

# 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

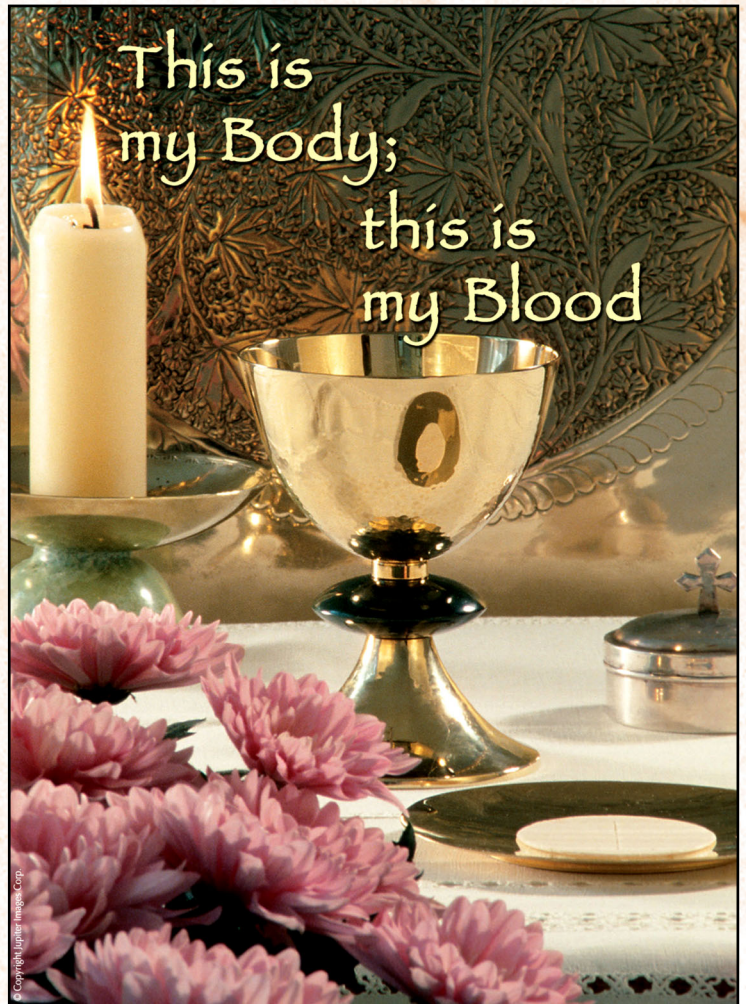
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon

## 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.swwicatholicparishes.com](http://www.swwicatholicparishes.com).

April 24, 2022  
Divine Mercy Sunday



## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1323 "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"

## **Rev. John Meinholz**

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**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	4/23	4:30 PM	Pro Populo	(Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Alphonse & Esther Breuer	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/24	8:00 AM	No Mass	(Patch Grove)
		9:00 AM	Sally Budworth	(Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Irene Wood	(Cassville)
Mon.	4/25	8:15 AM	Ray Kirschbaum	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration	(Cassville)
Tues.	4/26	8:15 AM	Fr. Bill Seipp	(Cassville)
Wed.	4/27	8:15 AM	Deceased members of the Roy & Mary Jane Hermsen family	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	4/28	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Joe & Rita Stoeffler family	(Bloomington)
Fri.	4/29	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	4/30	4:30 PM	LeRoy & Pat Schauff, and Brian Adrian	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Paul Blum	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/1	8:00 AM	John & Lorraine Bierman	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Mike & Julia Wagner family	(Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo	(Cassville)



**The Sacrament of the Eucharist**

The next two Sunday's we will celebrate with our second graders as they receive the precious Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive this beautiful and important sacrament.



**First Holy Communion**

**Congratulations to Sawyer Bark, Tatum Cliff, Miles Cooley, Creighton Copsey, Jayden Crubel, Quinnleigh Guthrie, Marie Kirschbaum, Blakely Mezera, and Maverick Mezera who are receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday at St. Mary Church, Bloomington.**

We are very grateful to the parents of our second graders 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.

