



St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate

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

We Welcome You

We welcome you to St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate. If you would like to become a member of our Pastorate, please call a parish office. 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
8:00-9:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Church, Tennyson
3:45-4:15p.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 Copey 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

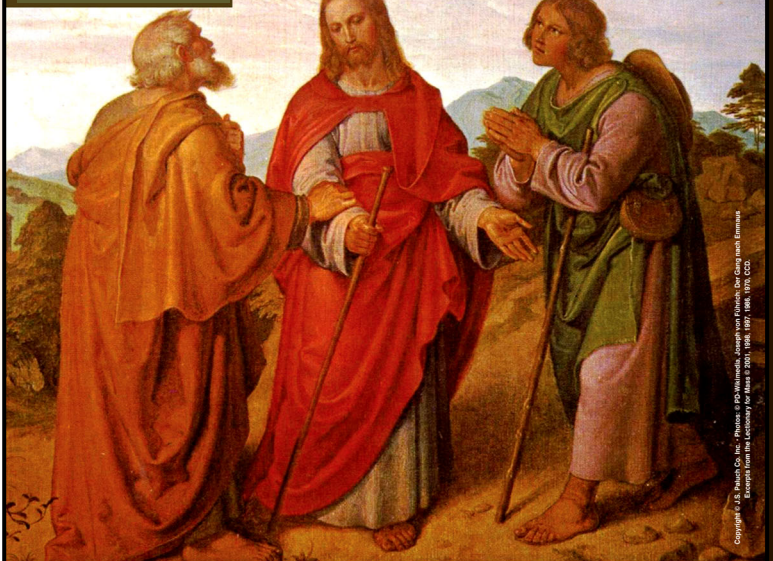
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
sunday7@tds.net (Julie M Jentz)

Website: swwicatholicparishes.com

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Easter

April 14, 2024



When the two disciples returned from Emmaus, they recounted what had taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35

Catechism of the Catholic Church

601 The Scriptures had foretold this divine plan of salvation through the putting to death of "the righteous one, my Servant" as a mystery of universal redemption, that is, as the ransom that would free men from the slavery of sin.³⁹⁷ Citing a confession of faith that he himself had "received", St. Paul professes that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures."³⁹⁸ In particular Jesus' redemptive death fulfills Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Servant.³⁹⁹ Indeed Jesus himself explained the meaning of his life and death in the light of God's suffering Servant.⁴⁰⁰ After his Resurrection he gave this interpretation of the Scriptures to the disciples at Emmaus, and then to the apostles.

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	4/13	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration (Bloomington)	4:30 PM Jeff Glass (Cassville)	8:00 PM Pro Populo (Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/14	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Max & Vera Wood family (Patch Grove)	10:00 AM Tom & Ruth Mergen (Bloomington)	
Mon.	4/15	8:15 AM No Mass		
Tues.	4/16	8:15 AM Carl, Sally and Mich Adrian and Danny Chapman (Cassville)	8:45 AM Adoration (Cassville)	
Wed.	4/17	8:15 AM Virgil Vogt and Anne Vogt Cadwell (Cassville)		
Thurs.	4/18	8:15 AM Vern & Gertrude Hampton (Bloomington)		
Fri.	4/19	8:15 AM Mary Huser (Bloomington)		
Sat.	4/20	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration (Bloomington)	4:30 PM Laura Tennesen and Tom Tennesen (Cassville)	8:00 PM Priests in Purgatory (Glen Haven)
Sun.	4/21	8:00 AM Pro Populo (Patch Grove)	10:00 AM Roy & Mary Jane Hermesen (Bloomington)	



Third Sunday of Easter

During the Easter season, we hear how the disciples encounter the Risen Christ at different times and in different ways, all the while trying to understand the meaning of the Resurrection. We too contemplate the implications of the Resurrection and consider how we see the Risen Lord in our lives. It helps us to gather as Church, where we can seek the presence of Christ as we worship: in the assembly, in its ministries, in the word of God, in the Holy Sacrifice, in the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may better discern the Lord in our midst.

Into the Deep Update

On July 1, our new pastorate website will be launched. eCatholic is in the process of developing websites for the 30 parishes so they will all have a similar look and features.

The new St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate bulletin for all seven churches will begin the weekend of July 7, 2024. It will be published by Grantland Graphics in Lancaster.

We will use the title St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate until we legally become a parish sometime in the future. The seven churches will keep their names and will be part of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Remember, at this time, no financial merging has occurred. Our six parishes continue to exist as six parishes, and we haven't become one parish canonically or legally yet. Fr. Steve will communicate to the pastorate whenever something significant occurs, especially from a financial perspective. The purpose of the transition team meetings is to discuss things that may be happening in the future to our pastorate and to think through how we want to handle them as a parish family.

The transition team will be meeting at St. Clement Church on Sunday, April 21 at noon.

