

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

January 28, 2024



## Celebrating Our Catholic Schools St. Mary's and St. Charles Faith, Family & Academic Excellence

A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

— Pope Benedict XVI —



Fr. Mark with St. Mary's students and staff.



### **St. Mary's & St. Charles Schools**

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 608-994-2435 for St. Mary School or Mrs. Cassie Okey at 608-725-5173 for St. Charles Montessori Early Education Program.

May God bless our students, staff and families!



Bishop Hying, Fr. Steve, and Fr. Sudhakar visiting Mrs. Okey and her class at St. Charles Montessori Early Education Program.

**L**et us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.

-Pope Francis-

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**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	1/27	8:00-9:00 AM	No Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM	Scott Burkitt	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Fr. John Norder	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	1/28	8:00 AM	Carol Kanack	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM	Laura Joyce	(Bloomington)
Mon.	1/29	8:15 AM	No Mass	
Tues.	1/30	8:15 AM	Carrie Hochhausen	(Cassville)
Wed.	1/31	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM	No Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	2/1	8:15 AM	John Patterson	(Bloomington)
Fri.	2/2	8:15 AM	No Mass	(Bloomington)
Sat.	2/3	8:00-9:00 AM	No Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM	Leo & Janet Friederick	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM	Zachery Ihm	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	2/4	8:00 AM	Living and deceased members of the Dan Nies family	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM	Pro Populo	(Bloomington)



**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

On the last two Sundays, we heard Jesus calling his first disciples. Over the next three Sundays, we will hear stories of Jesus healing the sick and afflicted. He is just beginning his public ministry, but as he drives out demons and heals lepers, his renown and popularity increases quickly. In today's Gospel, Jesus drives out an unclean spirit. The people are astonished, not just by his actions, but also how he taught with such authority.

**Into the Deep Update**

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

The results are in! The results of the voting process are:

1. All Saints Parish
2. Christ the King Parish
3. St. Joseph the Worker Parish

If things go as planned, we will become All Saints Parish consisting of St. Clement, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. Charles, St. Mary Help of Christians, St. John, and St. Mary Churches. These 3 names listed above have been submitted to Bishop Hying. He will look at all of the names for the pastorates to ensure that none are duplicated. We will await the final decision from him. Thank you to all of the parishioners who voted and thank you to the transition team members who counted the ballots.

Our next transition team meeting will be on Sunday, February 18 at noon at St. Clement, and we will continue to discuss how we can make the Into the Deep Initiative a more successful initiative for our parish!

May all of us become saints,  
Fr. Steve

**Scripture for the week of January 29, 2024**

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thurs: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12/Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7-10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**February 3 & 4 Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Fr. Sudhakar** - TBA  
**Fr. Mark** - TBA  
**Fr. Steve** - TBA

*\*This schedule may change due to weather or illness.*

**KC Council 4416 News**

The Council encourages **ALL MEMBERS** to attend the next **KC Meeting** on **Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m.** in St. Mary's Church basement in Bloomington. The Council needs to decide on whether-or-not to close or merge with Council 2820 of Lancaster. **The future of Council 4416 is up to YOU!** Hope to see you there.



**National Eucharistic Congress**

The National Eucharistic Congress, an event expected to draw tens of thousands of Catholic laypeople, priests and religious, will be held in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024. **JESUS WILL BE THERE. WILL YOU?** Register by Jan 31 to receive a 10% discount. For more information, check out the National Eucharistic Congress website, or contact Bernadette Schaefer at [bschaefer2020@outlook.com](mailto:bschaefer2020@outlook.com) or 608-723-7475.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**2229** As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to *choose a school for them* which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators.<sup>38</sup> Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise.



**Catholic Schools Week**

Children are a great gift to us. One way families can find support for the moral and academic formation of their children is in a Catholic school.

Below are just few of the reasons why we value Catholic schools:

There is weekly Mass and special feast days where the children are more involved in the liturgy and regular prayer is a part of the school day.

There is a regular religion class several times each week so the children can come to understand the rich tradition and teachings of the Catholic faith.

Our Catholic Schools have a strong family feel and students are welcomed, and feel safe and comfortable while being challenged to grow and mature according to God's plan for each of them. Teachers help the children connect the Catholic faith with all other learning and work with parents for the good of children.

**Thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners, benefactors, and volunteers who make Catholic education in our area possible. Thank you to all of our dedicated teachers and staff who share their knowledge and faith each day with our students. Thank you to our parents and families who made the decision to entrust St. Mary's and St. Charles with the education of their children.**

May God continue to bless our students, families, and schools as we give thanks for the great blessing of Catholic schools.

**Please the school or parish offices to learn more about enrolling your child(ren) in our excellent schools.**



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

To start Catholic Schools Week, we invite everyone to our Lasagna Supper this Saturday, January 27 and the special Mass on Sunday, January 28, at 10:00 a.m.

