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!

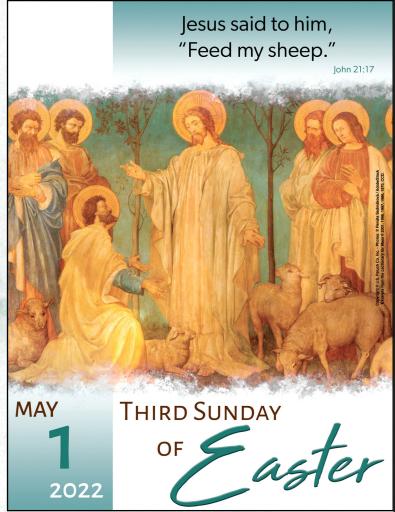
St. Charles and St. Mary's School-Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

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.

<u>Bulletin Notices</u> - Please submit bulletin notices in to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) before 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 joint parish website can be found at www.swwicatholicparishes.com.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1428 Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This *second conversion* is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

1429 St. Peter's conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus' look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord's resurrection, a three-fold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a *communitarian* dimension, as is clear in the Lord's call to a whole Church: "Repent!"

St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, "there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance.



Liturgy Schedule 4/30 4:30 PM LeRoy & Pat Schauff, and Brian Adrian Sat. (Cassville) 8:00 PM Paul Blum (Glen Haven) 5/1 8:00 AM John & Lorraine Bierman (Patch Grove) Sun. 9:15 AM Living and deceased members of the Mike & Julia Wagner family (Bloomington) 10:30 AM Pro Populo (Cassville) Mon. 5/2 8:15 AM Oswin, Mary Agnes, and Steve Tranel (Cassville) 8:45-9:30 AM Adoration (Cassville) Tues. 5/3 8:15 AM Dennis & Elizabeth Novinski and Thomas & Joan Hughes (Cassville) Wed. 5/4 8:15 AM Jim Hinderman (Bloomington) 7:30-8:05 AM Adoration Thurs. (Bloomington) 8:15 AM Carl & Helene Reuter (Bloomington) Fri. 5/6 8:15 AM No Mass 5/7 4:30 PM Donald & Dorothy Mumm (Bloomington) Sat. 8:00 PM Deceased members of St. Mary's Altar Society (Glen Haven) 5/1 8:00 AM Pro Populo Sun. (Patch Grove) 9:15 AM Deceased members of the Roy & Mary Jane Hermsen family (Bloomington)

Scripture for the week of May 2, 2022

 Monday:
 Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

 Tuesday:
 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

 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 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5;

 Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

10:30 AM Jordan Beesecker and Chris Beesecker

(Cassville)

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.



May, a Month to Honor the Blessed Mother of God

The month of May is here. During this time we honor Mary as the Mother of God, and look to her as the model of Christian life. As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

<u>971</u> "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honors "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. . . . This very special devotion . . . differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the Rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." -St. Catherine Labouré



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Mason Wiest who will be receiving his First Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday at St. Charles Church.

We are very grateful to all of our parents for following through with their promise to bring their children up in the practice of the faith and teach their children about Christ's love and presence in the Eucharist.

Thank You

Thank you to all who so graciously remembered me on my birthday and sent cards and gifts. I am very blessed to be the pastor of four parishes with so many wonderful people. You continue to touched my heart with your kindness.

How to Keep the Lord's Day Holy from the Diocese of Madison Go Make Disciples, Sept. 2020 TIME IN GOD'S PLAN by John Joy

Time is holy because it belongs to the Lord. At the Easter Vigil, one of the prayers during the blessing of the Paschal Candle says: "Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and forever. Amen."

Time is a precious blessing. God gives us time in which to grow in knowledge and love of him. He gives us time to spend with our families and friends and time to enjoy the beauty of his creation. When we sin, he gives us time to repent. At every moment of every day, we have a choice to use the time given to us for God or for ourselves. By giving the time that God has given us back to him we sanctify time and by doing so we are also sanctified.

The first necessary step in sanctifying our time is by offering the first and best portion of it back to God. Just like the practice of tithing is a way of acknowledging that all our material goods come to us from God by offering the first ten percent of our income back to him in gratitude for all that he has given to us, so also the practice of keeping holy the Lord's day is a way of acknowledging that every moment is a gift from God by offering the first day of the week back to him in a special way...