Scripture for the week of April 15, 2024

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-1

April 20 & 21 Weekend Mass Schedule

Fr. Steve - Saturday 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 4:30 p.m. at Cassville and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Potosi & 10:00 a.m. at Tennyson
Fr. Sudhakar - Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Lancaster and Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster
 *This schedule may change due to weather or illness.



Happy Birthday to Fr. Sudhakar!

We wish Fr. Sudhakar a very Happy Birthday this Tuesday, April 16. May God bless him and help him as he ministers to the people in our pastorate. Cards and birthday wishes may be sent to St. Mary Church, PO Box 35, Bloomington, WI 53804.



First Holy Communion

St. Charles' First Communion will be at the 4:30 p.m. Mass next Saturday, April 20 and First Communion at St. Mary's, Bloomington will be on Sunday, April 28 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

We are very grateful to the parents of our First Communicants for following through with the promises they made at their child's baptism to bring them up in the practice of the faith. May God continue to bless them as they teach their child about Christ's love and presence in the Eucharist.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles School Computer Lab in Cassville.

St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate News

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate, It is with great joy that I announce I have hired Karilee J. Kelley to be the Director of Daycare for St. Charles. Kari comes to us with many years of daycare experience.

Our goal is to open the Daycare Center at St. Charles on Sept. 3. Between now and then, we will be applying for licensing from the State of Wisconsin, hiring teachers and teacher's aides, fundraising, and preparing the rooms. Applying for licensing from the State of Wisconsin will not restrict us from practicing our Catholic faith in any way and allows us to show certification of the safety of our institution.

Our goal is to open at least two rooms, covering children aged 6 weeks through at least a child's third birthday, but our plan is flexible enough to extend to older ages if we believe it will be beneficial. I encourage you to spread the word about this new endeavor. We continue to keep track of interested families so that we can open in September with the greatest service to Cassville.

We are hoping that this new venture will bring glory to God and also new life to Cassville.

God bless, and stay tuned for future announcements, Fr. Steve Brunner

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



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

The students were able to observe the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, with solar glasses provided by the Bloomington Public Library. The 5th - 8th graders made homemade pin projectors to view the eclipse indirectly.

The students and staff would like to wish a happy birthday to Father Sudhakar. His birthday is Tuesday, April 16.

SCRIP: SCRIP is now carrying D'Lish scrip, they are available in \$5 and \$10 increments. They are generously donating 5% of proceeds. 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.

SCRIP is also looking for a new Volunteer Scrip Coordinator. If you or someone you know is interested please reach out to Molly Breuer: 563-608-5734.

Catholic Question & Answer

Question: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

Part-time Custodian Position

We are grateful to Mr. Joe Walsh for serving as our Custodian for this last year. He has taken a job with the Village of Bloomington and is stepping down from the Custodian position. St. Mary's Catholic Church is currently seeking a part-time Custodian to join our team in Bloomington. This position will have flexible hours at \$15 an hour.

Please contact St. Mary's Parish office (608-994-2526 or email sunday7@tds.net) for a list of duties, requirements, and other information.

St. Mary's Diocesan Tax & Spring Expenses

Spring is here, and it is time for our annual appeal to help cover the cost of our Diocesan Tax and spring expenses. We are asking all St. Mary's families to contribute \$80.00 toward the Diocesan Tax (this is separate from the ACA) and to make an additional \$50.00 or \$100.00 donation to help with spring expenses for the parish. We deeply appreciate all donations—large or small. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's!

Goal:	\$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. Charles School, Cassville on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:45 p.m.



Baptismal Garments

We are very grateful to Jerene Arendt for her beautiful sewing to create baptismal garments. She is no longer able to help with this important volunteer activity. Please contact St. Mary's Parish office 608-994-2526 if you would like to volunteer to make the baptismal garments.

St. John's Diocesan Tax

Spring is here, and it is time for our annual appeal to help cover the cost of our Diocesan Tax. We are asking all St. John's families to contribute \$80.00 toward the Diocesan Tax (this is separate from the ACA). Thank you for your support of St. John's Parish!

Goal:	\$6,000
	\$5,000
	\$4,000
	\$3,000
	\$2,000
	\$1,000
	\$0

Parish Financial Updates

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 5, 2024

Church Support.....	\$1,850.00
Offertory.....	\$635.02
Gifts.....	\$275.00
Harvest Fund.....	\$1,000.00
Holy Land Collection.....	\$338.00
School Tuition.....	\$56.67
3K Program Fees.....	\$292.00
St. John's Reimbursement for Expenses.....	\$1,297.41

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 April 5, 2024

Church Support.....	\$1,815.00
Children's Collection.....	\$3.86
Offertory.....	\$341.00
Easter Flower memorials and Donations.....	\$73.00
DST.....	\$80.00
Rice Bowls.....	\$3.03

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for April 21, 2024

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Barb Stagman
Communion:	Roger McKinney
Ushers:	Ray Breuer, Tom Breuer
Servers:	Avery Needham, Katie Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Lector:	Pat Casey
Communion:	Pat Casey
Sacristans:	Pat Casey
Gifts:	Matt & Kim Vogt family
Ushers:	Ronnie Mumm, Mike Mergen
Servers:	Brooks Osterhaus, Alan Hernandez

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

St. Charles Church, Cassville

St. Mary Church, Glen Haven



Family Faith Formation Classes

The next class will be held at St. Charles School, Bloomington on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:45 p.m.



