

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.swwcatholicparishes.com.



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



*No
servant
can
serve
two
masters.*

Luke 16:13

TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



The Catechism of the Catholic Church

1723 The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - however beneficial it may be - such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love:

All bow down before wealth. Wealth is that to which the multitude of men pay an instinctive homage. They measure happiness by wealth; and by wealth they measure respectability. . . . It is a homage resulting from a profound faith . . . that with wealth he may do all things. Wealth is one idol of the day and notoriety is a second. . . . Notoriety, or the making of a noise in the world - it may be called "newspaper fame" - has come to be considered a great good in itself, and a ground of veneration.

Rev. Gregory Ihm

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	9/17	4:30 PM	Ray Kirschbaum	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Pro Populo	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	9/18	8:00 AM	Carl, Belva and Betty Laufenberg and Vickie Heiar	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Living and deceased members of the Don & Dolores Rumler family	(Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	Gerald & Sis Junk and Jan Gulmire	(Cassville)
Mon.	9/19	8:15 AM	NO MASS	(Cassville)
		8:45-9:30 AM	NO Adoration	(Cassville)
			<u>NO CONFESSIONS</u>	
Tues.	9/20	8:15 AM	NO MASS	(Cassville)
Wed.	9/21	8:15 AM	NO MASS	(Bloomington)
Thurs.	9/22	7:30-8:05 AM	Adoration	(Bloomington)
		8:15 AM	Connie Arbuckle and deceased members of the Roger & Lorraine Richter family	(Bloomington)
Fri.	9/23	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Sat.	9/24	4:30 PM	Harmonie Clauer	(Bloomington)
		8:00 PM	TBA	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	9/25	8:00 AM	Pro Populo	(Patch Grove)
		9:15 AM	Jean Mergen	(Bloomington)
		10:30 AM	John Kunkle and deceased members of the Joe & Florence Kunkel family	(Cassville)

Scripture for the week of Sept. 19, 2022

Monday:	Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



Welcome to St. Charles' Fall Fest.

Welcome to St. Charles' Parish Festival. We extend a very warm welcome to all of our family, friends, parishioners and others who are joining us. As we gather, we celebrate the wonderful gift that St. Charles Parish and School are to our cluster of parishes, the Cassville community, our diocese, and the Catholic Church world-wide. Thank you to all who volunteer, make donations, and/or participate to ensure the success of St. Charles Fall Fest. May God continue to bless you.

Religious Ed. Meeting for Parents

All parents in the cluster who have children who will be attending Religious Education classes are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington.

Parents may sign up for Religious Education at <https://swwcatholicparishes.flocknote.com/signup/98244> or by contacting the parish offices by September 19.



Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our requests to Him. —St. John Vianney



Reflections from Fr. Greg

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Catechesis of the Mass (continued)

Liturgy of the Word Part II

The Liturgy of the Word consists of the Readings from Sacred Scripture, the Responsorial Psalm, Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer (aka Petitions). Listening to the Word of God prepares us to make the Profession of Faith and this leads to praying for the needs of the Church and the world.

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speak to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel". (GIRM #29) The liturgy uses liturgical books that contain the scripture readings: the lectionary contains the readings for the Mass and the Book of the Gospels. As you notice these books are hard covered, usually beautifully decorated and a little larger than a normal book to show reverence and the permanence of the Word of God within the Liturgy of the Word. The book of the gospels carries special dignity because of its content; thus it will often have a more ornate cover; it may be carried in procession, placed on the altar, and it is kissed by the priest or deacon after proclaiming it. The processional candles used for the gospel procession or candles placed near the ambo help visually tie the altar of sacrifice to the altar of the word (ambo) where the readings are proclaimed by a properly designated reader. We hear the Word of God to help us know God, to Believe in our hearts, so that we can eventually love Him. We say that Mary believed in her heart before she conceived in her womb. The Word of God is proclaimed at the ambo to help us believe so that we may more worthily take Jesus into our bodies in and through the Most Holy Eucharist.

The ambo: every church is required to have a suitable place from which the Word of God may be proclaimed and toward which the attention of the faithful naturally are turned. "It is appropriate that generally this place be a stationary ambo and not simply a moveable lectern. The ambo must be located in keeping with the design of each church in such a way that the ordained ministers and readers may be clearly seen and heard by the faithful. From the ambo only the readings, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Easter Proclamation (*Exultet*) are to be proclaimed; likewise it may be used for giving the Homily and for announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer. The dignity of the ambo requires that only a minister of the word should stand at it." (GIRM #309).

Readers carry an important responsibility in proclaiming the Word of God. They should properly prepare their readings by being familiar with them so that it can be pronounced properly and that the Word resounds in their hearts. It is to be proclaimed and not performed; the Word of God is powerful in itself.

Presbyteral Assembly

I will be attending the annual priest assembly with Bishop Hyung on Monday, September 19-Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21. Because of this, I won't be able to hear confessions on Monday or to have Mass on those days.

Please keep us in your prayers, we will be praying for you. If there is a pastoral emergency while I am away, please call Julie at St. Mary's Parish office at 608- 994-2526 or Cheryl at 608-885-0227 for St. Charles.

