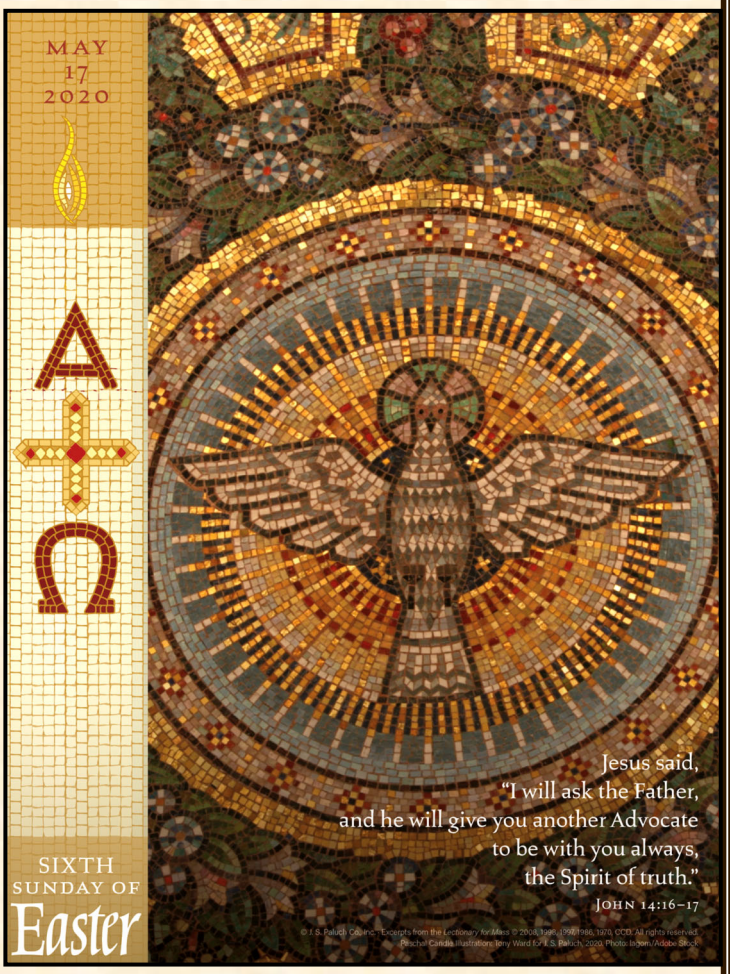
St. Mary & St. Charles
St. Mary & St. John Parishes

May 17, 2020



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 5:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Charles School Church.

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 Ms. Julie Zenz at 994-2435 for St. Mary School or 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.-12:30 p.m.

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

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Check out Bishop Hying's Videos
Bishop Donald Hying has been creating many insightful "A Moment with the Bishop" videos that can be viewed by going to the Diocese of Madison website at https://madisondiocese.org/or you can search for them on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch.We also post the videos on St. Mary's and St. John's Facebook pages.

Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	**5/16**	**Joe F. & Verna Mergen**	**(Bloomington)**
		Chris, Marie and Norbert Kirschbaum and Richard & Rose Hill	**(Glen Haven)**
Sun.	**5/17**	**John & Hilda Steiger**	**(Patch Grove)**
		Jerry, John and Angela Raisbeck	**(Bloomington)**
		All Parishioners	**(Cassville)**
Mon.	**5/18**	**Deceased members of the John, Theresa and Stella McCann family**	**(Cassville)**
Tues.	**5/19**	**Carl, Sally, and Michael Adrian and Danny Chapman**	**(Cassville)**
Wed.	**5/20**	**Byron & Barbara Davis and George & Mary Miller**	**(Bloomington)**
Thurs.	**5/21**	**Paul Krogman**	**(Bloomington)**
Fri.	**5/22**	**No Mass**	
Sat.	**5/23**	**Kathleen Kiefer and Tom Hilby**	**(Bloomington)**
		Frank Van Bogaert	**(Glen Haven)**
Sun.	**5/24**	**Brian and Brenda McCabe**	**(Patch Grove)**
		Bob, Elaine and Dave Heiar	**(Bloomington)**
		All Parishioners	**(Cassville)**

Scripture for the week of May 18, 2020

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23;Mt 28:16-20

Congratulations to Our 8th Grade Graduates

On May 15, we celebrated with St. Charles 8th Grade Graduates, **Irelyn Brinkman, Heath Rauch, and Eli Adams,** by holding a car parade in front of the school.

St. Mary's 8th Grade Graduation is this Sunday, May 17. There will also be a car parade in front the St. Mary Church starting at 12:30 p.m. to wish our graduates, **Diana Herbers, Gretta Hamann and Ty Tolle,** the best as they head to high school next fall.

Policies During the Corona Virus Pandemic

Fr. John will continue to privately have the Masses that were ordinarily scheduled. He will have Exposition of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday morning. Please come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, to ask God for an end to the pandemic, and to increase our trust and faith in Him.

Please observe all recommendations on social distancing (only nine people in the church at one time). If you have a fever, cough, or are not feeling well, please stay home.

St. Mary Church and St. Charles School Church are open during the day for prayer.

Fr. John will hear individual confession on Mondays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Charles School Church.

