

# 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 at the following times: Mondays- 4:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Charles and 6-6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington Thursday 7:30-8:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Bloomington Saturday 3:30-4:15p.m. at St. Mary's or St. Charles, and 7:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Glenn Haven Sunday 7:15-7:45 a.m. St. John, Patch Grove

## 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 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. 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 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) 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.

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

August 14, 2022



## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven - August 15

At the end of her earthly life God drew Mary home, assuming her into heaven where she reigns as queen. From the beginning of her life on earth, when she was immaculately conceived, until the end, the Blessed Virgin Mary conformed her life to God's will. Let us look to her as a model as we endeavor to discern God's will for us.

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church

**266** "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."<sup>508</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

**Rev. Gregory Ihm**

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**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	8/13	4:30 PM	Pro Populo	(Patch Grove)
		8:00 PM	Connie Jackering and Sharon Tesmer	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	8/14	8:00 AM	Special Intention of M.L.	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Ben Moss	(Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Fr. Phil Krogman	(Cassville)
Mon.	8/15	8:15 AM	Dale Kuenster	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	Adoration	(Cassville)
		7:00 PM	Carl Neis	(Bloomington)
Tues.	8/16	8:15 AM	Thomas Keenan	(Cassville)
Wed.	8/17	8:15 AM	Delores Kirschbaum	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	8/18	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Vince & Germaine Mumm family	(Bloomington)
Fri.	8/19	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	8/20	4:30 PM	John & Lorraine Bierman	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Donald and James Sedbrook and Harmonic Clauer	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	8/21	8:00 AM	TBA	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Gilbert Weber	(Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo	(Cassville)

**Scripture for the week of August 15, 2022**

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;  
 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16;  
 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**Welcome to St. John's Summer Fest!**

We warmly welcome all parishioners and visitors to St. John's Summer Fest. this Saturday evening. We are happy for the many ways God continues to bless the parish. St. John's is vibrant and strong through the support of many wonderful people.

Thank you to all who are helping with and attending this year's St. John's Summer Fest! Thanks to St. John's Parish Council, St. John's CCW, volunteers, and donors who make this day both a fun and successful parish event.

**St. Mary's Golf Outing Rescheduled**

Due to rain last Sunday, St. Mary's Golf Outing had to be postponed and will be held on Sunday, August 21. Please contact Kelly Copsey at 608-732-2572 for more information.



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To learn more about the national Eucharistic revival visit: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>.

**Reflections From Fr. Greg  
20th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Theological Virtue of Hope, a fruit is fortitude

"For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God." Heb. 12:1-4

When God reveals Himself and calls him, man cannot fully respond to the divine love by his own powers. He must hope that God will give him the capacity to love Him in return and to act in conformity with the commandments of charity.

Hope is the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God; it is also the fear of offending God's love and of incurring punishment. The first commandment is also concerned with sins against hope, namely, despair and presumption:

By *despair*, man ceases to hope for his personal salvation from God, for help in attaining it or for the forgiveness of his sins. Despair is contrary to God's goodness, to his justice – for the Lord is faithful to his promises – and to his mercy.

There are two kinds of *presumption*. Either man presumes upon his own capacities, (hoping to be able to save himself without help from on high), or he presumes upon God's almighty power or his mercy (hoping to obtain his forgiveness without conversion and glory without merit). (CCC 2090-2092)

*Fortitude* is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defense of a just cause. 'The Lord is my strength and my song.' 'In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'" (CCC 1808)

- Where do you see the virtues of Hope and Fortitude vs the vices of despair and presumption in today's readings?
- Where do you struggle with despair or presumption and how is Jesus coming to set your heart on fire? (N.B. if you feel isolated because you struggle and need to figure it out on your own; hope can help.)

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven**

This Monday, August 15, everyone is invited to attend the 8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Charles Church or the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Church, Bloomington as we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

**Prophets**

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## St. Mary Church, Bloomington



### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

#### Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

Registration for the 2022-23 school year will be on Tuesday, August 23 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Lindsey Ludvik Photography will be here at that time to take school photos.

If you or someone you know is interested in sending your child to St. Mary School, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 608-732-2572 or come to registration.

### SCRIP Thank You's

Thank you for your continued support of our church and school by purchasing Scrip. We now carry \$500.00 denominations of Kwik Trip, Walmart, and Menards. We also have Ulta Beauty, Pizza Ranch, and Shutterfly (perfect for birthday, holiday, or special event gifts!)

If you have questions how to get started with Scrip please reach out to Molly Breuer at 563.608.5734

### Home, Farm, or Business Blessings

Fr. Greg would like to meet the wonderful families and people in the four parishes and to bless homes, farms, and businesses. Please contact either parish office at 994-2526 or 725-5595 to schedule a blessing.