*Love God, serve God; everything is in that.
- St. Clare of Assisi*



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

This last week was River Ridge Homecoming Week, so the student council decided on different themes for each day of the week. On Friday, it was School Spirit Day, so we had a Pep Rally.

The 7th & 8th graders are going to the Shakespearean play "Hamlet" on Wednesday, September 21, at the American Players Theatre by Spring Green.

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: If you would like to order Scrip you can visit Economy Feed Mill in Bloomington or call Molly Breuer, the Scrip coordinator, at 563-608-5734.



St. Mary's Fall Festival

A very BIG and hearty THANK YOU to everyone who supported, helped with and attended St. Mary's Fall Festival! It was a great parish event, even with the rain Saturday.

We especially thank St. Mary's Parish Council, the Fall Fest Chair-persons, the many wonderful volunteers, generous donors, St. Mary's Choir, CCW and the Holy Name men. WOW! The Pie Auction was incredible!!! Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the Pie Auction and to the VERY generous bidders. A big thank you to the crews who prepared the chicken and the dinner. Thank you to all of the families who provided the tasty desserts. We served 425 diners and carry-outs, which was 100 more than last year.

We are also very thankful for the 107 wonderful items that were donated to the Silent Auction and the many great things at the Country Store. A huge thank you to Kurt and Mary Adrian & family for organizing the Meat Raffle and for their generous donations. Thank you to everyone who gave donations and participated in our Cash Raffle.

The gross proceeds for each event are listed below and we still need to pay expenses.

Raffle:	\$8,900.00	Dinner:	\$5,028.00
Silent Auction :	\$7,235.00	Supply Donations	\$1,320.00
Meat Raffle:	\$1,929.00	Country Store:	\$1,071.50
Holy Name Tent:	\$1,814.00	Sale of Extra Food	\$157.05
Pie Auction	\$5,005.00	Games & Bean Bags:	\$ 364.55
Raffle Prize Donations	\$1,250.00	Donations	\$650.00
Total so far: \$34,724.10			

Thank You's

Thank you to Hermsen's Ace Hardware and Home Center for donating a lawn edger to St. Mary Parish.

Thank you to Gerald Weber for edging the sidewalks and for all who helped to tidy up the church and parish grounds before the Fall Festival.



Ladies Night Out—October 5

Ladies, looking for a night of conversation and lively fun? Put October 5 on your calendar for St. Mary's

Ladies Night Out. Come enjoy appetizers (cash donations accepted but not necessary) and take a guess what is in the many purses that will be on the silent auction. Bid on a purse (or two!). Betsy Vorwald, of Whispers & Thyme, will be selling glasses of wine and lemonade will be available. All ladies in our cluster are invited, along with guests. To make a donation or find out more call Ione Meoska (608 723-9605), Jen Wehrle (608 412-1402), Mary Jo Kussmaul (608 604-0231), or Janet Patterson.



Religious Education

All parents who have children who will be attending Religious Education classes are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington. Parents may sign up for Religious Education at <https://swwicatholicparishes.flocknote.com/signup/98244> or by contacting the parish offices.

Family Faith Formation Religious Ed classes will begin on Wednesday, October 12.

St. John's CCW Meeting

All parish ladies are encouraged to attend the meeting after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 18.



St. John's Fall Smorgasbord

Save the date and plan to attend St. Johns Fall Smorgasbord on Wednesday, October 19.

Donations of the following items are requested for the Smorgasbord: 20 lbs. of ground beef, 3 lbs. of butter, 6 gallons of 2% white milk, 20 lbs. of ice or cash donations to off-set cost of meats (turkey & pork). Please contact Michelle Breuer at 608-412-5362 if you would like to make a donation.



2022 HARVEST FUND

Our 2022 Harvest Fund will be starting soon.

Early donations are very much welcome and needed. We thankfully accept Harvest Fund donations any time of the year.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

<u>St. Mary's Collections for the period ending September 9, 2022</u>
Church Support.....\$855.00
Offertory.....\$248.00
Gifts.....\$1,100.00
School Alumni Appeal Donation.....\$1,000.00
St. John's Reimbursement for Expenses.....\$1,654.54

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 September 9, 2022

Church Support.....\$505.00
Offertory.....\$202.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for September 25, 2022

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector	Barb Stagman
Communion	Roger McKinney
Ushers	Charlie Martin, Ray Breuer
Servers	Ty & Matthew Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for Sept. 24 & 25, 2022

4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Bob McLimans
Communion:	Gwen Herbers
Ushers:	Dave Kussmaul, Mark Herbers, Charley Errthum, Dave Mergen
Servers:	Diana Herbers, Brooks Osterhaus

9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Mary Sue White
Communion:	Mary Sue White
Sacristans:	Marcia Hampton
Ushers:	Ronnie Mumm, Mike Mergen

Conner & Ava Hoeper



St. Charles Fall Festival

St. Charles' Fall Festival is this weekend!

