

CATHOLIC PASTORATE

Diocese of Madison, Bishop Donald J. Hying

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St. Mary 535 Congress St. Bloomington, WI 53804 St. Charles Borromeo 605 E. Dewey St. Cassville, WI 53806 St. Mary Help of Christians 8808 4th St. Glen Haven, WI 53810 **St. Clement** 135 S. Washington St. Lancaster, WI 53813

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St. John 231 N. Wyalusing St. Patch Grove, WI 53817 **St. Andrew** 101 Church St. Tennyson, WI 53820 **St. Thomas** WI-133 and 4th St. Potosi, WI 53820

SS. Andrew-Thomas School 100 Hwy 61 N. Potosi, WI 53820 St. Charles School 521 E. Dewey St. Cassville, WI 53806 St. Clement School 330 W. Maple St. Lancaster, WI 53813 St. Mary School 531 Congress St. Bloomington, WI 53804

Little Saints Daycare Center 100 Hwy 61 N. Potosi, WI 53820 Little Chargers Daycare Center 521 E. Dewey St. Cassville, WI 53806

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Other Information

Deadline for bulletin requests is Monday at NOON to the St. Clement parish office or to: katherine@saintclementparish.com

Call Your Parish Office For Parish Membership, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Communion Calls, Or Mass Intentions.

For Sacramental Emergencies or any other pastoral need call 608-723-4990.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

CONFESSION

Sat. 8-9 AM, St. Mary, Bloomington Sat. 8-9 AM, St. Clement Sat. 3:45-4:15 PM, St. Charles Sat. 4-4:45 PM, St. Clement Sat. 7:15-7:45 PM, St. Mary, Glen Haven Sun. 7:15-7:45 AM, St. John Sun. 9:15-9:45 AM, St. Andrew Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment.

ADORATION

- St. Charles, Wednesday 8:45-9:45 AM
- St. Andrew, Fourth Thursday, 7-8 PM
- St. Clement, First Friday 9 AM-Sat. 9 AM
- St. Mary, Bloomington, Saturday 8-9 AM
- St. Clement, Saturday 8-9 AM



Ladies Night Out is October 9!

The Ladies Night Out information is available this Facebook at page: https://www.facebook.com/share/xyD4KpgBMUQfgfzb/



Marriage Announcement

Banns of Matrimony Nathan Taylor & Lexi Richardson will be married at St. Mary Church, Bloomington on September 14.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 10 8:15 AM Cassville (SD) 8:15 AM Lancaster (SB) 8:15 AM Tennyson (MM)

Wednesday, September 11 8:15 AM Cassville (SD) 8:15 AM Lancaster (SB) 8:15 AM Tennyson (MM)

Thursday, September 12 8:15 AM Bloomington (SB) 8:15 AM Lancaster (SD) 8:15 AM Tennyson (MM)

†Charlie, Rebecca, & Christine Kinyon †Members of th Baus Family †Msgr. John Hebl

†Charlie & Mildred Dietrich +Harold & Marie Stelpflug †Velma Kruser & Ed Kruser Jr.

(The Most Holy Name of Mary) †Loren "Butch" Hampton +Joe & Drusilla Schildgen †Daniel Schmit



Friday, September 13 (St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church) 8:15 AM Bloomington (SD) †Francis Zimmer 8:15 AM Lancaster (MM) **†**Clara Fuerstenberg 8:15 AM Ss. Andrew-Thomas School (SB) †Delia E. Pluemer

Saturday, September 14

4:30 PM Cassville (SD) * †Gerald & Sis Yunk, Jan Gulmire 5:00 PM Lancaster (SB) †Norma Starrett 8:00 PM Glen Haven (MM) People of Our Pastorate

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, September 15

8:00 AM Patch Grove (MM) †Len & Marcella Mulrooney 8:00 AM Potosi (SD) * **†Leo Reisner** 9:00 AM Lancaster (SB) **†Robert Hoffman** 9:30 AM Bloomington (MM) †Harmonie Clauer 10:00 AM Tennyson (SD) * **†**Ambrose Margan

*Dcn. Roger Preaches

Scripture Readings

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14,23-24/Lk 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42 Saturday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Please check out our new website! stjworkerparish.com

