

St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate

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

May 12, 2024

Happy Mother's Day



Holy Mary,
strengthen
all mothers

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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	5/11	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Lawrence & Monica Bay	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Deceased members of St. Mary's Altar Society	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/12	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Charlie & Cathy Martin family	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Pro Populo	(Bloomington)
Mon.	5/13	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	5/14	8:15 AM Pat Cullen	(Cassville)
Wed.	5/15	8:15 AM Mary Launsbach	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	5/16	8:15 AM Joseph F. & Verna Mergen	(Bloomington)
Fri.	5/17	8:00 AM Interfaith Service for River Ridge Senior Class	(Glen Haven)
		8:15 AM NO Mass	(Bloomington)
Sat.	5/18	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM Frannie Blum	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Margaret "Mugs" Myers	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/19	8:00 AM Doris Lou McLimans	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Dennis Wagner	(Bloomington)



The Ascension of Our Lord

We are generally focused on the here and now. Our culture often tells us that we have to get what we can now, because the present is all we have. But the Ascension of Christ tells us that we are led by Christ through the present to a reunion with him in eternity. Let us live as he commands us, so we may share eternal life with him.



May God Bless Our Mothers

Saint John wrote that when we love one another God's love is brought to perfection in us. What an appropriate reading for Mother's Day! For many of us, our mother's love may have seemed to be close to perfection, our first and greatest model of selfless love. As we worship God, who is love, let us pray for all those blessed women who have brought God's love to perfection in our lives. *Happy Mother's Day!*

Into the Deep Update

Dear Parishioners of the St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate, No official canonical or financial merging has occurred yet and to maintain progress towards our merging, we are hoping to achieve the following:

1. Bulletin for the Pastorate, starting July 1
2. Website for the Pastorate, starting July 1
3. Database of parishioners through ParishStaq software

As we move towards becoming a parish family, I would like to highlight one benefit of the Into the Deep Initiative. Through the generous support of the Eckstein Charitable Trust, I have been able to hire a new Director of Evangelization. After numerous interviews and a visit to our pastorate, I have hired Leigh Boorn to take on this new and exciting position. She will be residing at the rectory at St. Andrew's Church, starting on June 4, since it is available and a great property to keep up-to-date. Thanks to this collaboration amongst our churches, I am sure that Leigh will be a great addition to our staff and will do a great job in helping us to cultivate our personal relationships with Jesus Christ. I hope you will pray for her, get to know her, and share with her your Catholic faith.

Thanks for your attention, and may God bless St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate,
Fr. Steve Brunner

Scripture for the week of May 13, 2024

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

May 11 & 12 Weekend Mass Schedule

Fr. Steve - Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Cassville and Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Potosi & 10:00 a.m. at Tennyson
 Fr. Mark - Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Lancaster and Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lancaster
 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



Congratulations to our Graduates!
Congratulations to all from our parishes who have graduated or will be graduating!

Director of Evangelization, Leigh Boorn

Hello to all the parishioners in Pastorate 1,

My name is Leigh Boorn. I am writing to introduce myself and tell you how excited I am to be preparing to serve you as Director of Evangelization in Pastorate 1. There is so much to say about myself, but I look forward to sharing more in person soon. I am a single mother of Cassie, and a grandmother to Aiden. I was raised Catholic, but my husband was not and during my marriage I fell away from my faith for a variety of reasons. After my divorce, God broke into my life and I realized that His love was not just a general love for all of us, but a personal one. (It is an interesting story so I hope you will ask me about it). In that life changing moment, I decided that God had a purpose and plan for my life and I opened myself up to go anywhere God called me and to do whatever He was calling me to do.

God has been leading me ever since. I have recently finished a Master's degree in Catechesis & Evangelization and participated in a variety of other trainings that focused on building up the Kingdom. Over the last year or so, I realized God was calling me somewhere else. It is because of this that I applied for the job in Pastorate 1. I am truly excited to be coming to serve you, because during the interview process and visit I realized that all the desires God has been putting on my heart will be realized in this new job. I believe He wants to build the Kingdom in Southwestern Wisconsin and together we can do it because nothing is impossible with God. I look forward to getting to know you and share my gifts with you in this new Adventure! Know that I am praying for all of you.

