

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

February 18, 2024

## We Welcome You

We welcome you to Pastorate #1. If you would like to become a member of one of our parishes, please call 608-723-4990. For those who are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office.

## Sacraments:

### Pastorate Daily Mass Times

8:15 a.m.-St. Charles Church (Tues, Wed)

8:15 a.m.-St. Mary Church, Bloomington (Thurs, Fri)

8:15 a.m.-St. Clement Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

8:15 a.m.-St. Andrew Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

### Reconciliation

#### Saturdays

8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster

3:45-4:15 p.m. at St. Charles Church, Cassville

4:00-4:45 p.m. at St. Clement Church, Lancaster

7:15-7:45 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Glen Haven

### Baptism

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

### Marriage

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

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Vocations

Please contact a parish office 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!

### Our Catholic Schools

To register your child, please call Mrs. Kelly Copsey at 608-994-2435 for St. Mary School or Mrs. Cheryl Junk at 608-725-5173 for St. Charles Montessori Education Program. St. Mary and St. Charles admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Bulletin Notices - Please submit bulletin notices to the parish office (sunday7@tds.net) by Monday.

### St. Charles Parish Office Hours (608) 725-5595

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon


stchas@tds.net (Cheryl Junk)

### St. Mary's Parish Office Hours (608) 994-2526

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

sunday7@tds.net (Julie M Jentz)

Website: [swwicatholicparishes.com](http://swwicatholicparishes.com)



**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:15

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## Catechism of the Catholic Church

**1431** Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance of heart)

### **Rev. Stephen Brunner**

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### **Rev. Mark Miller**

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### **Rev. Sudhakar Reddy Devarapu**

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**608-723-4990**



**Liturgy Schedule**

Sat.	2/17	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration (Bloomington)	
		4:30 PM In honor of Jane Bernhardt (Cassville)	
		8:00 PM Norm & Ruth Metcalf (Glen Haven)	
Sun.	2/18	8:00 AM Kevin Martin (Patch Grove)	
		10:00 AM Fr. Laverne Meier (Bloomington)	
Mon.	2/19	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	2/20	8:15 AM Sharon (Coffin) Burkeland (Cassville)	
Wed.	2/21	8:15 AM Genny Reihle amd Kellie Reihle (Cassville)	
		8:45 AM Adoration (Cassville)	
Thurs.	2/22	8:15 AM Living and deceased members of the Jake & LaVon Schurman family (Bloomington)	
Fri.	2/23	8:15 AM Sharon (Coffin) Burkeland (Bloomington)	
Sat.	2/24	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration (Bloomington)	
		4:30 PM Tom Okey (Cassville)	
		8:00 PM Pro Populo (Glen Haven)	
Sun.	2/25	8:00 AM Len & Marcella Mulrooney (Patch Grove)	
		10:00 AM Elva Barr (Bloomington)	



**First Sunday of Lent**


A few days ago we may have been told, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel,” as ashes were placed on our foreheads. We hear these words again in today’s Gospel. Lent is the appropriate occasion to consider our sins, promise to turn back to God, and place our trust in the One who has power over sin and death. As we begin the first week of Lent, let us take these words to heart.

**Upcoming Lenten Activities**

**A Dinner & A Movie this Sunday!**

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.

**Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 23**

-  St. Mary Church, Bloomington at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Clement Church, Lancaster at 5:30 p.m.
- St. Andrew Church, Tennyson at 5:30 p.m.

**Scripture for the week of February 19, 2024**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**February 24 & 25 Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Fr. Sudhakar – Sat. 8:00 p.m. at Glen Haven and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Patch Grove & 10:00 a.m. at Bloomington**  
**Fr. Mark - Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Lancaster and Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster**  
**Fr. Steve - Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Cassville and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Potosi & 10:00 a.m. at Tennyson**  
 \*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.’