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 31 & September 1

St. Mary

Church Support:	\$2,480.00
Cash Offertory:	\$218.00
Other Incomes:	\$1,742.00
School Tuition Donation:	\$500.00

St. Charles

Church Support:	\$1395.00
Cash Offertory:	\$213.00

St. Mary Help of Christians

Church Support:	\$310.00
Cash Offertory:	\$142.00

St. Clement (Inc. electronic giving)

Sep. Offertory Received:	\$9,263.00
Sep. Budgeted Offertory:	\$35,335.00
Cash Offertory:	\$724.00
Church Support:	\$8,539.00

St. John

Church Support:	\$380.00
Cash Offertory:	\$195.00
Summer Fest Income:	\$470.00
Summer Fest Donations:	\$275.00
Church Support (previous week):	\$355.00
Cash Offertory (previous week):	\$211.00

Ss. Andrew-Thomas

Offertory Income:	\$1,766.00
Diocesan Tax:	\$24.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$5.00
Repair Fund:	\$10.00
Scrip Profit:	\$75.93
PARKING LOT FUND (as	
Total Cost:	\$177,341.00
Amount Recieved:	\$91,987.00
Still Needed:	\$85,354.00

St. Clement Parish Directory Update!

Two weeks ago I was concerned about the status of our parish directories, as they should have arrived. I called the company and what I was told didn't seem right. So I called again the next day to clarify what was the delay. It seems that two things happened. First, when the directory was received by them after proofing, it was forgotten due to a clerical error. Second, after they realized their error, staff/worker shortages at the company have prevented them from printing the directories.

Due to my call, they emailed me another proof to look over. I have proofed it again and I have sent it back to the company for printing. How quickly this will happen is dependent upon their worker status. Be sure that I will be following up with them until the directories arrive.

Patience is a virtue, right? Thank you for this! ~Bill

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

September 14 & 15

St. Mary

Lector:	Marcia Hampton
Communion:	Dave Meoska
Sacristans:	Marcia Hampton
Gifts:	Dave & Ione Meoska
Ushers:	Ronnie Mumm, Joe Mergen
Servers:	Meghyn & Sawyer Breuer

St. Charles

Lector:	Renee Schwantes
Communion:	Tracy Walz
Sacristan:	Cheryl Junk
Ushers:	Dave Schwantes & Kurt Breuer
Servers:	Leah & Rachel Patterson

St. Mary Help of Christians

Lector:	Mary White
Communion:	Judy Klein
Ushers:	Warren & Tarka White, Rick Junk
Servers:	Anna & Natalia Paar

St. Clement

Lector-5 PM:	Kitty Mumm
Servers:	Dayne & Dax Kauffman
Lector-9 AM:	Ivars Kalnins
Servers:	Emma, Greta & Isaac Jensen

<u>St. John</u>

Lector:	Bill Mergen
Communion:	Roger McKinney
Ushers:	Ray Breuer, Tom Breuer
Servers:	Matthew Tolle

St. Andrew

Sam Jonas
Wendy Scholbrock, Julie Ames
Kurt & Connie Reynolds
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Christopher Voelz, volunteer needed

St. Thomas

Lector:	Autumn Reuter
Communion:	Shirley Straka, Bob Johns
Gifts:	Ron & Laurie Dressler
Ushers:	Ron Dressler, Gary Droessler
Servers:	volunteers needed

Ss. Andrew-Thomas: Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick: Dan Abell Ss. Andrew-Thomas: Sell Scrip 8 AM Machele Schmitz 10 AM Karla Oyen





GriefShare Support Group

The GriefShare support group continues this Thursday, September 12, 6-8 PM, and will continue meeting each Thursday through November 14 (excluding Oct. 31). Go to griefshare.org, or contact Bill Manthe (723-4990) or Marcia Hampton (732-8849) for more information. Know that you are welcome to join us at any point!