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.

St. Charles CCW News

Dear Ladies of the Parish,

Please mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 17** for our **Spring CCW Brunch at St. Charles School. Following the 8:15 a.m. Mass, please join us in the Computer Lab Room (around 9:15 A.M.).** We want to thank you and treat you for your continued generosity for our special fundraisers. Please give Bev Klauer (725-5876) or Susan Kremer (725-5961) a call if you can attend. We will be discussing our Spring, Summer, and Fall fundraising events.

Another date to mark on your calendar is **Wednesday, May 15 for the Grant Vicariate Spring Dinner meeting in Dickeyville at Holy Ghost Church. Mass is at 4:00 p.m. with registration at 3:30 p.m.** Our CCW Council will pay for your registration/dinner if you would like to attend. Please call Bev Klauer (725-5876) if you would like to attend.

Blessings to All, CCW Leadership Team

Six Rivers Food Pantry News

Volunteers are needed at the Six Rivers Food Pantry. If you would like to become a volunteer, please give Karel Tormey a call at (608) 434-0420.

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 of Madison. Learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the *Catholic Herald*. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the *Catholic Herald* in your home, contact your parish office.

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule

4:30 p.m. Mass on April 20, 2024

Lector: Gordon Kremer
Sacristan: Judy Adrian
Communion: Deacon Roger
Servers: Anna & Natalia Paar
Ushers: Jack & Joan Bausch, Joe Ploessl

St. Mary's, Glen Haven

8:00 p.m. Mass on April 20, 2024

Lector: Barb Breuer
Communion: Barb Breuer
Servers: Leah & Rachel Patterson
Ushers: Mike Breuer, Kurt Breuer

St. Charles Parish Council

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



Reflection

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

THANK YOU'S

THANK YOU to Mason Mumm for his professional help taking down the big tree next to church.



St. Bernadette Soubirous | April 16

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles, Cassville for April 7, 2024

Church Support.....\$4,072.00
Offertory.....\$175.00
Rice Bowls.....\$167.20
Fuel Fund.....\$50.00

St. Charles, Cassville for March 30, 2024

Church Support.....\$685.00
Offertory.....\$491.00
Rice Bowls.....\$100.00

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 April 7, 2024

Church Support.....\$95.00
Offertory.....\$44.00

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council

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



Celebrate Life

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.

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 or the Women's Care Center in Madison, WI at 608-241-8100. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.WisconsinRightToLife.org.

St. Catherine Ministry: Ware 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 or 608-445-2064.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance, and renew your sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL, May 4-5 in Muskego, WI, or August 3-4 in Wisconsin. For more info go to: alife-timeoflove.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

- *April 16—Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Charles School, Cassville
- *April 21 –Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement Church at noon
- *May 8-St. Mary's Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Bloomington

EVENTS

- *April 20-St. Charles First Communion
- *April 28-St. Mary's First Communion
- *May 14-St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- *May 19-St. Mary's 8th Grade Graduation
- *June 11- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- *June 23-St. Mary Help of Christians Drive Thru Pork Chop Dinner



An Evening with Micah Tyler
Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Lancaster High School

Come join us for an incredible night as Micah Tyler comes to Lancaster, WI! As one of Christian Music's fastest-growing stars, Micah has voiced 7 #1 Hits in just the last few years, including "I See Grace," "Amen," "Even Then," "Different," "Never Been A Moment," and his latest single, "Praise The Lord" - currently in Top-10 on Christian Radio Nationwide! Joining him for the evening are Dan Bremnes ("Up Again", "Beautiful") and Iveth Luna. We can't wait for you to join us for this amazing night of Hits, Community, and Worship! VIP ticket is \$25.00 and General Admission ticket is \$15.00. Tickets can be ordered at <https://showops.co/e/271/an-evening-with-micah-tyler/tickets>

Grant County CCW Spring Meeting

The spring GCCCW meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at Holy Ghost Church in Dickeyville, WI. Registration is at 3:30 p.m. and Mass is at 4:00 p.m.



Love Begins Here Mission Trip

We are excited to announce that this summer, July 8-11, we are hosting a crew of about 60-80 teens for a Love Begins Here mission trip in St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate! Love begins here provides middle and high school youth the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way through week long, local mission trips where they live in Catholic community and continue His work here on Earth. **For the week teens are staying at Saint Clement, they will be doing various service projects for the Lancaster area!** Teens who are interested in participate in Love Begins Here can find more information and how to register at <https://madisondiocese.org/lovebeginshere> Please Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543, if you would be interested in having some help July 9 & 10 or know anyone in need in the Lancaster community!

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? For more information, check out the National Eucharistic Congress website at <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>