

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. Greg.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation

Fr. Greg will be available to hear confessions on the following days:

Mondays-4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles and 6:00-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

Thursdays- 7:30-8:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Bloomington

Saturdays- 3:30-4:15p.m. at St. Charles, and 7:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Glenn Haven

Sundays- 6:45-7:15 a.m. St. John, Patch Grove and 8:45-9:15 a.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington.

Baptism

May God bless our new parents! Please contact Fr. Greg to schedule the baptism of your child and to attend a baptismal preparation session.

Marriage

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! Please call Fr. Greg at least six months before the wedding. One of the parties must be a practicing Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick

If someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the Bloomington parish office immediately. Please call the parish office if there is someone who would like to be included in the Mass prayers.

Vocations

Please contact Fr. Greg 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 608-994-2435 for St. Mary School or Ms. Dianne Makovec at 608-725-5173 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 to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) by 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.

June 4, 2023



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church

253 *The Trinity is One.* We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the "consubstantial Trinity".⁸³ The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: "The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God."⁸⁴ In the words of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), "Each of the persons is that supreme reality, viz., the divine substance, essence or nature."⁸⁵

Rev. Gregory Ihm

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Our parish website:

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	6/3	4:30 PM	Deceased members of the Nick & Emma Ley family and Ambrose & Delores Glassmaker (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Harold & Marie Stelpflug and Edgar Bornhauser (Glen Haven)
Sun.	6/4	7:30 AM	Pro Populo (Patch Grove)
		9:30 AM	John Patterson (Bloomington)
Mon.	6/5	8:15 AM	Sandra Becwar (Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration (Cassville)
Tues.	6/6	8:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Nick Esser family (Cassville)
Wed.	6/7	8:15 AM	Bill Macke (Bloomington)
Thurs.	6/8	8:15 AM	Ann Meyer (Bloomington)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration (Bloomington)
Fri.	6/9	8:15 AM	No Mass
Sat.	6/10	4:30 PM	Nilus Dalsing, (daughter) Jane Dalsing and Denny Donovan (Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Pro Populo (Glen Haven)
Sun.	6/11	7:30 AM	Living and deceased members of the Hromadka family (Patch Grove)
		9:30 AM	Leonard & Arlene Schmidt (Bloomington)

Scripture for the week of June 5, 2023

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17
 Wed: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6and7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27
 Thurs: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



Banns of Matrimony

II Colton Holmes & Cora Reuter on June 10, 2023 at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

Eucharistic Miracles Display

St. Charles Parish, Cassville, WI

June 3 - 3:00-6:30 p.m.

St. Mary Parish, Bloomington, WI

June 4- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This informative display shows how Jesus' Real Presence has been revealed throughout history. **Please plan to attend with your family and friends!**



St. Mary's Vacation Bible School

St. Mary's Vacation Bible School will take place on June 13-15 and it is for children in 1st - 8th grade.

Registration forms are available at each church.

Retirement Celebration for Fr. Dick Leffler

Ss. Andrew-Thomas Parish, Potosi, WI is holding a Retirement Celebration for Fr. Dick Leffler on Sunday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Catholic school. All are welcome to attend this celebration.



"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." -St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars"



Message from Fr. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

My name is Fr Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu, and I will be one of your new Parochial Vicars. I am glad to come to your Pastorate along with Fr. Steve and Fr. Mark to take care of your Pastoral needs. In this bulletin letter, I'd like to introduce myself and tell you more about me.

I am from India and grew up in a town called Warangal in South India. I grew up there with my parents and with my only brother Ravi. I am 50 years old, and my brother Ravi is 47. From my third grade, I studied in a Catholic Boarding school run by P I M E missionary fathers from Italy. I was inspired by the life of Fr. Colombo, an Italian missionary priest who was in charge of our boarding school then. Inspired by his life, I decided to become a priest like him when I was in 5th grade. Then I joined the Apostolic seminary as a pre-seminary in my 6th grade, and I never looked back from then. After my 10th grade, I decided to continue my seminary studies and after 12 years of my seminary as well as academic studies, I was ordained as a priest in the year 2000 when I was 27 years old. It has been 23 years and I never regretted for becoming the priest.

