

# St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate

St. Mary & St. Charles  
St. Mary & St. John Churches

June 30, 2024

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**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	6/29	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration 4:30 PM LaVerne Haas 8:00 PM Diane Moris	(Bloomington) (Cassville) (Glen Haven)
Sun.	6/30	8:00 AM Kevin Martin 10:00 AM Pro Populo	(Patch Grove) (Bloomington)
Mon.	7/1	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	7/2	8:15 AM Dave Bausch and Peggy (Bausch) Ewers	(Cassville)
Wed.	7/3	8:15 AM Willy & Junie Udelhofen 8:45 AM Adoration	(Cassville) (Cassville)
Thurs.	7/4	8:15 AM Leland & Vivian Perrin	(Bloomington)
Fri.	7/5	8:15 AM Lyle & Marian Taylor and Diane Guanella	(Bloomington)
Sat.	7/6	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration 4:30 PM LeRoy & Patricia Schauff and Jacob, Frances, and Brian Adrian	(Bloomington) (Cassville)
Sun.	7/7	8:00 PM Dorothy & Leonard Breuer 8:00 AM Bill Martin 9:30 AM Byron and Barbara Davis and Sharon Davis	(Glen Haven) (Patch Grove) (Bloomington)



**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Wisdom reminds us that we are created in God’s image to share in God’s nature. However, because of sin, we have become mortal beings. But the Lord has rescued us, for Jesus has restored life and defeated death. His healing of Jairus’s daughter and the woman with the hemorrhages show his power to do so. To paraphrase what Paul wrote to the Corinthians, by giving of himself, Jesus has graciously enriched us.

*Happy Independence Day*

May God bless the United States of America as we celebrate the birthday of our great nation on Independence Day this Thursday. May all in our parishioners have a fun and safe 4th of July holiday.



**REMINDER:** St. Mary’s Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. starting on July 1.

**Scripture for the week of July 1, 2024**

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17-23/Mt 8:18-22  
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27  
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29  
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17  
 Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

**July 6 & 7 Weekend Mass Schedule**

Fr. Steve - Saturday 8:00 p.m. at Glen Haven & Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Patch Grove & 9:30 a.m. at Bloomington  
 Fr. Sudhakar - Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster  
 Fr. Mark Miller-Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Cassville & Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Potosi & 10:00 a.m. at Tennyson



**Baptism**

We joyfully welcome to God’s holy family Ares Valentine Guerrero, son of Amiel and Madison Guerrero, who was baptized at St. John Church.

**KC Council 4416 News**

Council 4416 met with two Brother Knights from Council 2820—Lancaster, to discuss the transfer of Council 4416 members to the Lancaster Council. **Council 4416 will close. Members will be receiving transfer forms in the mail.** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16 which will be our Steak Fry, at the old Glen Haven Fire Hall. Cocktails at 6 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. Bring a dish to pass and your own utensils.

**Fiscal Year-End Giving**

Thank you to everyone from our parishes who has generously supported our parishes with your time treasure and talents! **The end of the fiscal year for the parishes is June 30.** Your financial support of our parishes is deeply needed and appreciated! **No official canonical or financial merging of the pastorate parishes has happened yet.**

**A Review of the Mass Times**

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate: The goal of our Mass schedule is to provide a variety of Mass times offered throughout the pastorate so that there are enough options for people to go to Mass and glorify God, as well as to follow the Into the Deep Guidelines. In our transition team meeting, we discussed the possibility of changing Mass times. There was a general consensus among transition team members that it would be best for our pastorate if our Mass times stayed the same. We believe that keeping the Mass times the same, except for **St. Mary’s, Bloomington which will start at 9:30 a.m. as of July 1, 2024**, will achieve our goal of offering a variety of Mass times for our parishioners and upholding the goals of the Into the Deep Initiative. Our ultimate goal is to become a single parish, that is, a united people of God that sincerely cares about each other and is working together towards planting and growing in Grant County a dynamic and active Catholic culture.

May God bless you,  
Fr. Steve Brunner

**St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate Bulletin**

Fr. Steve has chosen Ms. Katherine Bernhardt, St. Clement’s Secretary to be the St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate Bulletin Editor. **You may send information for the July 7, 2024 pastorate bulletin and all future bulletins to her at [katherine@saintclementparish.com](mailto:katherine@saintclementparish.com).** Please contact her at **608-723-4990** if you have questions about the bulletin.



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

If you or anyone you know is interested in having their 3-year-old attend St. Mary Learning Center this fall, please contact Kelly Copsey at 608-732-2572.

**St. Mary's School in enrolling students in 4K-8th grade for the 2024-25 school year.** Please contact Mrs. Kelly Copsey or the parish office at 608-994-2526 if you would like to receive registration information or to schedule a school visit.

**St. Mary's School Registration** for students in grades 4K - 8th grade will be on **Tuesday, August 27 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** School pictures will be taken at this time also.

**SCRIP:** SCRIP has many cards in stock to complete your home improvement projects this summer. Scrip is available at Economy Feed Mill or if you have a special order you may call Molly Breuer, the Scrip Coordinator, at 563-608-5734.

