

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

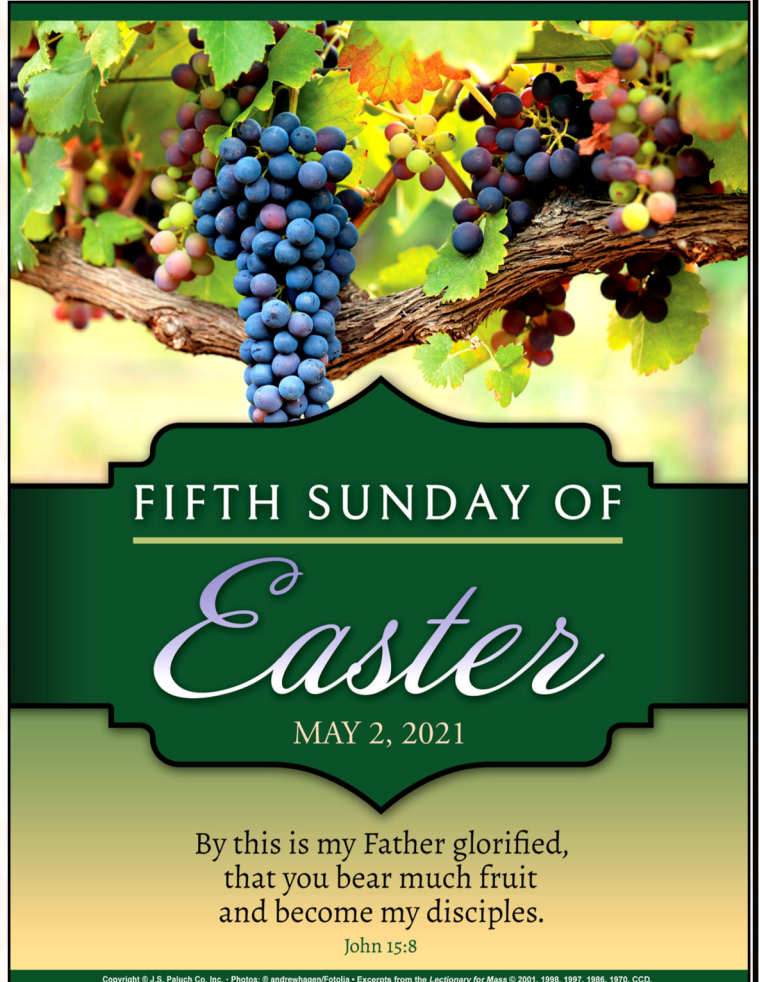
Please submit bulletin notices in *writing* to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) on Monday.

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.



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



Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	5/1	4:30 PM	Leroy & Pat Schauff & Jacob, Frances and Brian Adrian (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Alphonse & Esther Breuer (Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/2	8:00 AM	Len Mulrooney (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Helene Reuter (Bloomington)
		10:30AM	All Parishioners (Cassville)
Mon.	5/3	8:15 AM	Merlin, Florence and Doug Ley (Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration (Cassville)
Tues.	5/4	8:15 AM	Myra Breuer (Cassville)
Wed.	5/5	8:15 AM	Jen Hermsen (Bloomington)
Thurs.	5/6	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration (Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Donald and Dorothy Mumm (Bloomington)
Fri.	5/7	8:15 AM	No Mass
Sat.	5/8	4:30 PM	Roy & Mary Jane Hermsen (Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Deceased members of the St. Mary's Altar Society (Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/9	8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Charlie & Cathy Martin family (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	All Parishioners (Bloomington)
		10:30AM	Jordan and Chris Beesecker (Cassville)



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. Even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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St. Charles First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Isabel Adams, Levi Bartels, Jaxon Kasten, Elise Tuescher, and Beckett Uppena who are receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time this Sunday. We are very grateful to their parents for following through with their promise 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.

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.

New Diocesan Guidelines for Masses

The Office of Worship for the Diocese of Madison has recently updated it guidelines for Masses.

The every-other-pew seating restriction is no longer mandatory. Social distancing should still be practiced and the use of facilities should be at or below 50 percent of capacity. Masks may be worn. At-risk persons or those who are ill should remain at home and live-stream the Mass if possible. Choral singing is allowed with masks and physical distancing.



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, **971** "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship."⁵¹⁵ 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."⁵¹⁶ 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.

Scripture for the week of May 3, 2021

- Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19



Baptism

We joyfully welcome to God’s holy family Madelyn Dale Stoughtenger, daughter of Brandon and Patricia Stoughtenger, who was baptized at St. Mary Church, Bloomington.



Mother’s Day Rose Sale

In honor of Mother’s Day, long-stem red roses will be available after the Masses the weekend of May 8 & 9 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.



Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Donald Hying wants to honor couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in the year 2021 in one or more of the following ways:

1. A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on August 29th at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cross Plains.*
2. Receive a letter and certificate of recognition from the Bishop.
3. Participate in and receive a commemorative booklet.

Please notify your parish office by May 12, if you wish to participate in any of these opportunities in order to receive a more detailed letter with instructions (*including how to register for the Mass of Thanksgiving).



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

We are very grateful to the family and friends of Jen Hermesen for their generous gifts to St. Mary's Parish and School in her memory.

Thank you to Catholic Financial Life for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 in matching funds for our Fish Fry.



