

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

May 8, 2022

## 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.

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## Vocations

### 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 Copey 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 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

Our joint parish website can be found at [www.swwcatholicparishes.com](http://www.swwcatholicparishes.com).



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**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	5/7	4:30 PM	Donald & Dorothy Mumm (Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	Deceased members of St. Mary's Altar Society (Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/8	8:00 AM	Pro Populo (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Deceased members of the Roy & Mary Jane Hermsen family (Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Jordan Beesecker and Chris Beesecker (Cassville)
Mon.	5/9	8:15 AM	Delores & Ambrose Glassmaker (Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration (Cassville)
Tues.	5/10	8:15 AM	Bill Breene (Cassville)
Wed.	5/11	8:15 AM	No Mass (Bloomington)
Thurs.	5/12	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration (Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Deceased members of the Larry & Ruth French family (Bloomington)
Fri.	5/13	8:15 AM	Joseph F. & Verna Mergen (Bloomington)
Sat.	5/14	4:30 PM	Nilus Dalsing and Jane Dalsing (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Pro Populo (Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/15	8:00 AM	Fred & Ruth Zenz and John & Hilda Steiger (Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Byron & Barbara Davis and George & Mary Miller and deceased family members (Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Laverne Haas (Cassville)



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshipping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



**May God Bless Our Mothers**

Mother's Day is both a day of appreciation and reflection. Today, many are able to spend time with their mother, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers. It is a day when we thank them for giving us the gift of life, nurturing and caring for us when we were most vulnerable, and giving us many things, especially faith in Jesus Christ and love of His Church.

I have been reflecting on my mother's long life and, I have come to realize the fact that she raised two families. When she was 13 years old, her mother died the day after her youngest sister was born. My mother and her older sister raised the new baby and four younger siblings. They all grew up healthy, faith-filled people, and appreciated each other very much. When she was 38 years old, she married my father, and I was blessed to have her as my mother.

As we reflect on the essential role that mothers have in our lives, we should also reflect on the important ways that the Church is a mother to us. This is how the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* presents this vision.

**169** "Salvation comes from God alone; but because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother: "We believe the Church as the mother of our new birth, and not in the Church as if she were the author of our salvation." Because she is our mother, she is also our teacher in the faith."

**Keeping the Lord's Day Holy**

Worshipping God in the manner that he has ordained is something that we owe to him in justice. Justice is the virtue by which we give to another what is due to him. The Eucharist is the sacrament of charity, but the holy Mass is even more fundamentally a matter of justice toward God; it's a matter of giving to God the worship and honor and thanks that are due to him in justice. Catholics don't go to Mass on Sunday in order to get something out of it (although we do get more than something, we get Someone out of it when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion). Catholics go to Mass every Sunday in order to give God fitting worship because he is worthy of thanks and praise. Go Make Disciples, December 2021, Vol. 2, No. 8

**WHAT TO DO: Attend Mass**

Our participation in the holy Mass is so important--so essential to the Christian life--that it is a mortal sin to miss Mass on a Sunday or any other holy day of obligation. There are cases such as illness or caring for others that can excuse one from this obligation, but we should always make every effort to attend Sunday Mass. We should also build our day around the Mass rather than just squeezing it in where most convenient.

**Scripture for the week of May 9, 2022**

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



**Mother's Day Rose Sale**

In honor of Mother's Day, red roses will be available after the Masses on 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.

Congratulations!



**8th Grade Graduations**

Congratulations to the students from our parishes who are graduating! St. Charles 8th Grade graduation will take place at 6:30 p.m. on May 18. St. Mary's 8th graduation will take place after the 9:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 22.

**Motherhood is the Gift of God to Women**

"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike! Yet we can destroy this gift of motherhood, especially by the evil of **abortion**, but also by thinking that other things like jobs or positions are more important than loving, than giving oneself to others. No job, no plans, no possessions, no idea of "freedom" can take the place of love. So anything that destroys God's gift of motherhood destroys His most precious gift to women-- the ability to love as a woman." -- **St. Mother Teresa**



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

May 2 - 6 was Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers and staff received delicious food, flowers and a basket of goodies. They are very appreciative of the gift and are happy to work with great families.

Our band students participated in the Large Group Festival in Potosi on Wednesday, May 4.

We would like to wish our mothers an enjoyable and relaxing Mother's Day.

**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.

**Congratulations to St. Mary's First Communicants**



**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.

Whenever I held my newborn baby in my arms, I used to think that what I said and did to him could have an influence not only on him but on all whom he met, not only for a day or a month or a year, but for all eternity - a very challenging and exciting thought for a mother.

*- Rose Kennedy*



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

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



**St. Gianna Beretta Molla**

Saint Gianna was canonized on May 16, 2004, and hers was the first of its kind. Many mothers have been beatified for their heroic virtues, but they entered religious life after becoming widowed. In St Gianna's case, the very condition of her being a spouse and mother was exalted and highlighted. St Gianna is the first canonized woman physician and professional who was also a "working mom".