We are also looking for a new **Volunteer Scrip Coordinator.** If you or someone you know is interested please reach out to Molly Breuer: 563-608-5734.

**St. Mary's Holy Name Fair Stand**

July is almost here and the Blake's Prairie Fair on July 19-21 is rapidly approaching. LOTS of workers are needed to make sure that the fair stand is successful. Men from other parishes can also volunteer to help! All workers will need to have a fair button. The fair stand provides delicious food from morning to evening all three days of the fair and has also been an important part of the fair experience in Bloomington. The income from the fair stand is used toward the parish insurance that was over \$18,000 this year.

**The stand will also need LOTS of apple, cherry and peach pies from our wonderful bakers!**  
**Please contact Mike Patterson if you would like to help at the stand or to make a donation.** All men are asked to contribute \$20.00 to help defray expenses.



**St. Mary's Golf Outing on July 28**

St. Mary's Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, July 30. If you are interested in having a team in the Golf Outing, please contact Kelly Copsey at (608-732-2572).

Anyone who would like to sponsor a golf hole or contribute a donation to the Golf Outing raffle should contact Kelly.

**St. Mary's Fall Festival**

**September 7 & 8, 2024**

There will be a delicious Dinner, Silent Auction, Pie & Dessert Auction, Raffles, Kid's Games, County Store, and more is being planned. We are very thankful for all of the generous people who have helped with the Silent Auction and the Country Store in the past and hope to have lots of great items again this year.

Let's have fun, be creative and make this year's Fall Festival a super event! There will be more information in upcoming bulletins and mailings.

**Please contact the parish office (994-2526) to volunteer to help with Fall Festival.**



**St. John's Summer Fest**

St. John's Parish Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 17. Please save the date and plan to attend this wonderful parish event. The evening will begin with a 4:00 p.m. Mass followed by the delicious Chicken & Ham dinner, raffle, auction, games, and fun for all ages.

**Please pick up your Summer Fest envelope from the back of church.** Due to federal laws, we are unable to mail the raffle tickets.

**Church Support Envelopes**

Church support envelopes are available to be picked up in the narthex of St. Mary's and St. John's Churches for parishioners who have request them in the past.

**Servers and Gift Bearers Needed**

We are in need of more serves for our Masses. Please contact the St. Mary's Parish office 608-994-2526 if your child or children (4th grade or older) are interested in serving at either St. John's or St. Mary's Masses.

Also, we are in need of people to take up the gifts at St. Mary's Masses. Please call the parish office if your family is interested in taking up the gifts at Mass.

**Thank You's**

Thank to the wonderful volunteers who keep St. Mary's Church and grounds looking beautiful and tidy through their amazing work. We especially thank the crew who trimmed the bushes around the rectory last week.

**Parish Financial Updates**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Mary's Collections for the period ending June 21, 2024**

Church Support.....	\$1,169.00
Offertory.....	\$307.00
Spring Expenses.....	\$100.00
St. Charles Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$916.57
St. Mary, GH Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$475.10
School Tuition.....	\$976.38
Rent of Parish Facilities.....	\$100.00
St. Mary School Alumni Fund.....	\$1,000.00

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. Single members are asked to contribute \$500.00 and family are asked to contribute 1,000.00.

**St. John's Collections for the week ending on June 21, 2024**

Church Support.....	\$835.00
Offertory.....	\$155.00
DST.....	\$40.00
Rent of Parish Facilities.....	\$100.00

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

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for July 7, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector: Carol Harris  
 Communion: Roger McKinney  
 Ushers: Gene Harris, Ray Breuer  
 Servers: Matthew Tolle

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for July 7, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector: Jeff Davis  
 Communion: Jeff Davis  
 Sacristans: Jeff Davis  
 Gifts: Matt & Kim Vogt  
 Ushers: Dan Bierman, Eric Fuerstenberg  
 Servers: Libby & Tessa Vogt



**St. Charles Catholic Montessori Early Education Program**

St. Charles School Montessori Program is now enrolling students aged 3-6 for the 2024-2025 school year! Our school runs full-day schedules with an optional half-day for 3 and 4-year-olds. Wrap-around care is also available both before and after school! Please contact Cheryl Junk at 608-725-5173 or cassie.okey@stcharlescassville.org for more information or to register your child! Please contact Cassie Okey if you are interested in St. Charles School for a child in 1st through 8th grade.



**Thank You's**

Thank You to everyone for the donations to St. Mary's Cemetery. Your continued support of the "Settlement Cemetery" is appreciated.