St. Clement Religious Education

Religious Education for K-8th grades begins on Wednesday, September 18. K-6th starts at 6:00 PM and 7-8th starts at 7:00 PM. Registration forms for K-6th and 7-8th are available at the church entrances. For more information, please contact Rebecca Dean at REGISTER

rebeccadean@saintclementschool.com

Family Faith Formation

For the last two years our West County parishes have carried out a Family Faith Formation program, where whole families come together once a month to learn about our Catholic Faith and prepare to carry out lessons at home. This year Ss. Andrew-Thomas will begin as well. We will have identical programs for families from the River Ridge School District to meet on First Wednesdays at St. Mary's in Bloomington, and for families from St. Charles and Ss. Andrew-Thomas to meet at Ss. Andrew-Thomas School or St. Charles School on alternating 2nd Wednesdays of the month, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Families are though welcome to enroll in either program at their preference as well as to attend sessions at either site based on their convenience. -Fr. Mark



September 15th Cassville, WI

Buffet Style BBQ Chicken Dinner

Dining Room Serving from 11am -2pm Adults: \$14 Kids (6-10): \$5 Ages 5 & Under Free Carry-outs Available Until 4pm - \$15 Raffle: Top Prize \$1500

Farmer's Market, Silent Auction, Beer Garden Large & Small Raffle, Concession Stand & Games for all ages

Rooms Open at 11am Games begin at 11am

** Evening Bingo ~ 3:30pm ** Players must be 18 yrs or older, unless accompanied by an adult

Where Are We in the Process of Into the Deep?

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Dear Faithful of St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate:

The process of the Into the Deep Initiative involves the canonical and financial merging of our seven churches, fours schools, and two daycare centers. At this time, there is no news to communicate with regard to Into the Deep. Our six parishes remain distinct as parishes, and we have not officially financially merged yet.

With that said, we have taken steps to share our resources together. For example, we started the one bulletin on July 1, 2024. This bulletin does not cost the parishes anything due to our contract with Wolf's Grantland Graphics. We are very grateful to them for assisting us in this endeavor, as we wanted to keep the publishing of the bulletin to a local business, instead of going national or even outside of the area. I want to remind everyone that our goal is to come together as a family of faithful Catholics in Grant County; that is to say, a family that supports each other, goes to each other's events, and helps each other out. Our goal is not to exist in isolation. This is reflected in the layout of the bulletin as it is meant to attract your interest to the many different events we have going on in and through our seven churches, four schools, and two daycare centers!

Furthermore, the website is in the process of being consolidated so that stjworkerparish.com has all of our churches' and schools' information. We remain patient as this endeavor continues.

Thank you for your attention in reading this update, and may God bless vou.

Fr. Steve

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Religious Education 9th – 12th Graders For All Families with Students in Grades 9 – 12

This year, the 4th Wednesday of every month (in general) will be devoted to students in grades 9-12 in all of our churches. We will meet at St. Clement in the basement of the church office from 7 pm - 8:30 pm. If it is difficult for your 9th grader to attend this meeting, he/she is free to attend your local family faith formation class with 7th and 8th graders. Students in grades 10-12 will be confirmed on Nov. 17, 2024 at 4 pm at St. Clement's Church for Ss. Andrew-Thomas, St. Charles, St. Mary Help of Christians, St. John's, and St. Mary's. Once these students are confirmed, they are expected, invited, and encouraged to attend the retreat in December for high school students at Camp Gray on Dec. 6-8 and the spring program on the 4th Wednesday of the month from January to May. Note that 8th and 9th graders from all of our churches will be confirmed in Fall 2025 so that the high school program in Fall 2025 will help our high students live out the sacrament of confirmation.

The church office at St. Clement is located right next to the Church. To access it, simply drive up to the church and you will see signs for 9th-12th grade faith formation. The basement at St. Clement is well equipped for youth ministry: couches, ping pong table, pool table, foosball table, conferences rooms, and a close proximity to the church. In addition, Fr. Mark, Fr. Sudhakar, and I will be available along with Dcn. Roger Scholbrock and other catechists. With our team of volunteers and a fair bit of space in the basement, we should be able to learn about our faith in a casual setting and have easy access to the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

If you have any questions feel free to ask, and I look forward to getting started!

Thanks for your attention! Fr. Steve Brunner frstevebrunner@gmail.com

The St. Clement Choir

The Choir will begin rehearsing for the "new season" beginning September 18. If you like to sing, we have a place in the loft for you. Prior knowledge/experience is not required. We will teach you what you need to know. Our group is welcoming and supportive. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45. You are needed. This is a way to participate in the Mass in a special way and help our congregation by sharing your talents.