### St. Mary's Fall Fest. Sept. 10 & 11

St. Mary's Fall Fest. is only four weeks away. Please invite friends and family to attend this fun parish event. Come and enjoy the Silent Auction, Pie Auction, Meat Raffle, CASH Raffle, Country Store, Bean Bag Tournament, Kid's Games and lots of delicious food.

#### Silent Auction

We are very thankful for all of the generous people who have helped with the Silent Auction in the past and hope to have lots of great items again this year. **Donation sheets can be picked up from the back of St. Mary's.**

#### CASH Raffle

Once again this year, we will have an all CASH raffle with a \$1,000 Grand Prize, and two \$500.00 prizes, two \$250.00 prizes, and five \$100.00 prizes. We are hoping many generous individuals will be able to help us by contributing to the prizes. Donations may be placed in the weekend collection or dropped off at the parish office.

#### Country Store

Please share the bounty of your gardens and homes -apples, tomatoes, squash, grapes, pumpkins, etc. along with baked goods, crafts, jams, candy, etc.



### Ladies Night Out

Looking for a fun night out with girlfriends? Plan to attend **Ladies Night Out** at St Mary's on the evening of **October 5**. There will be beverages and appetizers (at no cost!). You'll be able to bid on a surprise package of fun items in filled purses, all worth at least \$25 but most worth much more. St Mary's is hosting but the event is open to all ladies of our cluster and our communities, so invite friends who don't live in Bloomington! For more information or to contribute to the night, call Ione Meoska (723-9605), Mary Jo Kussmaul, Janet Patterson, or Jen Wehrle.

## St. John Church, Patch Grove



### St. John's Fall Fest Thank You's

THANK YOU to everyone who gave donations towards the dinner, auction, and Summer Fest. expenses! Thank you to all who are attending and helping with this fantastic parish event.

**15 August**  
**The Assumption of Our Lady**



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates her passing - body and soul - into the glory in Heaven, where she stands beside her Son 'in garments of gold'. Though the dogma of the Assumption was only defined in 1950, it was already widely believed by the early Christians. Given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body. Where she is now, we one day hope to be.

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### PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

#### PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

##### St. Mary's Collections for the period ending August 5, 2022

Church Support.....	\$1,854.00
Offertory.....	\$337.75
St. John's Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$1,662.19
Donation for Friends of St. Mary School.....	\$1,200.00

St. Mary's families are asked to generously contribute toward the support of parish expenses. It is suggested for a family to give \$1,000.00 and a single person \$500.00 per year.

##### St. John's Collections for the week ending on August 5, 2022

Church Support.....	\$155.00
Offertory.....	\$217.75
Summer Fest. Donation.....	\$50.00

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Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother. - St. Padre Pio

### St. John's Ministry Schedule for August 21, 2022

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

Lector	Bob McLimans
Communion	Michelle Breuer
Ushers	Tom Breuer, Roger McKinney
Servers	Ty Tolle, Avery Needham

### St. Mary Ministry Schedule for August 21, 2022

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

Lector:	Deb Campbell
Communion:	Deb Campbell
Sacristans:	Greg & Jane Patterson
Ushers:	Dan Bierman, Eric Fuerstenberg
Servers:	Servers Needed



## **St. Charles Fall Festival**

St. Charles Fall Festival will take place on September 18. Now is a great time to save the date and invite your friends and family to this fun parish event.

### **Small Raffle**

Small Raffle donations are once again requested for the Fall Festival. Any questions in this regard or for donations please contact the parish office at 608-725-5595.

### **St. Charles Fall Festival Silent Auction**

Anyone with items for the St. Charles Silent Auction, please contact Cheryl Junk. You can contact her at home 725-5530 or at the parish office 725-5595. Homemade crafted items, gift baskets, and home decoration are very popular items.

### **Home Sweet Home Room**

We are combining the rooms this year and looking for lots of PRODUCE. We are always looking for amazing bakers to bring in desserts. Best sellers are cinnamon rolls, breads, pies, and brownies. We will be doing a cookie walk again this year. If you are able to help with baking cookies for this, we will be doing chocolate chip, oatmeal, molasses, and decorated cookies.

### **St. Charles Fall Festival Sweet Corn**

 St. Charles Parishioners: It's time to put your corn away for our 2022 St. Charles Fall Festival. Buckets and the recipe are available in back of church or in the school kitchen. You can put your buckets of corn in the chest freezer in St. Charles School kitchen. The school is open M-F from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



### **St. Charles School News**

If you would like to share your talents with St. Charles students or help with lunch/recess, or you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Cheryl at 725-5595. She will give Ms. Makovec your information.

Please call St. Charles Parish office at 725-5595 for more information about enrolling your child at our school.