**The second graders from St. Charles School and religious education program will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 1.**

**Scripture for the week of April 25, 2022**

Monday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]



**Birthday Wishes**

We wish Fr. John a happy and blessed birthday on Wednesday, April 27.



**Mother's Day Rose Sale**

In honor of Mother's Day, red roses will be available after the Masses the weekend of May 7 & 8 to thank moms for "giving the gift of life." A suggested donation of \$3.00 for each rose is requested with the proceeds from the sale going to benefit the Women's Care Center in Madison and Diocesan Respect Life activities.



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family and she had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent. However, she received extraordinary revelations -or messages -from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. After scrupulously examining the writings of Sr. Faustina and finding them without significant error, the Church declared her heroic virtues. With the required miracles, Pope John Paul II then beatified and canonized her in 2000. At her canonization, he also drew on the insight from her writings and declared that the "Second Sunday of Easter, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'" For more information about this devotion, please contact the Divine Mercy website at <http://thedivinemercy.org>.



**Easter Thank You's**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter liturgies and events. I especially thank Fr. Gerard Healy, the altar servers, lectors, ushers, and the musicians! The music was beautiful, inspiring and well done.

Thank you also to those who donated flowers, helped clean, or decorated the churches. Thank you to all for sharing your time and talents with our parish families.

**How to Keep the Lord's Day Holy**

**from the Diocese of Madison *Go Make Disciples, Sept. 2020***

The commandment to keep holy the Lord's day means we should dedicate the day first and foremost to the worship of God and the cultivation of the most important human values, such as family, culture, and service to those in need. The traditional emphasis on resting from work is not primarily for its own sake, as if the goal were simply to spend the whole day on the couch; the purpose of holy leisure is to set aside as much as we can of all those less important things that occupy so much of our time in order to make room for the most important things: God, family, community.

What about priests who have to "work" on Sunday by saying Mass? What about parish staff or catechists who "work" on Sundays by teaching religious education classes or running other parish programs? Are they breaking the commandment? No! It's important to remember that the point of resting from "work" on Sundays for most people is to free them from their mundane obligations so that they can devote themselves to God in a special way on Sundays. But for a priest or anyone else whose "work" participates directly in the work of God and the mission of the Church, there is no need to rest from this kind of "work" on Sundays. In fact, Sundays are especially well-suited for spiritual "work." They should, however, try to make time for some relaxation and recreation at some point during the week.

Take some time to consider how you spend your Sundays, as you work to keep the Sabbath holy. If Sunday isn't your favorite day of the week (or your kids' favorite day of the week), then you are probably doing it wrong. We will be listing ideas in the bulletin to help you.



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

The 3-year-old Daycare students along with the Kindergarteners and 1st and 2nd graders looked for Easter eggs that were hidden by the 7th & 8th graders on the playground on Tuesday.

Now that it is the Easter season our Faith Families will be praying the "Regina Caeli" after the lunch recess instead of the Angelus.

Sawyer Bark and Marie Kirschbaum will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 24.

**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.

**Regina Caeli**

During the Easter season, the words of the "Regina Caeli" ("Queen of Heaven") are substituted for the Angelus prayer, traditionally recited at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!  
Because the Son you were chosen to bear, Alleluia!  
Has risen, as he said, Alleluia!  
Pray for us to God, Alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!  
Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!*

*O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may enjoy the happiness of eternal life, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



**Thank You's**

Thank you to Bernie and Pat Mumm for the Easter flower donation in memory of the Emil & Kate Meyer family.

Thank you to everyone who gave donations and memorials for flowers and helped to make our churches look beautiful for Easter. Thank you to the volunteers who helped to clean the churches before Holy Week.

**New St. Mary's Parish Council Members**

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

**Rice Bowls**

Please turn in your rice bowl donations in the box in the back of church, at school, or you can mail in a check. Please mark all envelopes "Rice Bowl." We will send the donations to the diocese to ensure that 25 percent of the donations will stay local and support St. John's Food Pantry.

