news with articles from Catholic News Service. The *Catholic Herald* also keeps readers up to date locally with coverage of events happening around the diocese. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the *Catholic Herald* print or e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office. The cost is \$20.00 per year.

"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 Purgatory**

St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for April 24, 2021

8:00 p.m. Saturday Mass
Lector: Barb Breuer
Ushers: Mike Breuer, Ed Breuer
Servers: Servers Needed

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for April 25, 2021

9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: Denny Uppena
Ushers: Tom Vondrum
Sacristan: Bev Clauer
Server: Servers Needed



Celebrate Life

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the “Great Sunday” of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.

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.

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

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



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 23-25 or join us for an in person Weekend on June 25-27 in Geneva, IL or August 20-22 in Madison WI. Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Support Group

This support group is meant to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide and to give hope.

More information at <http://www.bens-hope.com>.

National Suicide Prevention Life Line
- 1.800.273.8255 24 Hour assistance.

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

Meetings

- *May 4— St. Charles Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- *May 10—St. John’s Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

EVENTS

- *April 25-St. Mary’s First Communion
- *April 27- St. John’s Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m. but participants should be there no later than 1:00 p.m. to make sure there is enough food for everyone.
- *May 2-St. Charles First Communion
- *May 14-St. Charles 8th Grade Graduation
- *May 11- St. John’s Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- *May 17- Blood Drive at St. Charles School
- *May 23-St. Mary’s 8th Grade Graduation
- *August 14—St. John’s Summer Fest.

Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Virtual Conference

The Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be holding a virtual conference this year on Saturday, June 12 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be His Excellency, The Most Reverend Donald Hying, Bishop of Madison. This is a **FREE Event** — all from the comfort of your own home or parish community.

The registration deadline is **May 28**. Please go to <https://mdccw.com/> to download the registration form. There are forms available at the back of each church too.

AA and Al-Anon Meetings in Bloomington

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

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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

Courage & EnCourage

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. They also have an outreach called EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. In recognition of the irreplaceable role of the family in attaining an understanding of the homosexual condition and embracing a life of chastity. If you are looking for acceptance for yourself-same-sex attraction and all-while embracing the truth about sex as God means it to be, you may call (608) 821-3018 or contact courage@madisondiocese.org for more information.

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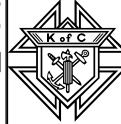
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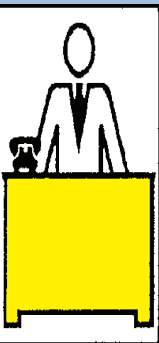
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