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Attention all members of our pastorate! With the start of the season of Lent, we walk with Jesus, remaining close to Him as He makes His journey to Jerusalem. Our Lenten Adult Faith Formation will focus on “THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY:

The Sorrowful Mysteries.” Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, we will learn from our Blessed Mother how to respond in faith and love to Jesus’ passion out of love for us.

**We will meet at St. Clement Church from 6:30 until about 7:30 p.m., beginning this Tuesday, February 20. For more information, contact Bill Manthe at 723-4990.**

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

**Lenten Reflection**

**by Bishop Donald Hying**

**Sunday, February 25**

**St. Andrew Church, Tennyson, WI**

- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Bishop Hying’s Reflection
- 8:00 –9:00 p.m. Reception and time for fellowship at Ss. Andrew-Thomas School.

**We are excited that Bishop Hying will be visiting our Pastorate on Sunday, February 25. Please plan to attend this wonderful event to draw us closer to Christ during Lent as we prepare for Easter.**

**Into the Deep Update**

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

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.

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



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS**

**Faith, Family and Academic Excellence**

Every Friday that we have school during Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at church. On Friday, February 23, we will start at 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome to join us

**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 FISH FRY**

**Everyone is invited to attend St. Mary's Fish Fry on Friday, March 8 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the church basement with carry-out at the school.**

The evening will also include a CASH raffle in conjunction with Catholic Financial Life Branch #34.

**Donations toward the Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. St. Mary's Parish members please pick up your Fish Fry envelope and check to see if you are on the work list.**

**Thank You's**

We are grateful to Ginny Schaefer for accepting the position as our Rectory Housekeeper.

Thank to the generous individuals who donated the beautiful rosaries and other sacramentals. We will have them available for our Family Faith Formation and school classes and for visitors to our churches. Anytime that you have an extra rosary, please leave it in the back of church, and we find a new home for it.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and energy to keep our churches clean and beautiful.

Thank you to the Holy Name Society for their very generous donation of \$15,674.21 toward St. Mary's property and liability insurance that totaled \$18,261.00 this year. We deeply appreciate that so many from our parishes help with the Holy Name Fair Stand and makes this donation possible!

Thank you to everyone who generously supports our parishes with their time, talents, and financial resources.



**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 \$25,875.00 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

**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



**Family Faith Formation Classes**

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

**Please call the parish office 608-994-2526 if you could donate a pan of bars or cookies for the Family Faith Formation meals on February 21 or April 10. Thanks!**

**St. John's Doughnut Sunday/ CCW News**

All are welcome to join us at St. John's for food and fellowship (Doughnut Sunday) on February 25 after Mass.

All St. John's ladies, please attend the St. John's CCW meeting on February 25 after Mass. We will be preparing our annual work group letters to be sent out.



**Lenten Program**

Starting on Monday, February 19, all in our parishes are welcome to attend a Lenten Program at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's School. The group will meet each Monday of Lent and use *Restore*, a guided journal for prayer and meditation, by Sr. Miriam James Heidland to experience the tenderness of God's mercy and love. For more information please contact Andrea Mezera or Barb Bernhardt.

**Prayer for Lent**

*Dear Jesus, This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.*

**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

We have Catechism of the Catholic Church books available at the parish office or St. Mary church for \$5.00 each. Fr. Mike Schmitz is hosting a great year-long program to read the Catechism which can be found at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>.

**Parish Financial Updates**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Mary's Collections for the period ending February 9, 2024**

Church Support.....	\$2,510.00
Offertory.....	\$192.50
3K Program Fees.....	\$480.00
St. Mary's Holy Name Society Donation.....	\$15,674.21

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 February 9, 2024**

Church Support.....	\$335.00
Offertory.....	\$131.00

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

**St. John's Ministry Schedule for February 25, 2024**

	<b>8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</b>
Lector:	Bill Mergen
Communion:	Michelle Breuer
Ushers:	Tom Breuer, Roger McKinney
Servers:	Katie Tolle, Avery Needham

**St. Mary Ministry Schedule for February 25, 2024**

	<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass</b>
Lector:	Marcia Hampton
Communion:	Marcia Hampton
Sacristan:	Marcia Hampton
Gifts:	Dave & Ione Meoska
Ushers:	Eric Fuerstenberg, Mike Mergen
Servers:	Brooks Osterhaus, Alan Hernandez



**ST. CHARLES FISH FRY**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend St. Charles Fish Fry on Friday, March 22, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Parishioners are asked to donate a dessert or \$10.00 towards the food for the Fish Fry.