**We Have a New Way to Financially Support St. Mary Parish**

St. Mary's now has a way for you to support the parish donating stock and other investments! Our parish has partnered with investment representative Tyler Kozelka of the People Investment Center in order to give you another option for giving donations. If you have questions and to get started, please contact Tyler directly at 608-326-3540.



**Saint Catherine of Siena-April 29 (1347-1380)**

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as "my sweet Christ on earth," then orders: "Get back to Rome where you belong!" Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in "spiritual espousal" to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of "passing on to others the fruits of contemplation," Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called "my "Divine Spouse," she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women "doctors of the Church." —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**B**e who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. -St. Catherine of Siena

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 15, 2022**

Church Support.....	\$5,125.00
Offertory.....	\$350.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$300.00
St. Charles Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$924.90
St. Mary's, GH Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$462.60
3K Program Fees.....	\$1,581.50
School Tuition.....	\$802.56
Interest Income.....	\$159.45
Rent of Parish Facilities.....	\$75.00
Easter Flower Memorials.....	\$776.00

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 15, 2022**

Church Support.....	\$765.00
Offertory.....	\$273.50
Easter Flower Memorials.....	\$233.00

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

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for May 1, 2022**

**8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass**

Lector:	Bob McLimans
Communion:	Roger McKinney
Ushers:	Charlie Martin, Tom Breuer
Servers:	Sean & Katie Tolle

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for May 1, 2022**

**9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass**

Lector:	Chris Bishell
Communion:	Chris Bishell
Sacristan:	Chris Bishell
Ushers:	Mike Mumm, Ronnie Mumm
Servers:	Alan Hernandez, Leif & Gabe Kluesner



**Restoration/Accessibility Campaign**

The Redecorating Committee would like to thank all parishioners whom have returned pledge cards for support of our Restoration/Accessibility Campaign. We have currently \$320,965.00 pledged, \$320,965.00 collected and 243 pledges committed. All pledges were completed. **Thank you** for your support and generosity. Our campaign is successful due to our wonderful parish family.

**St. Charles Easter Flower Thank You's**

Thank you to everyone who gave donations toward the Easter flowers. We regret that John C. Rush's name was left off the lists for the memorials.



**Cassville Spring Musical Performance**

Everyone is invited to attend a Cassville Spring Musical performance at 1:00 p.m. this Sunday, April 24 at St. Charles Church.



**Sign Up to Lead the Rosary**

At Fatima, our Blessed Mother asked us to pray the Rosary for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. Please join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday or 4:15 p.m. Saturday during May praying for the conversion of Russia.

We are looking for people to lead the Rosary, there is a sign up sheet in the back of church. It would be nice to have families lead this together.

**Cards for Dianne Makovec**

We are happy to announce that Dianne Makovec is out of the hospital and is recovering and continuing therapy in Dubuque. You may send a card or note to **Ms. Dianne Makovec, 801 Davis St. #411, Dubuque, IA 52001**



**St. Charles School News**

Happy Easter! May the promises of the Risen Christ bring peace and joy to you.

Thank you for your support of our 7th/8th grade raffle at the Fish Fry. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, Lions Club and Royal Neighbors for your donations as well. The money raised will be used for their class trip to Six Flags at the end of the school year.

The St. Charles students will be serving bars and drinks after the concert on April 24.

Please call St. Charles Parish office at 725-5595 for more information about enrolling your child at our school.



**Donations Needed for Fall Festival Canned Beef**

St. Charles ladies are again going to can beef for our Fall Festival. We would appreciate donations to help offset the cost of the beef. Please leave donations in the collection basket marked "Beef" or leave it off at the St. Charles office with Cheryl. Any donations of pint jars would be much appreciated also. We are not planning on canning any quart jars of beef this year. Please let Cliff or Marge know if you do want quart jars to purchase, and we will see that they get done. As always, thanks for being such a generous parish.

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



**Reflection**

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21)*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them or better yet, go visit them.