Get your questions answered, or let us know you are interested, by contacting David Murphy at dplmurph@chorus.net or call 723-7385.

Thank You!

I wanted to thank everyone for the prayers, Masses, and for all those who have reached out through phone calls, texts or emails. Also thank you for the cards, gifts of money, and for all the hugs after Mass. I am so blessed to have this new family in Saint Joseph the Worker Pastorate to support me as I grieve the death of my daughter Cassie. The love and support of so many is helping me to get through this difficult time. A special thank you to all those who covered events that I planned on helping with the weekend of her death and while I was home handling other details. The love and concern is overwhelming since my time here has been so short. Thank You All!!! -Leigh Boorn

St. Mary's Fall Festival Bloomington, WI Come & Enjoy Saturday, Sept. 7 – 4:30 p.m. Mass Food & Refreshments, Pie & Specialty Dessert Auction Silent Auction Open, Country Store-Bake Sale, Music Sunday, Sept. 8 – 9:30 a.m. Mass Delicious Grilled Pork Chop Dinner

(grilled marinated bone-less pork chop, scalloped potatoes, corn, coleslaw, roll, dessert & beverage) Silent Auction, Meat Raffle, Kid's Games, Country Store-Bake Sale, Food & Refreshment <u>CASH Raffle—3:00 p.m</u>

A Letter On Religious Education For 2024-2025

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Dear Faithful of St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate:

Wow! Where has the summer gone? At this time, we are ready to start the new year in religious education. Last year, Fr. Mark had his first year leading the Family Faith Formation Program in the Southwest churches of St. Mary, St. Charles, St. Mary Help of Christians, and St. John. This year, our goal is to extend Family Faith Formation to Ss. Andrew-Thomas Parish in Tennyson/Potosi. Family Faith Formation is a new model for doing religious education that has been increasingly appreciated and implemented all over the United States and in our Diocese. One of the biggest differences between Family Faith Formation and Traditional Faith Formation is that Family Faith Formation occurs once a month at church where parents participate, and then, parents instruct their children at home. The traditional faith formation model involves parents dropping off their children for an hour to 2 hours and then picking them up and going home. As you can see, the big advantage with Family Faith Formation is that, we, as a church, are assisting parents in their desire to instruct their children. Many times parents don't really know where to begin or what to do because they've never been instructed themselves, are too busy with life, or don't feel like they have the ability to do so. Family Faith Formation seeks to align the church with the family in the parents' handing on of the faith to their children.

The goal is to implement Family Faith Formation at Ss. Andrew-Thomas this year, as the St. Charles families collaborate with them due to the already existing collaborations between Potosi-Cassville. Then, next year, the plan is to extend Family Faith Formation to St. Clement so that all churches can benefit from the program.

As a final note, Family Faith Formation allows the three of us priests, Fr. Mark, Fr. Sudhakar, and myself to participate in the evening. Fr. Mark enjoys teaching the parents, Fr. Sudhakar teaches the 2nd grade for First Reconciliation/Communion, and I teach the 7th and 8th graders. The setup allows us to fully participate and encourage our youth to follow Christ, and allows for 4th Wednesday of the month to be devoted to post- confirmation instruction.

There are many other things to say with respect to faith formation, but for now, I'll end it here in this introductory letter. I encourage all of our families to check the faith formation schedules for K-6th, 7th & 8th grades, and 9th -12th grades! God bless, Fr. Steve

St. Charles Parish Fall Festival - Sep. 15

*St. Charles Small Raffle items can be dropped off to the school starting Monday Sept. 9.

*If you are interested in donating to the St. Charles Fall Festival's large raffle, please drop of donation to the St. Charles Parish office. Checks should be made out to St. Charles Fall Festival.

*St. Charles Farmers Market is asking for items for items. Best sellers are: Produce, Fall Decorations, pumpkins, gourds, baked goods Sweet Rolls & Pies are good sellers, home canned jams, pickles, and salsa. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at school Sept. 9-15. Perishable items dropped off Sat. Sept. 14 and Sun. morning Sept. 15.