In 2016, I was given a chance to come to the USA to the Diocese of Madison to render my priestly services. I worked as a Parochial Administrator of St. Mathews Parish, Shullsburg WI for five years and presently working as an Associate Pastor at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Madison. Once upon a time, I was inspired by an Italian missionary priest who worked in India and now I am happy to work in this great country as a missionary priest. Church is Universal and our needs are Universal too. I am happy to render my priestly services to the Universal Church.

It is great to take a moment to introduce myself to you in this bulletin letter. I am so happy to come to Pastorate #1 for my priestly ministry and I look forward to meeting you and hearing more about you.

Thank you, Fr. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu

Fr. Greg's Reflection

CCC 260 The Ultimate end of the whole divine economy is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity. But even now we are called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity: "If a man loves me," says the Lord, "he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him":

"O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely so to establish myself in you, unmovable and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing be able to trouble my peace or make me leave you, O my unchanging God, but may each minute bring me more deeply into your mystery! Grant my soul peace. Make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action."

-Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity

"Think of the Father as a spring of life begetting the Son, like a river and the Holy Ghost like a sea, for the spring and the river and sea are all one nature. Think of the Father as a root and of the Son as a branch and the Spirit as a fruit, for the substance in these three is one. The Father is a sun with the Son as rays and the Holy Ghost as heat."
 - St. John of Damascus

St. Mary Church, Bloomington



St. John Church, Patch Grove



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

We hope everyone has an enjoyable summer break. Registration for the 2023-24 school year will be held on Tuesday, August 22 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Pictures will be taken at that time.

SCRIP: "SCRIP has many cards in stock to complete your home improvement projects this summer. Many local businesses in Bloomington and surrounding areas provide SCRIP gift certificates for this fundraiser for our school. If you are new to SCRIP, please be sure to fill out the SCRIP agreement form. For a full list of available SCRIP cards, please visit the RaiseRight App, or www.raiseright.com."

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Volunteers are needed to help with the Vacation Bible School. Please contact Erin Kluesner or St. Mary's Parish office for more information and to volunteer.

Religious Education

The Youth Group will meet on June 21 in Cassville.



Farewell Send Off for Fr. Greg

Fr. Greg will be moving to Platteville the last week in June to become the pastor of Pastorate #2. We will hold a Farewell Send Off for him at St. Mary's Church Hall in Bloomington on Sunday, June 25 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

This is also the 13th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We are grateful for the time that he has served as the pastor of our parishes and for his vocation to the priesthood.

Reflection

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time and love to God freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

Spring Expenses Fund Drive

St. Mary Parish is facing financial challenges due to rising costs and other factors beyond our control. **We will need to raise an additional \$50,000.00 to cover parish expenses from now until the end of the fiscal year.**

We also need to raise funds to replace the original 1949 roof on the rectory. This may cost over \$30,000.

We need our parish to be financially strong as we join with the other parishes in our pastorate. **We are deeply grateful to the generous people who have donated \$9,385.00 for this fund drive so far. All donation no matter the size are very much appreciated. God bless and thank you for supporting St. Mary's!**

Goal:
\$50,000
\$45,000
\$40,000
\$35,000
\$30,000
\$25,000
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000
\$0



St. John's Summer Fest.

Planning is underway for St. John's Summer Fest. on Saturday, August 12. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this fun event.

New St. John's Parish Council Members

St. John's Parish Council is seeking two volunteers who would like to serve on the council. Please contact the parish office (608-994-2526) for more information.



Servant of God Julia Greeley

Servant of God Julia Greeley, Denver's Angel of Charity, was born sometime between 1833 and 1840 into slavery in Hannibal, Missouri. She was emancipated after the Civil War in 1865 when the state of Missouri passed their own Emancipation Proclamation.