### **Attention St. Charles CCW**

Dear Ladies of the Parish!

Our Pie and Cookies Sale in Riverside Park is coming up on **Saturday, September 3, 2022**. It's an exciting day in the park for the **Cassville Car Cruise** which is a spectacular event that we are all happy to support.

A sign-up sheet will be on the table as you enter Church. **We ask that you bring your pies and cookies to the park between 10:00- 11:00 a.m on Saturday, September 3.** We prefer you bring the cookies in one container or disposable tray and our workers will put assortments together in plastic containers to sell. **Each cookie container will be labeled that "some cookies may contain nuts or peanut butter."** Give Susan Kremer a call if you have questions or need someone to pick up your cookies and pies (725-5961).

We appreciate your generosity in making this fund-raiser another great success.. **Blessings to All!**

**CCW Leadership Team**

**"Our business is to attain Heaven; everything else is a sheer waste of time."** -St. Vincent de Paul



## **Reflection**

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."*  
Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

## **Home, Farm, or Business Blessings**

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## **PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

### St. Mary's, Glen Haven for August 6, 2022:

Church Support.....	\$40.00
Offertory.....	\$80.00

### St. Charles, Cassville for July 31, 2022

Church Support.....	\$775.00
Offertory.....	\$243.00

### St. Charles, Cassville for August 7, 2022

Church Support.....	\$2,690.00
Offertory.....	\$192.00

### **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.*

## **Catholic Herald**

Each week the *Catholic Herald* gives its readers a Catholic perspective on national and international news and keeps them up to date on events happening around the diocese. If you wish to receive the *Catholic Herald* print or e-Edition, contact your parish office. The cost is \$20.00 per year.



*I greet you, Lady, Holy Queen, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Virgin who became the Church, chosen by the most holy Father of Heaven; consecrated to holiness through His most holy and beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. In you was and is the whole fullness of grace and everything that is good.* - St. Francis of Assisi

### St. Mary's, Glen Haven Ministry Schedule

#### 8:00 p.m. Mass on August 20, 2022

Lector:	Theresa Zimmer
Communion:	Theresa Zimmer
Servers:	Mezera family
Ushers:	Gerard & Zach Zimmer

### St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for August 20 & 21, 2022

#### 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass

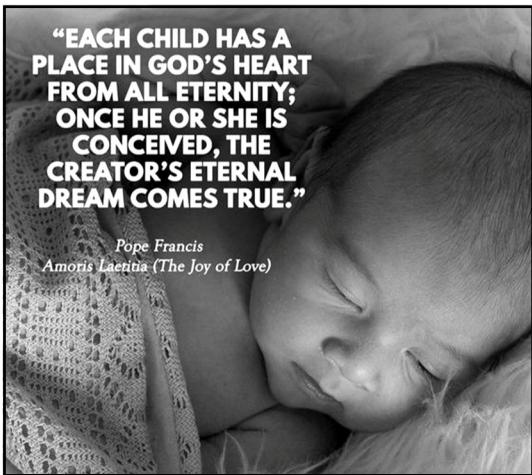
Lector:	Patty (Okey) Bowden
Communion:	Patty Bowden
Servers:	Erasmus Okey
Ushers:	Gene Adrian, Ezra Okey

#### 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Judy Adrian
Communion:	Judy Klein
Servers:	Irelyn Brinkman
Ushers:	Jim Koopman, Joe Ploessl, Tom Vondrum



## Celebrate Life



### 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

"Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." Learn to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Sept. 16-18 in Madison, WI; Oct. 21-23 in Brookfield, WI or Nov. 11-13 Geneva. For more info go to: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

### 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.

## MEETINGS

\*Aug. 29—St. Mary Parish Council meeting, Bloomington

## EVENTS

\*August 13 -St. John's Summer Fest.

\*August 21—St. Mary's Rescheduled Golf Outing

\*August 23—St. Mary's School Registration

\*August 28—Confirmation Retreat from 4-8 p.m. in Glen Haven

\*August 29 - St. Charles School Open House

\*September 10 & 11—St. Mary's Fall Festival

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

\*September 18-St. Charles Fall Festival

\*Oct. 5-Confirmation at St. Rose of Lima Church in Cuba City at 6:30 p.m.

\*Oct. 5—Ladies Night Out at St. Mary Church Hall, Bloomington

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



## MEN OF CHRIST MADISON CONFERENCE

October 29, 2022

St. Maria Goretti Church, Madison

## SPEAKERS:

Most Rev. Donald J. Hying is the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Madison and author of the new book, Love Never Fails.

Jesse Romero is a full-time bilingual Catholic Lay

Evangelist, who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat Christ centered preaching.

Tim Francis has conducted over a hundred parish missions.

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### 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](mailto:courage@madisondiocese.org). for more information.

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