

St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate St. Mary & St. Charles St. Mary & St. John Churches

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



First Communion at St. Charles Church

This is my commandment:

love one another

as I love you.

~ John 15:12



First Communion at St. Mary Church, Bloomington



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Liturgy Schedule

Sat.	5/4	8:00-9:00 AM Adoration	(Bloomington)
		4:30 PM John & Joan Gehde and Gerald & Sis Yunk	(Cassville)
		8:00 PM Francis & Eileen Kohout	(Glen Haven)
Sun.	5/5	8:00 AM Carl & Belva Laufenberg family	(Patch Grove)
		10:00 AM Dan Bark	(Bloomington)
Mon.	5/6	8:15 AM No Mass	
Tues.	5/7	8:15 AM Ambrose Mumm	(Cassville)
Wed.	5/8	8:15 AM Chris Beesecker	(Cassville)
		8:45 AM Adoration	(Cassville)
Thurs.	5/9	8:15 AM Marge Patterson	(Bloomington)
Fri.	5/10	8:15 AM Carrie Hochhausen	(Bloomington)
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)

Scripture for the week of May 6, 2024

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2-5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-2

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/

Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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



Mother's Day Rose Sale

In honor of Mother's Day, red roses will be available after the Masses the weekend of May 11 & 12 to thank moms for "giving the gift of life." A suggested donation of \$3.00 for each rose is requested with the proceeds from the sale going to benefit Clarity Clinic in Platteville.

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.

The council sold 597 State Raffle Tickets for the 2024 State Convention. A big "thank you" goes out to all the generous donors.

Into the Deep Update

Dear Parishioners of the St. Joseph the Worker Pastorate,

With respect to the merging of our 6 parishes, I do not have any big news to announce. This means that everything remains the same, that is, our 6 parishes are still existing as distinct canonical and financial institutions. No official canonical or financial merging has occurred yet. The Diocese will be organizing the merging into 3 different waves: Wave 1 (July 1–Dec. 31, 2024), Wave 2 (Jan. 1– June 30, 2025), and Wave 3 (July 1-Dec. 31, 2025). At this time, I have not been informed as to which wave we will be in.

In the meantime, we just conducted our 5th transition team meeting to discuss the health of our pastorate and the direction we are heading. 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. She has written a letter introducing herself in this bulletin. 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

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, (Continues on page 3)

St. Mary Church, Bloomington



St. John Church, Patch Grove

(Continued from page 2) 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

Friday, May 3, was "School Lunch Hero Day". We honored Mrs. Drew with flowers and a designed T-shirt. We appreciate all she does for us!

May 6 -10 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to all our teachers for their dedication to St. Mary's School.

Fr. Sudhakar has been training the 4th graders to serve at the Masses.

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.

Thanks You's

We are deeply grateful to Fr. Mark Miller, the catechist and everyone who helped with Family Faith Formation this year to pass on the Catholic Faith to the children in our parishes.

We are very thankful for the interest the we receive from the Perrin/McDermott Memorial Fund that is used for the maintenance needs of St. Mary's Parish.



Part-time 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.

"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. 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 \$4,695.00 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 \$1,990.00 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

Parish Financial Updates

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Mary's Collections for the period ending April 26, 2024

Church Support.....	\$2,190.00
Offertory.....	\$184.00
Spring Expenses Donations.....	\$270.00
DST.....	\$700.00
Gift.....	\$300.00
3K Program Fees.....	\$460.00
School Tuition.....	\$1,078.73
Catholic Herald.....	\$20.00
Fish Fry Donation.....	\$100.00
Interest from the Perrin/ McDermott Memorial Fund....	\$6,130.04

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 26, 2024

Church Support.....	\$90.00
Offertory.....	\$203.00
DST.....	\$290.00

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

St. John's Ministry Schedule for May 12, 2024

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: Barb Stagman
Communion: Roger McKinney
Ushers: Ray Breuer, Gene Harris
Servers: Matthew & Ty Tolle

St. Mary Ministry Schedule for May 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Lector: Chris Bishell
Communion: Chris Bishell
Sacristans: Chris Bishell
Gifts: Rachele Breuer & family
Ushers: Ronnie Mumm, Joe Mergen
Servers: Meghyn & Sawyer Breuer

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



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)

Thank You's

A huge thanks to Dalton Esser and Ralph Mumm for helping at the St. Charles Cemetery. Trees were cut and brush trimmed and cleared around the outside edges of the whole cemetery. Please thank them when you see them. They both saved our parish a lot of expense by volunteering both their time and equipment.



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.

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. The cost is \$20.00.

Catholic Question & Answer

Question: My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Answer: Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!



United States Flag Donations

We are in need of a new United States flag for the church flagpole. Anyone wishing to make a contribution, please send it to St. Mary's Help of Christians Church marked FLAG.



May, a Month to Honor the Blessed Mother of God

The month of May is here. During this time we honor Mary as the Mother of God, and look to her as the model of Christian life.

As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, **971** "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship."⁵¹⁵ The Church rightly honors "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. . . . This very special devotion . . . differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration."⁵¹⁶ The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

There is no problem no matter how large whether it be world, family or personal that cannot be solved through the recitation of the Rosary." – Sr. Lucia of Fatima

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATES

PLEASE HELP US PAY OUR EXPENSES

St. Charles, Cassville for April 27, 2024

Church Support.....\$1,360.00
Offertory.....\$146.00
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 27, 2024

Church Support.....\$20.00
Offertory.....\$66.00

<u>St. Charles' Ministry Schedule</u>	
<u>4:30 p.m. Mass on May 11, 2024</u>	
Lector:	Abby Tasker
Sacristan:	Bev Klauer
Communion:	TBA
Servers:	Audrey & Aimslee Tasker
Ushers:	Tim, Holly & Adison Tasker
<u>St. Mary's, Glen Haven</u>	
<u>8:00 p.m. Mass on May 11, 2024</u>	
Lector:	Cindi Breuer
Communion:	Cindi Breuer
Servers:	Leah & Rachel Patterson
Ushers:	Joe Breuer, Ed Breuer

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



Celebrate Life

“On receiving the Nobel Prize for Peace, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta had the courage to say to the leaders of political communities: ‘If we let a mother kill the fruit of her womb, what is left to us? It is the principle of abortion that endangers peace in the world’. It is true! There can be no true peace without respect for life, especially if it is innocent and defenseless as is that of the unborn child. Elementary coherence requires those who seek peace to safeguard life. No pro-peace activity can be effective unless attacks on life at all its stages, from conception until natural death, are as energetically opposed.” (St. John Paul II To The Members Of The Italian Pro-Life Movement, 22 May 2003)

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.

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

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” Learn how to love your spouse better by attending 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. Visit our website at - alifetimeoflove.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.**

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

MEETINGS

- *May 7– St. John’s Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- *May 8-St. Mary’s Parish Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Bloomington
- *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

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/>**