After being freed from slavery, she eventually landed in Denver, Colorado working a variety of jobs and caring for the city's poorest residents. In 1880, Julia converted to Catholicism at the Sacred Heart Church in Denver. Her particular devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus led her ministry all over Denver. She became an active member of the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901, committing her life to live simply, love God, and think of all people as her brothers and sisters. She attended daily Mass, always sitting in the front left pew. Her parish priests adored her and fervently defended her from any racist comment made by people who took offense to having a black woman sitting in the front of the sanctuary for Mass.

She spent her life serving the poor with a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and a love for children and praying for the city's fire fighters. She died on June 7, 1918 and her cause for canonization began in the fall of 2016.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending May 26, 2023

Church Support.....\$1,225.00
Offertory.....\$330.00
Spring Expenses.....\$500.00

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

St. John's Collections for the week ending on May 26, 2023

Church Support.....\$125.00
Offertory.....\$221.00
Votive Candles.....\$65.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for June 11, 2023

7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: Bill Mergen
Communion: Roger McKinney
Ushers: Charlie Martin, Ray Breuer
Servers: Ty & Matthew Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for June 11, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: Pat Casey
Communion: Pat Casey
Sacristans: Pat Casey
Gifts: Matt & Kim Vogt and family
Ushers: Ronnie Mumm, Mike Mumm
Server: Libby & Tessa Vogt, Jovie Kruger



St. Charles Catholic Montessori Early Education Program

We are looking forward to the start of our Montessori School program for children this fall and we need your support in both prayers and materials for helping to get this program off the ground. Please take a moment to look at the display in the narthex of St. Charles to see where your support will go. Donations can be dropped in the weekly collection with Montessori School on the outside. Thank you in advance for all of your support in this new endeavor!

If you have questions or if you would like to register your child, please contact Cassie Okey at cassie.okey@stcharlescassville.org.



St. Charles School

We had a wonderful turnout as we honored the retirement of Ms. Dianne Makovec and Mr. Jeff Jensen. We wish them health and happiness!



Please call the office 608-725-5595 for more information about enrolling your child(ren) at our school.

Religious Education

The Youth Group will be meeting on June 21 in Cassville.



Cemetery Fund

St. Charles and St. Mary's Settlement Cemeteries are in need of donations for the upkeep of the sites. If you would like to make a donation, you may put it in the offertory collection or mail it to St. Charles, P.O. Box 166, Cassville, WI 53806. Please make the check out to the cemetery you want the fund to be applied to.



Help Needed with Canning Beef

We are canning beef for our Fall Festival on Wednesday, June 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Charles School Kitchen. Anyone free to help wash jars, cut up beef or stuff jars, please join us. Thanks so much.



Farewell Gathering for Fr. Greg

Everyone is invited to attend a Farewell Gathering for Fr. Greg Ihm on Sat., June 24, following 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Charles School

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

The AA meetings are every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Cassville.



St. Mary's Drive Through Porkchop Dinner

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Dinner is set for Sunday, June 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A raffle will also take place with the drawing at 2:30 pm. **Anyone wishing to donate to the raffle, please contact Joe or Cindi Breuer @ 608-794-2295.**

We Bear the Name of the Lord

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him," advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

***"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."* — Daniel 3:52**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

The bulletin had to be sent to the printer before the weekend Masses because of the Memorial Day holiday.

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for May 27, 2023

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

St. Charles, Cassville for May 27, 2023

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

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.