In the Old Testament, God commanded his people to keep the seventh day (Saturday) holy in remembrance of his Sabbath rest after the six days of creation as well as their liberation from slavery in Egypt. But Jesus, who is Lord of the Sabbath, by rising from the dead on the first day of the week, sanctified Sunday above all other days. And so Christians have always kept Sunday as a day holy to the Lord in remembrance of the new creation accomplished by Christ and our liberation from Satan who held the human race in bondage because of sin. Thanks be to God that Christ has triumphed over sin and death, utterly vanquishing our ancient enemy. Sin has no power over us. Death has lost its sting. Sunday is the day of freedom and victory which the Lord has made for us. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WHAT TO DO: Attend Mass

The Mass is the sacrifice of Christ on the cross literally made present on our altars. It is the greatest of human acts. We should act like it by dressing well; by arriving on time or even a little early; by trying to enter deeply into the Mass through the offering our own hearts on the altar of sacrifice; and by receiving the Body of our Lord with great reverence and devotion.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

The 6th-8th graders had a Seder Meal on Wednesday, April 13. Mrs. Mezera, their Religion teacher, explained each step of the Passover Meal that is celebrated by the Jewish people each year.

The Bike-A-Thon was held on April 23. The winners are: 3K/4K/5K - Henry Breuer rode for 32 laps; Grades 1 & 2 - Natalie Redman rode 21 laps; Tim Breuer rode 63 laps for grades 3 & 4; and Matthew Tolle rode an amazing total of 80 laps! Mrs. Tolle thanks everyone who participated. Please remember to turn in your pledges by Monday, May 2. The money raised will go toward new Chromebooks.

We honored our First Communicants with a special meal on Wednesday, April 27. Father John blessed the gifts they received.

The 6th-8th graders, along with Mrs. Copsey and Mr. Breuer, attended Camp Gray for an Environmental Adventure on Tuesday, April 26.

On Thursday, April 28, the 6th-8th graders had a tour of St. Paul's Church in Madison with Father Tim Mergen. Later, the group visited Fr. John's farm in Middleton.

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.

Thank You's

Thank you to the family of Delores Kirschbaum for the generous donation to St. Mary School in her memory.

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.

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 22, 2022		
Church Support\$3,455.00		
Offertory\$712.00		
Memorial Paver\$250.00		
DST\$80.00)	
Rent of Parish Facilities\$75.00)	
Holy Land Collection\$512.01		
Easter Flower Memorials\$80.00	į	
St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute		
toward the support of parish expenses. It is suggested for a family	7	
to give \$900.00 and a single person \$450.00 per year.		
St. John's Collections for the week ending on April 22, 2022		
Church Support\$740.00		
Offertory\$301.75		

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

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The Story of OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The story begins in the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917. On that fateful day near that tiny village, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, appeared to three young peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia: ages 10,

9 and 7. As was the custom, these youngsters were tending their family's sheep when "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun...indescribably beautiful," standing above a bush, appeared to the youngsters. From May through October 1917, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month.

News of these apparitions began to spread throughout the region. The children recounted that the Virgin told them that God had sent her with a message for every man, woman, and child living in the century. She promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. While many people believed the children had actually seen the Virgin, many others discounted the children's story, subjecting them to much derision and ridicule. When it became known the Lady would visit the children for the last time on October 13, 1917, and had promised a sign that would convince the world she had appeared, many pilgrims made plans to attend.

After what has become to be known as "The Miracle of the Sun," on October 13, the children were grilled many, many times, about what they had seen and been told. Their story never changed. The heart of Our Lady's message to the world contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls, with particular emphasis on praying the Rosary daily and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart. Following her, you will never lose your way. Praying to her, you will never sink into despair. Contemplating her, you will never go wrong." - St. Bernadine of Siena