Everyone is invited to attend the delicious BBQ Chicken dinner with all of the trimmings including the delicious homegrown corn from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Carry-outs are available until 4:00 p.m. Then enjoy the cake walk, large and small raffles, silent auction, refreshment stand, raffle (with top prize of \$1,500.00) and games for all ages. Don't forget to check out the "Home Sweet Home" room. Evening bingo starts at 4:00 p.m.

Thanks you to everyone who has worked to make this great parish event possible. Thank you to all who have generously donated items for the silent auction, the rooms and raffles and those who have given monetary donations.



St. Charles School

As we start this new school year, we start fresh. We begin with new hearts and minds. As we work together, we will become an amazing school community that will shine brightly for all to see.

Please call St. Charles Parish office for more information about enrolling your child(ren) at our school.



St. Charles Rosary Leaders Needed

It's time again for the Rosary before Mass in October. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church. Thanks to all the volunteers.

"Making the Rosary a family prayer is very pleasing to me. I ask that all families strive to do so. But be careful to say the Rosary with great devotion, meditating on each mystery and striving to imitate in your daily lives the virtues depicted. Live the mysteries of the rosary as I lived them, and it will become a chain binding you to me forever. They who are found in the circle of my Rosary will never be lost. I myself will lead them at death to the throne of my Son, to be eternally united to Him". ~Our Lady of America



ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968) September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually "bilocate" in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified?

Or "read hearts" before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ's wounds imprinted on Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of "trials accepted with love," referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio's faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio's offering his sufferings in union with Jesus' passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio's prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his "House for the Relief of Suffering," a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today's holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us "ordinary" Christians, this extraordinary saint's most frequent advice: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!"

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Reflection

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

St. Mary's, Glen Haven for September 10, 2022:

Church Support.....	\$40.00
Offertory.....	\$124.00

St. Charles, Cassville for September 11, 2022

Church Support.....	\$955.00
Offertory.....	\$210.00

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.

St. Mary's, Glen Haven Ministry Schedule

8:00 p.m. Mass on September 24, 2022

Lector:	Cindi Breuer
Communion:	Cindi Breuer
Servers:	Luke Patterson, Timothy Breuer
Ushers:	Joe Breuer

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule for September 25, 2022

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Gordy Kremer
Communion:	Judy Adrian
Sacristan:	Judy Adrian
Servers:	Brad & Brinley Retallick
Ushers:	Gene Adrian, Isaac Okey, Jim Koopman

Every holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves, do not know. It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. - St. Padre Pio

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The cost of printing the bulletins is defrayed through the local business and individuals who advertise in our bulletin. Please thank these generous sponsors and mention that you saw their ad in our bulletin. It is always good to let them know that their advertising works. Please contact a parish office if you would like to advertise in the bulletin. The cost is approximately \$6.00 per week for a small ad.



Celebrate Life

"The terrible miscalculation of young women is that abortion can make them 'un-pregnant,' that it will restore them to who they were before their crisis. But a woman is never the same once she is pregnant, whether the child is kept, adopted, or killed. Abortion may be a kind of resolution, but it is not the one the woman most deeply longs for, nor will it even preserve her sense of self" (Paul Swope, "Abortion: A Failure to Communicate")

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

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**



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God has entrusted your spouse to your care – are you trustworthy in that care? Find out how to care for each other by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Oct. 21-23 in Brookfield, WI or Nov. 11-13 Geneva, IL. Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

TEC Retreat at St. Mary's, Bloomington

The Retreat will be October 28-30. TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. TEC is especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart who are 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. Online or paper applications and more information about TEC can be found at www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC.

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.

MEETINGS

*Sept. 21– Cluster parents' meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington for Religious Education

*Sept. 26—St. Mary Parish Council meeting, Bloomington

EVENTS

*September 20-Knight of Columbus meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in Glen Haven

*September 25-Celebration for the 62nd Anniversary of Fr. Paul Fagan's Ordination to the Priesthood. There will be a 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John church, PDC. Immediately following Mass there will be a reception with food and drink in the new parish hall adjoining the church. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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

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

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

*October 12 - Grant Vicariate CCW Meeting

*October 12– Cluster Family Faith Formation Class at St. Charles, 6:30 p.m. meal and 7:00 p.m. class

*October 28-30 - TEC Retreat at St. Mary's, Bloomington

*Nov. 1—Mass with Bishop Hying at 6:00 p.m. and Rural Life Listen Session at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Bloomington

KC Council 4416 News

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in Glen Haven.

Our council will be doing a Church Drive on Nov. 6, 2022 to help increase our membership in the Knights of Columbus. Anyone who may have an interest in becoming a member, please contact Gordon Kremer at 608-778-7159.

Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting

All ladies of our four clustered parishes are cordially invited to attend the **Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church & School.**

"Harvest the Fruits of the Spirit to Guide Us"

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Church. Mass at 11:00 AM with a Luncheon following in the Catholic School, Speaker, and Silent Auction.

Registration Fee of \$15.00 is due by Saturday, October 1, 2022. Make your check payable to **Bev Klauer, St. Charles CCW Treasurer and mail to her at PO Box 442, Cassville, WI 53806.**

We hope you can join us for a delightful experience hosted by the St. Charles CCW.



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.

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