On Monday the 5th - 8th graders will be skiing and the 4K - 4th graders will go bowling. We will honor our St. Mary School parents on Wednesday with a luncheon and program. On Thursday, Feb. 1, our students' grandparents are invited to join us for Mass at 8:15 a.m., followed by a program performed by the students.

**SCRIP:** Scrip is available at school and also at Economy Feed Mill or if you have a special order you may call Molly Breuer, the Scrip Coordinator, at 563-608-5734.



**St. Mary's Lasagna Supper**

All are invited to attend the Lasagna Supper and Family fun Night on Jan. 27, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Carry-outs available. There will also be a Silent Auction and classroom display to enjoy during the evening.

**St. Mary's Rectory Housekeeper Needed**

We are very grateful to Cara Drew for her fantastic work as our rectory housekeeper for the last few years. She has decided to step down from this position, so we are in need of a new housekeeper. This part-position pays \$20.00 per hour. Please contact the parish office at 608-994-2526 for more information.



**St. Angela Merici (c. 1474-1540) - Jan. 27**

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the Company (*compagnia*) of St. Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



**2023 HARVEST FUND**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to St. Mary's Harvest Fund! We are very gratefully to the families who have given donations totaling \$25,755.00 so far. We hope all of our parish members will be able to share their bounty and blessings to help with fall and winter expenses for the parish. We appreciate all contributions large or small and thank the many generous parishioners for their continued support.

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



**Family Faith Formation Classes**

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:45 p.m.



**ST. MARY'S FISH FRY- March 8**

Save the Date and plan to attend St. Mary's Fish Fry on Friday, March 8. The evening will also include a raffle.



**Rosaries Wanted**

If anyone has an extra rosary that they would like to donate, please put it on the table in the back of St. Mary Church. Thank you.

**Parish Financial Updates**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending January 19, 2024

Church Support.....	\$600.00
Offertory.....	\$110.00
Gift.....	\$200.00
Memorial Candles.....	\$150.00
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00
School Tuition.....	\$56.67

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

**St. John's Collections for the week ending on January 19, 2024**

Church Support.....	\$199.00
Offertory.....	\$56.00
Gift.....	\$20.00
Votive Candles.....	\$84.00

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

**"Eternal Father I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."** -Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for February 4, 2024**

<b>8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</b>	
Lector:	Bill Mergen
Communion:	Michelle Breuer
Ushers:	Ray Breuer, Tom Breuer
Servers:	Ty & Matthew Tolle

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for February 4, 2024**

<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</b>	
Lector:	Chris Bishell
Communion:	Ione Meoska
Sacristan:	Chris bishell
Gifts:	Mark & Erin Kluesner family
Ushers:	Ken Kluesner, Joe Mergen
Servers:	Leif & Gabe Kluesner

**St. Mary Parish Council**

President: Melanie Mergen  
Members: Rose Bierman, Janet Patterson, RJ Osterhaus, Len Pritchett, Bill Mezera, Gary Mumm, Paul Wegmann

**St. John Parish Council**

President: Ray Breuer  
Members: Cindy Morgan, Leo Breuer, McKenzie Stagman, Kayla Needham



**2024 Catholic Schools Week  
St. Charles School**

Please join us as we wrap up Catholic Schools Week on February 3, 2024.

Everyone is invited to attend St. Charles 4:30 p.m. Mass. After Mass come and enjoy pizza at 5:45 p.m. and a family friendly movie at the school. Blankets and pillows encouraged.

Bring the whole family. Invite anyone who is considering our Montessori 3-6 year old program! The classroom will be open.



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

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



**Prayer for Students**

by St. Thomas Aquinas

*Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen*

Catholic schools prepare every student to meet the challenges of their future by developing their mind, yes, but also their body and their soul and spirit.

~ David Vitter



**Candlemas (February 2)**

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687-701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* ("to shine") and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25-38).

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



**Reflection**

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

**Family Faith Formation Classes**

The next class will be held at St. Mary School, Bloomington on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6:45 p.m.

**Glen Haven First Responders**

**Soup and Ham Sandwich Supper**

The Glen Haven First Responders will be holding a All You Can Eat Soup and Ham Sandwich Supper at the Glen Haven Fire Station on Saturday, February 3, from 4-8:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Price: \$8.00 for ages 12+, \$4.00 for ages 5-11, FREE for ages 4 & under.

Serving: chicken noodle, potato bacon soup or chili, ham sandwiches, cheese, milk, and dessert. Raffle prizes and beverage bar.

The proceeds will go towards the First Responder Training and Equipment fund.