**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).



**Help Needed Canning Beef**

We have received a monetary donation for the Fall Festival canned beef this year, so do not need any money donations. **We are planning on canning the beef on Tuesday February 20 at 9:00 a.m.** If you can help it would be much appreciated. Please bring your favorite knife. Hope to see you on the February 20.

**Catholic Question & Answer**

**Question:** I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

**Answer:** While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

**CASSVILLE FFA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST**

The Cassville FFA Alumni will be holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Cassville High School cafeteria. Price is \$10 per adults, \$5.00 for ages 5 to 11, and children under 4 eat free. Meal includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, cheese curds, milk, coffee, and orange juice. Dine-in or Carry-out.



**Family Faith Formation Classes**

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

**Reflection**

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...” - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

**Catholic Herald**

Each week the *Catholic Herald* gives its readers a Catholic perspective on national and international news with articles from Catholic News Service. The *Catholic Herald* also keeps readers up to date locally with coverage of events happening around the diocese. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the *Catholic Herald* print or e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office. The cost is \$20.00 per year.

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES**

**PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES**

**St. Charles, Cassville for February 3, 2024**

Church Support.....\$NA  
Offertory.....\$NA  
Fuel Fund.....\$NA

*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 February 10, 2024**

Church Support.....\$90.00  
Offertory.....\$55.00

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

**St. Charles’ Ministry Schedule**  
**4:30 p.m. Mass on February 24, 2024**

Lector: Patty (Okey) Bowden  
Sacristan: Cheryl Junk  
Communion: Cheryl Junk  
Servers: Audrey & Aimslee Tasker  
Ushers: Tim, Holly & Adison Tasker

**St. Mary’s, Glen Haven**  
**8:00 p.m. Mass on February 24, 2024**

Lector: Cindi Breuer  
Communion: Cindi Breuer  
Servers: Mezera’s  
Ushers: Joe Breuer, Ed Breuer

**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**

Today's first reading speaks to us of Noah's Ark. The flood that God sent upon the world in Noah's day was a cleansing of evil. Now, God cleanses us not by floods, but by the waters of baptism, which bring to us a whole new kind of life: the life of God within us.

Our special efforts in Lent to come closer to God are a response to what has already happened to us! Because we have received the new life of God, we have to reform our lives and live as his sons and daughters. We have to *become who we already are*. The holy water we use when we come in and out of Church is a reminder of the cleansing waters of baptism, and a reminder of the new life we are called to live.

God is a God of life, and therefore we are the People of Life. This Lent, let's look for ways to foster respect for life, especially the sick, the disabled, and the unborn.

**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**

As we journey during this Lenten Season, let us take time to reflect on our marriage. What can we do to make our marriage even better? Enrich your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on March 9-10 in Wisconsin; April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL or May 4-5 in Muskego, WI. Visit our website at [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

*I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself.—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

**MEETINGS**

- \*Feb. 18—Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement's
- \*February 20—KC's meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Bloomington
- \*February 25—St. John's CCW meeting after Mass

**EVENTS**

- \*February 18—Dinner at St. Clement Church and Movie at Grantland Theatre in Lancaster
- \*February 25—Doughnut Sunday at St. John Church after Mass
- \*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
- \*March 31—Easter
- \*April 9— St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

**GRIEFSHARE: 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 GriefShare, 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.



**National Eucharistic Congress**

The National Eucharistic Congress, an event expected to draw tens of thousands of Catholic lay-people, priests and religious, will be held in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024. **JESUS WILL BE THERE. WILL YOU?** 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.

**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.**

**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.