Blessings!
 Leigh Boorn



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Faith, Family and Academic Excellence

Congratulations to our students who celebrated their First Communion on Sunday, April 28.

The 3rd & 4th graders have been studying Wisconsin history, so they visited the Villa Louis on Wednesday, May 8.

On Friday, May 10, the entire school took a bus to the Henry Villas Zoo in Madison.

The teachers and staff would like to thank our dedicated parents, local businesses and the Home and School Association for the wonderful treats, gifts and surprises we received for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Our 8th-grade Graduation will be held on May 19, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's School in enrolling students in 3K-8th grade for the 2024-25 school year. Please contact the school if you know someone who wants to give their child the gift of Catholic education. **You can call the school at 608-994-2435 if you would like to receive registration information or to schedule a school visit.**

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.

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.

Motherhood is the Gift of God to Women

“That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike! Yet we can destroy this gift of motherhood, especially by the evil of **abortion**, but also by thinking that other things like jobs or positions are more important than loving, than giving oneself to others. No job, no plans, no possessions, no idea of “freedom” can take the place of love. So anything that destroys God’s gift of motherhood destroys His most precious gift to women— the ability to love as a woman.” – **St. Mother Teresa**

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in his goodness, sends to us day after day.” -St. Gianna Molla

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. Joyfully we have received \$5,250.00 so far to pay for the diocesan tax and other 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. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's!

Goal:	\$35,000
	\$30,000
	\$25,000
	\$20,000
	\$15,000
	\$10,000
	\$5,000
	\$1,000
	\$0



Save the Date - St. John's Summer Fest

St. John's Parish Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 17. Please save the date and plan to attend this wonderful parish event.

New Parish Council Members Needed

St. Mary's and St. John's Parish Councils are seeking volunteers who would like to serve on the councils. Please contact the parish office (608-994-2526) for more information.

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. Joyfully we have received \$2,340.00 so far for this expense. 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

Thanks You's

A HUGE thank you to Dave Meoska for refastening the gutter on the north side of St. Mary Church.

Thank you to Joe and Elizabeth Wanersdorfer for the very generous donation of \$4,000.00 to St. John Church in memory of Jim and Mildred Sprosty.



Part-time Custodian Position

St. Mary's Catholic Church is currently seeking a part-time Custodian to join our team in Bloomington.

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

Parish Financial Updates

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending May 3, 2024

Church Support.....	\$915.00
Offertory.....	\$258.00
Spring Expenses Donations.....	\$155.00
DST.....	\$400.00
Gift.....	\$25.00
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 May 3, 2024

Church Support.....	\$290.00
Offertory.....	\$196.01
DST.....	\$350.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for May 19, 2024

8:00 a.m. Sundav Mass
Lector: Bob McLimans
Communion: Michelle Breuer
Ushers: Tom Breuer, Charlie Martin
Servers: Avery Needham

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for May 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. Sundav Mass
Lector: St. Mary's 8th Graders
Communion: Ione Meoska
Sacristans: Marcia Hampton
Gifts: Volunteers needed
Ushers: Joe Mergen, Ken Kluesner
Servers: Katie Tolle, Tessa Vogt



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.

Prayer Requests

If anyone has a special prayer request and would like our Council of Catholic Women Prayer Chain to be of support, please give Kate Lenz a call (608-725-5909)



Stuffed Animals Wanted

St. Charles Games Committee is in need of slightly used, unwanted stuffed animals for the Fall Festival. The stuffed animals are washed and sanitized before the festival. Please contact Cliff/Marge Tennesen if you have any to donate or leave them off at the St Charles School office. They will go to good homes. Thanks so much.



St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Saint Gianna was canonized on May 16, 2004, and hers was the first of its kind. Many mothers have been beatified for their heroic virtues, but they entered religious life after becoming widowed. In St Gianna’s case, the very condition of her being a spouse and mother was exalted and highlighted. St Gianna is the first canonized woman physician and professional who was also a “working mom”.

In 1961 pregnant with her fourth child, Dr. Gianna Beretta Molla made a heroic choice after she was diagnosed with a uterine tumor. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, since it would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, her daughter Gianna Emanuela Molla was born, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for Dr. Molla and a week later she died at home.

Her heroic virtue, genuine holiness of life, selflessness, and quiet joy remind all of us that God entrusts us with a personal vocation. Each day presents us with choices that have the power to prepare us to take heroic action whenever it will be called for. We can do that, however, only if we surrender ourselves and what we desire to God and His will for us.