**Difficulty, Survival, and Glory**

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!" Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**St. Mary's, Glen Haven for April 17, 2022:**

Church Support.....\$220.00  
Offertory.....\$218.00

**St. Mary's, Glen Haven for April 9, 2022:**

Church Support.....\$70.00  
Offertory.....\$121.00

**St. Charles, Cassville for April 17, 2022**

Church Support.....\$2,636.00  
Offertory.....\$788.00  
Easter Flower Memorials.....\$50.00

**St. Charles, Cassville for April 10, 2022**

Church Support.....\$1,403.00  
Offertory.....\$350.00  
Easter Flower Memorials.....\$185.00

**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's, Glen Haven Schedule for April 30, 2022**

**8:00 a.m. Mass**  
Lector: Renee Schwantes  
Communion: Rita White  
Servers: Dave Schwantes, Doug White  
Ushers: Erin Adrian, Leah Patterson

**St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for May 1, 2022**

**4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass**  
Lector: Patty Bowden  
Communion: Scott Knox  
Servers: Audrey & Aimslee Tasker  
Ushers: Gene Adrian, Tim & Adison Tasker

**10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**  
Lector: Mary White  
Communion: Mary White  
Sacristan: Bev Clauer  
Servers: Easton & Beckett Uppena  
Ushers: Warren White family



## Celebrate Life

Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following:

"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, **primarily the sin of abortion.**" ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13)."

### Did you know? 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](mailto: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](http://www.WisconsinRightToLife.org).

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Christ said "Receive the Holy Spirit". Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on June 24-26 in Geneva, IL; Sept. 16-18 TBD or Oct. 21-23 in Brookfield, WI. Visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://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.

Each of us has a mission, each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address in Hyde Park, London, Sept. 18 2010

## MEETINGS

\*May 9-St. Mary's Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Bloomington

## EVENTS

\*April 24-St. Mary's First Communion at 9:00 a.m.

\*May 1-St. Charles First Communion

\*May 10- St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m.

\*May 22-St. Mary's 8th Grade Graduation

\*May 25- Grant Council of Catholic Women Spring meeting at St. Mary Church, Fennimore, WI

\*June 8- St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m.

\*July 21-24- Blakes Prairie Fair

\*August 13—St. John's Summer Fest.

\*September 10 & 11—St. Mary's Fall Festival

\*September 18—St. Charles Fall Festival



### Annual Rosary March on May 1

Please join Father Rick Heilman and regional Catholics for a Rosary March on May 1, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pine Bluff, WI. Mass will be at 10:45 a.m. followed by the march. People who wish to stay in the church to pray may do so. Benediction will follow a May crowning by the first communicants and a lunch will be served. Hope to see you there!! If you have any questions please contact Pat Fettig at 608-320-6121.

### Xavier Mission Team is Offering a Retreat

The XMT is hosting a High School Retreat May 6 & May 7 at Camp Gray for any high schoolers! The retreat will begin at 6:00 a.m. on May 6 and end at 6:00 p.m. on May 7. If students need to come late / leave early, accommodations might be possible. Cost is \$50/person. Food will be provided! Interested teens can start the registration process by filling out Google form: <https://forms.gle/v8U7VJR6BWv5n7qn8>.

This retreat is an open invite to any high schooler! The students will be with other like-minded Catholics who want to deepen their relationship with Christ, take a retreat away from the craziness of life, and who want to grow in community with other faith-filled people their age!

### Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshops

Gundersen Health System in LaCrosse, WI is sponsoring *Healthy Living with Diabetes* workshops to help people with diabetes better manage their condition. The virtual classes will be led by Wellness Education Specialists at Gundersen Health System who are certified by the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging will take place Mondays, May 9 - June 20 (no class May 30), Noon to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 to participate. Pre-register by calling (608)775-6870 or visit [gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://gundersenhealth.org/living-well).

### 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](mailto:courage@madisondiocese.org) for more information.



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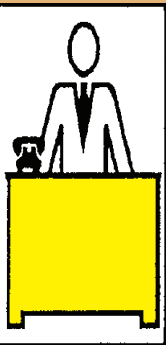
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