Everyone is encouraged to set aside a time of prayer during the week and on Sunday. You can watch the Mass on TV on WISC-TV / Channel 3000 on Sunday at 6:00 AM, or on EWTN. Fr. Bart Timmerman live streams his Masses at https://www.facebook.com/Stamadison/ You can also read the Gospel, and pray the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Fr. John's Notes

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

"What is the reason for your hope?" Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not "What are you hoping for?" or "What are you hoping to do?" No, this isn't about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it's "Why do you hope?" Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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GRADUATION 2020

This should be the time for graduation ceremonies, many graduation events, and large parties with families and friends. However the graduates will be without many of the usual activities for graduation this year, and we will miss an important part of our church and community life since we cannot have our usual graduation celebrations.

Graduation is such a great time for family and friends to share pictures and memorabilia that celebrate the many steps and accomplishments of the graduates' lives. With the eyes of faith, we see how God has worked in this person's life and what a blessing the graduate has been to all of us.

Graduation from every level of school also marks a great transition as the person goes to a new school or out into the workforce. Each time I graduated, I didn't have a clear idea what the next chapter of my life would be like. I went from a small grade school to a huge high school to a college seminary where I only knew one person. God gave me so much help as I went to each new place with new people and new challenges. I could really see God's grace helping me navigate the next step in my life's journey.

Graduation is a time to pray for our graduates as they transition to something new in their lives. This year let us tell our graduates how PROUD we are of them and PRAY earnestly for them even when we cannot be together

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

I will have Exposition of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday morning. I encourage you to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, to ask God for an end to the pandemic, and to increase our trust and faith in Him. The readings and the prayers for the Sunday Masses are available at the Church entrances.

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.– St. John Church
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-St. Mary Church, Bloomington
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.– St. Charles School Church
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.– St. Mary Church, Glen Haven

Please observe all recommendations on social distancing (only nine people in the church at one time). If you have a fever, cough, or are not feeling well, please stay home.

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

Our vision: Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

Thank you for all of the cards and treats in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. We are blessed to have so many kind and supportive families.

Congratulations to St. Charles 8th Grade Graduates, Irelyn Brinkman, Heath Rauch, and Eli Adams and to St. Mary's 8th Grade Graduates, Diana Herbers, Gretta Hamann and Ty Tolle.

If you are interested in sending your children to St. Mary's School or St. Charles School please contact us.

SCRIP has moved to Economy Feed Mill.

St. Mary's Parish Council

We are seeking to individuals who would be interested in serving on St. Mary's Parish Council. Please contact Annette Knapp or St. Mary's Parish office for more information.

Events

***May 22—Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mary School, Bloomington from 12:30-5:30 p.m.**

Parish Financial Updates

Please Help Us Pay Our Expenses

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending May 8, 2020
Church Support……..$1,504.00
Gifts……..$2,020.00
DST……..$100.00

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 May 8, 2020
Church Support…….$500.00

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Covid-19 has changed our lives. Once it is over, we need to strengthen our marriages. Live your married lives "more abundantly" by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on June 26-28 in Rockford, IL; Sept. 11-13 in Geneva, IL or Oct. 16-18 in Brookfield, 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

WHEN: 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:00pm
WHERE: Mound City Bank Motor Branch, Platteville, WI.
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.

AA and Al-Anon Meetings

Due to the Corona virus many meetings have moved online. Please call 608-222-8989 for more information.

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

St. Charles Church Restoration

This week at St. Charles Church, the work to paint, varnish, and redecorate the beautiful, original reredos is continuing. Also beautiful designs are being applied to the church ceiling and around the windows.

St. Charles CCW News

Sacred Heart Statue Restoration Project

Dear ladies,

With the challenges that we currently face, our summer CCW fundraisers might have to be put hold or they may not be able to happen at all. As a CCW we still want to move forward doing good deeds for our church and community.

With Father John's approval and our CCW Leadership Team, we would like to raise funds to have the **Sacred Heart statue** restored. The cost of this project is around $900. Originally the statue was donated by Mary Ginter in memory of her parents. We will safeguard the engraved plate on the statue. The **restoration of the statue will be in honor of Father Bill Seipp.** During **May** and **June,** we would like to raise funds for this project.

Here's the plan: By calculating the cost to make pies and cookies for bake sales and events, each of us can arrive at a cash donation for this restoration. We hope you are interested in being a significant part of this CCW project. **Checks can be made payable to St. Charles CCW.** We prefer that your donation is sent by mail to:

Bev Klauer, CCW Treasurer, Box 442, Cassville, WI 53806

We will keep you informed as to the amount collected at the end of June. Any amount over the expected cost would be designated for future charitable endeavors. If you have questions about the restoration of the Sacred Heart statue, please call Susan Kremer (725-5961).

Events

***May 19– St. Charles Liturgy meeting at 9:00 a.m.**

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for May 9, 2020:
Church Support…….$830.00
St. Charles, Cassville for May 10, 2020:
Church Support……..$2,080.00
Cemetery Fund……$210.00

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.

Mother's Day Rose Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased roses in honor of Mother's Day to say thank you for the gift of life. We raised $250.00 from the sale which will be donated to the Women's Care Center in Madison, Clarity Clinic in Platteville, and Diocesan Respect Life activities.

Help is Available

If you need support for an unplanned pregnancy, please contact the Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin at 185 E. Pine St. Platteville, WI 53818, 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.

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