In 1961 pregnant with her fourth child, Dr. Gianna Beretta Molla made a heroic choice after she was diagnosed with a uterine tumor. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, since it would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, her daughter Gianna Emanuela Molla was born, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for Dr. Molla and a week later she died at home.

Her heroic virtue, genuine holiness of life, selflessness, and quiet joy remind all of us that God entrusts us with a personal vocation. Each day presents us with choices that have the power to prepare us to take heroic action whenever it will be called for. We can do that, however, only if we surrender ourselves and what we desire to God and His will for us.

This example of lay sanctity, lived in the Sacrament of Matrimony, as the Vatican Council II teaches, will encourage many Christians to seek God in holy Matrimony. The exemplary fame of Christian conduct, lived by Gianna Beretta Molla is valid proof. She is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 29, 2022**

Church Support.....	\$1,016.00
Offertory.....	\$467.00
First Communion Fees.....	\$45.00

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 29, 2022**

Church Support.....	\$NA
Offertory.....	\$NA

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

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for May 15, 2022**

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

Lector:	Barb Stagman
Communion:	Linda McCabe
Ushers:	Charlie Martin, Tom Breuer
Servers:	Sean & Katie Tolle

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for May 15, 2022**

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

Lector:	Marcia Hampton
Communion:	Marcia Hampton
Sacristan:	Marcia Hampton
Ushers:	Eric Fuerstenberg, Dan Bierman
Servers:	Libby Vogt, Meghyn & Sawyer Breuer



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**Thank You's**

Thank you to everyone who gave donations to the Ukraine Relief Fund which have totaled \$5,000.00 so far. The heartfelt generosity will be greatly appreciated by those who are affected by the war.

**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.

**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.

**Reflection**

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**St. Mary's, Glen Haven for April 30, 2022:**

Church Support.....\$800.00  
 Offertory.....\$80.00

**St. Charles, Cassville for May 1, 2022**

Church Support.....\$3,605.00  
 Offertory.....\$270.50  
 National Combined Collection.....\$50.00  
 Fall Festival Beef Donations.....\$170.00

**St. Charles, Cassville for April 24, 2022**

Church Support.....\$1,338.00  
 Offertory.....\$230.50  
 Religious Education Donation.....\$30.00  
 Rice Bowl.....\$141.50

**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.*



**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.

**St. Mary's, Glen Haven Schedule for May 14, 2022**

**8:00 a.m. Mass**  
 Lector: Barb Breuer  
 Communion: Barb Breuer  
 Servers: Erin Adrian, Leah Patterson  
 Ushers: Mike Breuer, Joe Breuer

**St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for May 14 & 15, 2022**

**4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass**  
 Lector: Abby Tasker  
 Communion: Patty Okey  
 Servers: Audrey & Aimslee Tasker  
 Ushers: Jim, Holly & Adison Tasker

**10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**  
 Lector: Gordon Kremer  
 Communion: Linda Reynolds  
 Sacristan: Linda Reynolds  
 Servers: Heath Rauch, Declan Fishnick  
 Ushers: Jack & Joan Bausch, Joe Ploessl



### **Celebrate Life**

“One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness.”

— Alice von Hildebrand, *The Privilege Of Being A Woman*

### **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).

### **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](mailto: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 [rachel@straphael.org](mailto:rachel@straphael.org)

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Happy Mother's Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on June 24-26 in Geneva, IL; Sept. 16-18 Madison, WI or Oct. 21-23 in Brookfield, WI. Visit our website at - [alife-timeoflove.org](http://alife-timeoflove.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**

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

\*May 18—St. Charles 8th Graduation at 6:30 p.m.

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

\*May 23-Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Charles School from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

\*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

### **KC Council 4416 News**

At the April 19 meeting, we did a virtual 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification induct Daniel Herbers to the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. We were also able to bring in \$3,345 in State Raffle Tickets Sales. Our State Raffle Ticket Rebate back to the Council should be around \$1,338.00. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets.

The Council will conduct their roadside clean-up on Saturday May 14 at 9 A.M. Please come and give us a hand! Our next meeting will be May 17 at 7:30 P.M. in St. Mary's Church Basement in Bloomington.

### **Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting**

The Spring meeting of the Grant Vicariate CCW will be on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Fennimore, WI.

Registration in the Church Hall-3:30 p.m. followed by Liturgy-at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be in the Church Hall 5:30 p.m. followed by the program present by Grant County Sheriff Nate Dreckman Human Trafficking in Grant County: **Puzzled About Human Trafficking? Its Presence in Grant County.** There will be a Brief meeting following the program.

A registration fee of \$12.00 is due by May 16. Please send registration to Rita Moore 14791 Homer Rd. Fennimore, WI 53809.

Each parish CCW is asked to provide a basket. The theme for the silent auction baskets/or decorated boxes is spring. Please include a list of the items that are in your box.

For questions or more information please contact Jan Block (608-723-7978) or (608-778-3952).

### **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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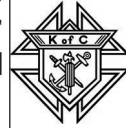
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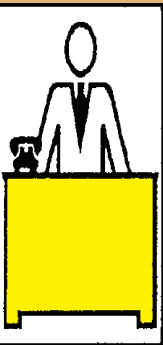
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