St. John's I	Ministry Schedule for May 8, 2022	
1 - King	8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass	
Lector:	Carol Harris	
Communion:	Linda McCabe	
Ushers:	Gene Harris, Ray Breuer	
Servers:	Ty Tolle, Avery Needham	
St. Mary Mi	inistry Schedule for May 7 & 8, 2022	
	4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass	
Lector:	Joanie Dickerson	
Communion:	Gwen Herbers	
Ushers:	Dave Kussmaul, Mark Herbers,	
	Dave Mergen, Charley Errthum	
Servers:	Diana Herbers, Ava Dilley	
	9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass	
Lector:		
Communion:	Deb Campbell	
Sacristan:	Jeff Davis	
Ushers:	Daniel Herbers, Mike Mumm	
Servers:	Ava Hoeper, Jovie Kruger	
	Lector: Communion: Ushers: Servers: St. Mary Mi Lector: Communion: Ushers: Servers: Lector: Communion: Sacristan: Ushers:	Lector: Carol Harris Communion: Linda McCabe Ushers: Gene Harris, Ray Breuer Servers: Ty Tolle, Avery Needham St. Mary Ministry Schedule for May 7 & 8, 2022 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass Lector: Joanie Dickerson Communion: Gwen Herbers Ushers: Dave Kussmaul, Mark Herbers, Dave Mergen, Charley Errthum Servers: Diana Herbers, Ava Dilley 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass Lector: Deb Campbell Communion: Deb Campbell Sacristan: Ushers: Daniel Herbers, Mike Mumm





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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 conver

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.

Make A Difference for Miss Makovec

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29. Before and after the Masses, our Council of Catholic Women, St. Charles students, and Cassville Royal Neighbors will be supporting St. Charles Principal/Teacher-Diane Makovec's journey back to good health by providing DELICIOUS Apple Fritters, Cinnamon Rolls, Chocolate and White Cake Donuts, and Donut Holes for a 'FREE-WILL DONATION." If writing a check, please it make payable to St. Charles CCW. Memo: D. Makovec.

Ms. Makovec is recovering from an extensive leg surgery after having been hospitalized in Iowa City for 27 days. She has been a significant educator in our Catholic School and we want to bring encouragement, offer prayers, and hope for a great recovery. Phyllis Adrian and Susan Kremer are heading the "Make A Difference" project. Check the bulletin insert.

St. Charles School News



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

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.



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



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Reflection

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Tell someone you love them.

Saints Philip and James, Apostles-May 3

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for April 23, 2022:	
Church Support	\$20.00
Offertory	\$88.00
St. Charles, Cassville for April 24, 2022	
Church Support	\$NA
Offertory	
PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES	
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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 May 7, 2022

Lector: Servers: Mezera family
Ushers: Servers: Berouer, Tim Walz

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for May 8, 2022

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector: Tom Hughes
Communion: Agnes Hughes
Sacristan: Cheryl Junk

Servers: Irelyn Kasten, Gwen Riedl Ushers: Rick & Cheryl Junk





Celebrate Life

"On receiving the Nobel Prize for Peace, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta had the courage to say to the leaders of political communities: 'If we let

a mother kill the fruit of her womb, what is left to us? It is the principle of abortion that endangers peace in the world'. It is true! There can be no true peace without respect for life, especially if it is innocent and defenseless as is that of the unborn child. Elementary coherence requires those who seek peace to safeguard life. No pro-peace activity can be effective unless attacks on life at all its stages, from conception until natural death, are as energetically opposed." (St. John Paul II To The Members Of The Italian Pro-Life Movement, 22 May 2003)

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 <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 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

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Are you or a loved one carrying sorrow and regret from an abortion? Whether recent or long ago ... God is waiting ... Healing is possible. For confidential help, please contact Mary at recent confidential help, please

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUTER

Trust the Lord, Jesus with your marriage. Learn how to follow Jesus in your relationship on the upcoming in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on June 24-26 in Geneva, IL; Sept. 16-18 TBD or Oct. 21-23 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.

MEETINGS

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

EVENTS

- *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 14- St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- *July 12- 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

Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald

Issue of May 5, 2022

This week, as ordinations approach, look forward to the Catholic Herald's Vocations section; plus get ready to celebrate Mother's Day. Also make sure to check out Bishop Donald J. Hying's latest reflections in his weekly "From the Bishop's Desk" column.

Learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the *Catholic Herald*. 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.

Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshops

Gunderson 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.

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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