*St. Charles Silent Auction items can be dropped off at school starting Mon. Sept. 9.

St. Clement Parish Chicken BBQ

The St. Clement Fall Festival Committee is looking for your help with this year's drive-thru chicken dinner on **Sunday, October 6.** Some ways you can help are Set-Up, Kitchen Crew, Cole Slaw, Bars, Carry Out Line, Ticket Takers, Drive-Up Runners, Clean Up, and Chicken Pit Clean Up. Please call the parish office or sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4BAEA92 2ABFC1-50652153-fall.

Fall Festival raffle & dinner tickets packets are on the tables at the church entrances. If you haven't picked up yours already, please do so. According to state law, we are *not allowed* to send raffle tickets through the USPS, so we are asking for your help in picking up packets belonging to your neighbors, friends and other family members, which is GREATLY appreciated!



Be sure to Wísh a Very Happy 39th Bírthday to



Fr. Steve Tuesday, Sep. 10th!



Upcoming Events, Meetings, & Notes

- Sep. 7 & 8, St. Mary Parish Fall Festival in Bloomington.
- Sep. 10, Fr. Steve's 39th Birthday.
- Sep. 10, St. John's Food Pantry 12:30-1:30 PM.
- Sep. 10, Cassville Ladies Bible Study, every Tuesday after Mass at St. Charles School. Call Leigh, 309-370-6036, for more info.
- Sep. 11, 6 PM, Prayer Service for an end to abortion and for healing, in St. Clement Church's Fatima Chapel.
- Sep. 11, St. Andrew-Thomas & St. Charles, Rel. Ed., K-8th grade begins at St. Andrew-Thomas School.
- Sep. 12, 6:30 PM, St. John's Church Council Meeting.
- Sep. 15, St. Charles Parish Fall Festival.
- Sep. 18, St. Clement Finance Council Meeting.
- Sep. 18, First day of Religious Ed., K-8th grade, at St. Clement.
- Sep. 21, Men of Christ Conference, Register soon at: menofchristmadison.com. Call Bill Seyer with questions: 988-6543
- Sep. 24, New Adult Faith Formation begins
- Sep. 25, First day of the High School Youth Program.
- Sep. 26, 7 PM, Rosary, Adoration & Benediction at St. Andrew.
 Sep. 28 A Life of Sacramental Grace, please register at
 - Sep. 28, A Life of Sacramental Grace, please register at <u>https://madisondiocese.org/day-of-equipping</u>
- Oct. 5-6, CCW Rummage Sale at St. Charles School.
- Oct. 6, St. Clement Chicken BBQ Dinner.
- Oct. 20, Noon, Transition Team Meeting

Live in the Light: Christ's Compassion for Humanity

Sep. 8 - Glorious Gifts

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The Gospel today includes the phrase, 'exceedingly astonished.' These words indicate a profound amazement, beyond what one could even imagine. Sometimes when we are going through challenges in life, we can begin putting expectations on God. We may find ourselves negotiating with God because we



want things to look a certain way. *If only God would take away this suffering, then I would…* Interestingly enough, if we look closely at the Gospel today, Jesus does not take anything away. He opens the man's ears to hear and gives him sound. He then opens the man's mouth to speak and gives him words. What if in the midst of our struggles we shifted our focus from what God could take away to what God could give? Jesus proclaimed, *Ephphatha*, which means, "Be opened." Are we open to receiving what God has to give? In truly opening our hearts to the Lord, we too might just be exceedingly astonished.

St. Dymphna, patron saint of mental illness, pray for us!

The St. Dymphna Healing Mass will be held at Holy Name Heights on October 6th at 10am. This special Mass celebrated by Bishop Hying is for all those experiencing mental health challenges as well as their families, friends, and caregivers. Mass will be followed by a light reception and more information on mental health resources. Please email apd@madisondiocese.org if you are interested in attending.

-Gospel Reflection written by: Laura Sokup

Laura is the Mental Wellness Program Coordinator for the Diocese of Madison. To learn more about mental health ministry, visit apdmadisondiocese.com/ministry/mental-illness/ or email laura.sokup@madisondiocese.org



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