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Charles, Cassville for January 13, 2024**

2023 Church Support.....	\$50.00
2024 Church Support.....	\$595.00
Offertory.....	\$133.00

St. Charles suggested giving is \$1,400.00 a year for a married couple and \$700.00 a year for a single household.

**St. Mary's, Glen Haven for January 20, 2024**

Church Support.....	\$350.00
Offertory.....	\$73.00

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

**St. Charles' Ministry Schedule**

**4:30 p.m. Mass on February 3, 2024**

Lector: Bruce Boyum  
Communion: Sandra Raveling  
Servers: Adams Children  
Ushers: Marge Tennesen, Elijah Okey

**St. Mary's, Glen Haven**

**8:00 p.m. Mass on February 3, 2024**

Lector: Theresa Zimmer  
Communion: Theresa Zimmer  
Servers: Leah & Rachel Patterson  
Ushers: Gerard & Zach Zimmer

**St. Charles Parish Council**

President: Denny Uppena  
Members: Judy Adrian, Suzanne Brinkman, Agnes Hughes, Isaac Okey, Gina Kartman, Cliff Tennesen, Joe Uppena

**St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council**

President: Joe Breuer  
Members: Ed Breuer, Sue Kuenster, Tracy Walz, John Smith, Doug White



## Celebrate Life

"Why do I go there [to pray and protest at abortion mills]? It is because I must, I am a mother and I have the heart of a mother. I know what it is like to have a difficult pregnancy, to have everything far from perfect. I have been through labor (aptly named) and delivery. I've held that new little baby, looked in his eyes and said "Hello little one. Who are you? Let's get to know each other. I am your mother and you are my baby. I love you." - Mary Therese

## 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).

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

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

## Rachel's Vineyard

Whether recent or many years ago... Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer hope and peace for anyone, women or men who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain after abortion. Upcoming retreat: March 15-17. Confidential. Contact Mary: [rachel@madisondiocese.org](mailto:rachel@madisondiocese.org) or 608-821-3177. Visit: [www.madisondiocese.org/rachel](http://www.madisondiocese.org/rachel)



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb. 9-11 in Geneva, IL; March 9-10 in Wisconsin or April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL. Visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

## Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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



## The National Suicide & Crisis

Lifeline-Call, text or chat 988 to reach a trained counselor. These trained counselors will listen, understand how problems are affecting a person, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary. **There is help specifically for farmers.**

## MEETINGS

- \*Feb. 7- St. Mary's Parish Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Feb. 18-Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement's

## EVENTS

- \*January 28-February 3 -Catholic Schools Week
- \*February 13- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- \*February 14-Ash Wednesday
- \*March 8-St. Mary's Fish Fry in Bloomington
- \*March 12- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- \*March 22- St. Charles Fish Fry
- \*March 22-24-TEC Retreat at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

## PASTORATE #1 MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Knights of Columbus Council 2820 is sponsoring a retreat for all men in Pastorate #1 February 9-11 at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA. The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends on Sunday morning after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. You can attend any day or the entire retreat. For questions and to RSVP by February 1, call Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543.

## Healthy Living with Chronic Pain

Gundersen Health System will host *Healthy Living with Chronic Pain* on February 7-March 13. This virtual class is one day a week for 2½ hours for 6 weeks. The cost is \$30 and includes a workbook. To register or have a brochure sent to you with more information, please call 608-775-6870.

## Christian Experience Weekend

Southwest Wisconsin CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) will be held at Immaculate Conception School, Kieler, WI. The women's weekend will be Feb. 16-18. The men's weekend will be Feb.23-25, 2024. The weekends begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and end on Sunday at around 4:30 p.m. Application forms are available in the church entrance or on the website(<http://swwicew.org/>). For more information on the women's weekend, call Gail Steiner at 608-330-0654. For the men's weekend, call Steve Malone at 608-732-3606. Weekends fill up fast. Applications will be taken on a first come first serve basis.



## A DINNER & A MOVIE!

Our pastorate, with the generous support of the Knights of Columbus 2820, will be hosting a **Dinner & Movie** on Sunday, February 18. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Clement Dining hall with a simple meal of hot roast beef, buns, chips, dessert and beverages. The movie, "*A Man For All Seasons*" will be shown at the *Grantland Theatre in Lancaster* at 7:00 p.m. You may attend one or both events. Free-will donations are welcome. Please bring money for concessions at the theatre.

## GRIEF SHARE: An Ecumenical Grief Support Group

After the death of a loved one, life quickly returns to normal for some but not for those who are grieving. In Grief-Share, you will learn valuable information about facing your "new normal" in life and renewing your hope for the future. **GriefShare will be held on Thursday afternoons beginning on February 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the St. Clement Parish Office meeting room.** The cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the workbook; scholarships are available. If you have any questions or to register, call Bill Manthe at 608-723-4990.