**CCW Pie & Cookie Fundraiser July 20, 2024**



CCW Ladies! It's time to mark your calendar for the Lions' "Fun Day in the Park" on Saturday, July 20th at Riverside Park. By popular demand, our CCW will be doing pie and cookies for this Lions' Event. Please sign up in Church. Contact Phyllis Adrian, Kate Lenz, or Susan Kremer for questions. Cookies brought in will be placed in plastic containers. Assortments will be made up to sell. Whole pies will be cut that morning. Let's stay away from cream pies because of the heat. We will be setting up around 11:00 A.M. at Riverside Park. As always, "thank you" for signing up to make this event successful. Cash donations are always welcome too. -CCW Leadership Team

**KC Council 4416 News**

Council 4416 met with two Brother Knights from Council 2820—Lancaster, to discuss the transfer of Council 4416 members to the Lancaster Council. Council 4416 will close. Members will be receiving transfer forms in the mail. In other news, the Council ended its tootsie roll campaign with a generous donation amount of \$369.68. After the State Council deducts their fees, the balance will be sent to Badger Camp. Our Council also received a raffle ticket rebate check, which totaled \$1,765.00. A big "thank you" to the Brother Knights who sold or bought tickets. Council 4416 also submitted a list of 68 non-paying members to be transferred to the White Council at the State level. This will reduce our per-capita charge from 147 members down to 79 members.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16 which will be our Steak Fry, at the Old Glen Haven Fire Hall. Cocktails at 6 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. Bring a dish to pass and your own utensils.



**Prayer Requests**

If anyone has a special prayer request and would like our Council of Catholic Women Prayer Chain to be of support, please give Kate Lenz a call (608-725-5909)

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



**Pork Chop Dinner Thank You's**

A HUGE thank you to all who are attending our parish dinner last Sunday and made it a successful event! Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and gave donations. Also THANK YOU all the workers! We greatly appreciate everyone's help and support. Below are the income and the expenses so far for the Pork Chop Dinner: Raffle income-\$3,060.00, Dinner Income-\$3,527.00 for a total of \$6,587.00. Expenses-\$993.00. Total Income - \$5,594.00.

**Reflection**

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality."

"2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous life is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are not to live in isolation.

**St. Irenaeus - June 28**

Can you imagine sitting at the feet of the Apostles? St. Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor -- now Turkey -- in 130AD and was tutored in Christianity by St. Polycarp, himself a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. Irenaeus caught the missionary zeal and became a priest sent to Gaul (modern day France). Following a persecution by the pagan Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, Irenaeus replaced the martyred bishop in the region. His trials were not over, however. The heretical sect of Gnosticism spread to Gaul. Gnostics proclaimed a secret, spiritual knowledge available only to a few. Irenaeus researched the Gnostic texts and exposed the falsehoods they taught, such as denying the divinity of Christ. His book Against Heresies is still being published today, over 1800 years after his death. May St. Irenaeus intercede for our own quests for greater understanding!

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Charles, Cassville for June 22, 2024**

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

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 for June 22, 2024**

Church Support.....\$40.00  
Offertory.....\$92.00



**St. Charles' Ministry Schedule  
4:30 p.m. Mass on July 6, 2024**

Lector: Mary White  
Sacristan: Mary White  
Communion: Kris Mumm  
Servers: Anna & Natalia Paar  
Ushers: White family

**St. Mary's, GH Ministry Schedule  
8:00 p.m. Mass on July 6, 2024**

Lector: Barb Breuer  
Communion: Barb Breuer  
Servers: Mezera's  
Ushers: Mike Breuer, Kurt Breuer





## Celebrate Life

In their statement “Catholics in Political Life” (June 2004), the United States bishops said the following:

“We need to continue to teach clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health care and human service ministries.

“We need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves.

## 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)

## St. Catherine Ministry: Ware here to support families through miscarriage

St. Catherine Ministry is here to accompany anyone who has received the sad news of a miscarriage. From providing miscarriage kits to referring for burial sites to crying with you, we want to help because we have been there, too. It’s as simple as contacting St. Catherine Ministry director Laura Karlen at [ljkarlen@hotmail.com](mailto:ljkarlen@hotmail.com) or 608-445-2064.

## 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

“I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.”

Let the Lord fill your marriage with peace, love and hope. Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on June 28-30 in Rockford, IL, August 3-4 in Wisconsin, or September 6-8 in Geneva, IL. Visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.



## The National Suicide & Crisis

**Lifeline**-Call, text or chat 988 to reach a trained counselor. These trained counselors will listen, understand how problems are affecting a

person, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary. **There is help specifically for farmers.**

## MEETINGS

- \*July 7-St. Mary’s Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- \*July 9 St. John’s Parish Council meeting

## EVENTS

- \*July 8-11 - Love Begins Here at St. Clement Parish
- \*July 9- St. John’s Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- \*July 16 - Knights of Columbus Steak Fry and meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the old Glen Haven Fire Hall
- \*July 18-21- Blakes Prairie Fair
- \*July 19 - St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate Sunset Cruise
- \*July 28-St. Mary’s School Golf Outing at 1:00 p.m.
- \*August 13- St. John’s Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- \*August 17-St. John’s Summer Fest.
- \*August 27- St. Mary School Registration from 4-6:00 p.m.
- \*September 7 & 8-St. Mary’s Fall Festival
- \*September 10- St. John’s Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- \*September 15-St. Charles Fall Festival
- \*October 8- St. John’s Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

## Catholic Herald

The *Catholic Herald* keeps readers up to date locally with coverage of events happening around the diocese. 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.

## Catholic Question & Answer

**Question:** In today’s digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

**Answer:** The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of “social distanced” confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church’s ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, “Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet” (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered “real” in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church’s tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

*What we do in life echoes in eternity.*