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

4:30 p.m. Mass on June 10, 2023

Lector: Patty (Okey) Bowden
Communion: Sandra Raveling
Servers: Anna & Natalia Paar
Ushers: Elijah, Ezra & Raz Okey

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on June 10, 2023

Lector: Theresa Zimmer
Communion: Theresa Zimmer
Servers: Erin Adrian, Leah Patterson
Ushers: Gerard & Zach Zimmer



Celebrate Life

Some truths, like the very existence of God, can be known by human reason alone. Other truths, like the fact that God is One in Three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – can only be known if God reveals them to us. We could never conclude on our own that God is a Trinity. Today's Feast is not only an opportunity for thanking God for telling us more about himself. It is an occasion to take courage as we strive for deeper unity within the human family. God reveals himself to us in order to make us more like himself – not just as individuals, but as families, nations, and an international community. We grow in unity as we give ourselves away to one another, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give themselves to each other completely. - Priests for life website

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.

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

St. Catherine Ministry: We are here to support families through miscarriage

St. Catherine Ministry is here to accompany you by e-mail, phone call, text message or, if desired, in person loved one have just 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 likarlen@hotmail.com or 608-445-2064.

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer Hope and Healing for women and men who have struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Whether recent or long ago, call or email Mary at 608-821-3177 rachel@madisondiocese.org Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel. Referrals to a priest and /or therapist also available.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Let God amplify the love in your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on June 23-25 in Geneva, IL; Aug. 5-6 in person or virtual in Madison/Milwaukee/ Appleton; or Sept. 9-10 in Mundelein, IL. Visit our website at - 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. **Mention you are a farmer and they will provide help!**

MEETINGS

*June 20—St. John's Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

EVENTS

*May 30–June 4-Eucharistic Miracles Display

*June 13-St. John's Food Pantry at 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*June 24 & 25-Fr. Greg's last weekend with our parishes

*July 11-St. John's Food Pantry at 12:30-1:30 p.m.

*August 12-St. John's Summer Fest.

*September 29-October 1, 2023 - Diocese of Madison Eucharistic Congress at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee, WI. To register go to <https://blessedbrokenandgiven.com/>

Corpus Christi Procession & Celebration

Everyone is invited to attend the Feast of Corpus Christi Procession and Celebration on Sunday, June 11 at St. Mary Church, Fennimore. There will be Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the streets of Fennimore. Beginning at approx. noon, everyone will be able to enjoy grilled sandwiches, homemade potato chips, beverages, pie and ice cream, children's activities, bean bags, inflatables and fellowship in the park across from the church. Live music will also be available, provided by Tom Jones of Boscobel from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be a raffle drawing at 2:00 p.m. for cash prizes, gift cards and other prizes. Silent auction winners will be announced at approx. 2:30 p.m. Please join us for a day of celebrating on Sunday, June 11.

3rd Annual March for Life Wisconsin

The 3rd Annual March for Life Wisconsin will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. on the State Street steps of State Capitol Building in Madison to commemorate the historic ruling which overturned Roe v. Wade. Now any regulation of abortion is in the hands of our state law and policy makers.

LET'S FILL THE BUS! There will be a coach bus leave from the Immaculate Conception--Corpus Christi Parish parking lot in Boscobel around 11/11:30am and return around 6p.m. COST: Bus tickets are \$20/person or \$50/family. Please register before June 12 at <https://www.prolifewi.org/marchforlife> or call Pro-Life WI directly to register at (262) 796-1111. Those providing their own transportation are encouraged to register for FREE so we can estimate numbers.

Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention

The Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women would like to have you join us on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 for our annual Diocesan Convention. The theme of this year's Convention is "Quilted Together in the Eucharist".

The Convention will be held at St. Clement Parish, Lancaster, WI from 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church. The day will start with a light continental breakfast, followed by a short meeting, speaker, lunch, and afternoon presentation.

The main speaker will be Msgr. James Bartylla, Vicar General of the Diocese of Madison. A presentation in the afternoon will be given by Joey Mahieu, a quilter who will speak about her love for quilts.

The registration deadline is June 13. Please check with your CCW to see if they are paying the \$35.00/person conference fee. Registration forms are available at the back of each church. Please contact Kathy Loy at 608-822-6412 if you have questions.