This example of lay sanctity, lived in the Sacrament of Matrimony, as the Vatican Council II teaches, will encourage many Christians to seek God in holy Matrimony. The exemplary fame of Christian conduct, lived by Gianna Beretta Molla is valid proof. She is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Council

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

St. Charles Parish Council

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



St. Mary's Drive Through Porkchop Dinner

St. Mary's Drive through Porkchop Dinner & Raffle is set for Sunday, June 23. **Any-one wishing to donate to the raffle, please contact Joe or Cindi Breuer @ 608-794-2295.**



Flag Donation Thank You!

We are very grateful to have received a donation that will allow us to purchase a new United States flag for the church flagpole.

Catholic Question & Answer

Question: Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer: This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles, Cassville for May 4, 2024

Church Support.....\$2,063.00
Offertory.....\$182.00
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 May 4, 2024

Church Support.....\$120.00
Offertory.....\$70.00

St. Charles' Ministry Schedule
4:30 p.m. Mass on May 18, 2024

Lector: TBD
Sacristan: Rob & Sue Bernhardt
Communion: Judy Klein
Servers: Anna & Natalia Paar
Ushers: Tom Vondrum, Rick Junk, Jim Koopman

St. Mary's, Glen Haven
8:00 p.m. Mass on May 18, 2024

Lector: Joe Breuer
Communion: Joe Breuer
Servers: Mezera's
Ushers: Kurt Breuer, Ken Breuer



Celebrate Life

“One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness.”

— Alice von Hildebrand, *The Privilege Of Being A Woman*

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](http://www.clarityclinic.org) at 608-348-5787 or email at clientservices@claritywi.com or the [Women's Care Center in Madison, WI](http://www.women-care-center.org) 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.

Project Rachel - Healing from Abortion

Are you or a loved one carrying sorrow and regret from an abortion? Whether recent or long ago ... God is waiting ... Healing is possible. For confidential help, please contact Mary at rachel@straphael.org

Cassville AA and Al-Anon Meetings

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



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on June 28-30 in Rockford, IL, August 3-4 in Wisconsin, or September 6-8 in Geneva, IL. For more info go to: alife-timeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



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.**

Our joint parish website can be found at www.swwicatholicparishes.com.

MEETINGS

*May 14-St. John's Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

*May 19 -Transition Team meeting at noon at St. Clement Church at noon

*May 21-Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary church, Bloomington

EVENTS

*May 14-St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

*May 17 - River Ridge Senior Interfaith Service at St. Mary Help of Christians Church, Glen Haven at 8:00 a.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 Parish Drive Thru Pork Chop Dinner

*July 9- St. John's Food Pantry 12:00-1:00 p.m.

*July 18-21- Blakes Prairie Fair

*August 17-St. John's Summer Fest.

*September 7 & 8-St. Mary's Fall Festival

*September 14-St. Charles Fall Festival

National Combined Collection

Next weekend, the National Combined Collection will be conducted in our parish. This collection is a combination of the following individual collections:

Black & Indian Missions

Catholic Promotion of Authentic Human Development

Catholic Communications Campaign

Catholic Home Missions

Catholic University of America

Retirement Fund for Religious

Your help in supporting these collections is critical.

Please take this week to pray about the support you can give.

KC Council 4416 News

The next **Council 4416 Meeting will be Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Basement in Bloomington.** The council will be hosting some K.C. Brother Knights from the Lancaster Council to discuss the possibility of merging the two councils.

Supreme and the State charges the council per-capita for 147 members, but the council is planning to have the **68 non-paying members transfer to the State White Council.** This will reduce the State and Supreme per-capita charge to the 79 paying members.

Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop

Gundersen Health System will be hosting a Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop Wed., mornings for 6 weeks starting May 22. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870.



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Be part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage right here in Wisconsin as it comes to La Crosse on

Friday, June 7, 2024. The Eucharistic procession will travel to the La Crosse Center in downtown La Crosse for *The Answer Eucharistic Rally* for a day of powerful Catholic speakers such as Chris Stefanick and Immaculee Ilibagiza, music, opportunities for Adoration, Confession and more. Tickets cost \$20.00. **To register and for more information about this event, visit <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>**