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 and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.



St. John's Summer Fest.

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.

All of us must be saints in this world. Holiness is a duty for you and me. So let's be saints and so give glory to the Father. -St Teresa of Calcutta

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 23, 2021

Church Support.....	\$931.00
Offertory.....	\$187.50
Gift.....	\$1,070.00
3K Program Fees.....	\$582.50
Matching Funds from Catholic Financial Life.....	\$1,000.00
St. John's Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$1,523.65
Memorial.....	\$1,060.00

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 23, 2021

Church Support.....	\$595.00
Offertory.....	\$224.05
Rice Bowl.....	\$40.00

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St. Mary's Memorial Patio Project

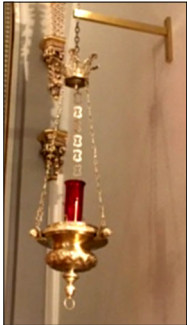
St. Mary's Parish Council has organized the building of the Memorial Patio around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the south side of St. Mary Church in Bloomington. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project. For more information about ordering a paver or brick in memory of a loved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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for May 9, 2021

	Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass
Lector:	Bob McLimans
Ushers:	Tom Breuer, Roger McKinney
Servers:	Sean Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for May 8 & 9, 2021

	Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass
Lector:	Joanie Dickerson
Ushers:	Ken Kluesner, Dave Mergen, Mark Herbers
Server:	Libby Vogt
	Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass
Lector:	Jeff Davis
Sacristan:	Jeff Davis
Ushers:	Tony Trento, Mike Mergen
Server:	Brenda Jentz, Lane Marshall



Restoration/Accessibility Campaign

A sanctuary lamp was installed on the right side of the altar on April 20. This sanctuary light is not new to St. Charles Church. It hung center stage over the main altar from the ceiling in front of St. Charles Borromeo statue. We are not sure of date when it was removed. It was discovered in the basement of the rectory with other church pieces and the parish council and decorating committee

decided to have it restored. Key City Plating of Dubuque Iowa did the repairs and polishing. A new hanging bracket was made for the reinstallation on the right side of the altar.

If you know of former parishioners or alumni of St. Charles School whom would like to support our campaign, please send the addresses to stchas@tds.net or jmbausch55@gmail.com. Please call Cheryl at 725-5595 if you have questions. **Thank you** for your support and generosity. Our campaign is successful due to our wonderful parish family.

Invitation from St. Charles Students

The students of St. Charles would like to invite all the senior citizens of Cassville to join them for a morning of liturgy, food, and entertainment. Caregivers are also welcome to attend.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 11 for Mass at 8:15 a.m., followed by breakfast (prepared by students), and entertainment (provided the students). The breakfast and program should last until approximately 10:15 a.m.

Please RSVP by calling 725-5173 or 725-5595 or by emailing dianne.makovec@stcharlescassville.org by Thursday, May 6.



Attention Prayer Chain Members

A newly revised calling list for the prayer chain is on a table in the back of church. Your name is on a sheet so please take your copy home with you. If you have any questions, give Susan Kremer a call (725-5961). Thank you!
-CCW Membership Team



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.



Donations Needed for Fall Festival Canned Beef

We are planning on canning beef again for purchase at our Fall Festival this year. Any donations for the purchase of the canning meat would be very much appreciated. Please leave any donations marked "beef" in the collection basket or leave off at the St. Charles office with Cheryl. Thanks so much.

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



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. We still have some of the metal chairs for sale 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

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

Church Support.....\$680.00
Offertory.....\$162.00

St. Charles, Cassville for April 25, 2021

Church Support.....\$2,085.00
Offertory.....\$125.35
St. Charles Cemetery.....\$20.00
Beef Fund.....\$30.00

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.

FEAST OF FAITH -The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

<u>St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for May 8, 2021</u>	
	8:00 p.m. Saturday Mass
Lector:	Theresa Zimmer
Ushers:	Gerard & Zach Zimmer
<u>St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for May 9, 2021</u>	
	10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector:	Sue Munro
Ushers:	Barb & Terry Schrobilgen
Sacristan:	Linda Reynolds
Server:	Braden & Brielle Fishnick



Celebrate Life

“The root reason for human dignity lies in man’s call to communion with God. From the very circumstance of his origin man is already invited to converse with God. For man would not exist were he not created by God’s love and constantly preserved by it; and he cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and devotes himself to His Creator. Still, many of our contemporaries have never recognized this intimate and vital link with God, or have explicitly rejected it.”

Pope Paul 6th, Joy And Hope, 19

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

“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.” Learn how your marriage can bear fruit on the next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on June 25-27 in Geneva, IL; Aug. 20-22 in Madison, WI or Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL. There are virtual experiences on May 6 thru June 4 and Sept. 13 thru Oct. 4.

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.

“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

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

- *May 2-St. Charles First Communion
- *May 6— Prayers Service at 10:00 a.m. at the Mt. Hope Park sponsored by the Methodist Church
- *May 14-St. Charles 8th Grade Graduation
- *May 11- 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 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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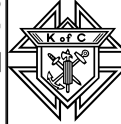
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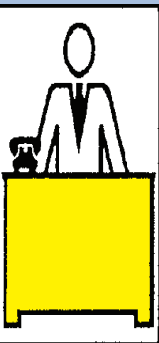
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