



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPÉALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

**Feast of the Baptism
of the Lord**

January 12, 2020 Year A

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The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity and mission. First, it reminds us of who we are and whose we are. By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ [CCC 1279]. Hence, “Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1213).

Most of us dipped the fingers of our right hand into the holy water font and blessed ourselves when we came into Church today. Why? This blessing is supposed to remind us of our Baptism. And so when I bless myself with Holy Water, I should be thinking of the fact that I am a child of God; that I have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ; that I have been made a member of God’s family and that I have been washed, forgiven, cleansed and purified by the Blood of the Lamb.

This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises: On the day of our Baptism, as Pope John Paul II explains, “We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ’s gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father’s Anointed One.

The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit.” The blessings of the ear and the mouth are to listen to the Word of God and proclaim it with our words and life. In baptism, we are anointed to proclaim the Good News of God.

Fr. Antony Joseph

LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$1,993.00	\$1,136.00
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Total Offering	<u>\$2,676.06</u>	<u>\$ 5,606.00</u>

Counters For The Week	<u>SBT</u> Janet Amundson	<u>SMG</u> Butch Vaughn
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**Mass Schedule and Intentions
January 13 – January 19**

- Monday:** NO MASS
Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary
+ Donnie Zimmerman
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Richard Pampuch
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Exposition and Confession before Mass
+ Mark Klein
Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Joseph Vedamuthu
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary
+ Ed, Pat & Gary Knepper
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Hubert Peplinski
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary
All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

- Greeters:** Butch Vaughn, Volunteer
Ushers: Butch Vaughn, Volunteer
Altar Server: Volunteer **Lector:** Sheila Collom
Communion Ministers: Mary Thoma, Jessica Miller

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

- Greeters:** Karen Black, Kerri Graham
Ushers: Doug Woestman, Blake Woestman
Altar Server: Volunteer **Lector:** Greg Goltz
Communion Ministers:
Jeanne Woestman, Karen Shimek, Greg Goltz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

ST. BARTHOLOMEW- 8:30 a.m.

- Greeters:** Marilyn Heinz, John & Stacey Giemza
Ushers: Mike & Carrie Bork
Altar Server: Quinn O’Neill, Austin Bork
Lector: Lindsey Lettner
Communion Ministers: Darlene Schlessler,
Marlene James, Missy Ganz, Mary Skroch

ST. MARY - 10:30 a.m.

- Greeters:** Sarah Grover, Steve Grover
Ushers: Sarah Grover, Steve Grover
Altar Server: Volunteer
Lector: Hailyn Grandt
Communion Ministers:
Ellen Karow, Becky Harris



ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ PCCW meeting on January 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.
- ♦ Need prayers for any health or anxiety issue - big or small. Contact the prayer chain, Doreen Backler, 608-534-6118 or Ethel Ouellette, 608-534-6520. Someone will come to your house and pray with you if you would like.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

OUR MISSION: To love God, love others and go make disciples!

- ♦ **Welcome to our new parishioners:** Dustin & Ana Hines and children: Harper, Lainey & Rylyn.
- ♦ **PRAYER MEETING** this Sunday, 6:30 p.m. in Rectory. Topic: **Gifts (Charisms) of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Part 1** (1 Cor. 12-14, Catechism 798-801).
- ♦ **St. Mary's PCCW** will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 in the church basement.
- ♦ **NEXT WEEK** January 19th, after Sunday Mass – If you would like special prayer for a specific need (for you or someone you know), there will be a prayer team available to pray with you.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **We are having training for all our altar servers**, both boys and girls and those who would like to become servers. We encourage all children from the 4th grade to 12 grade to come to this, from both St. Mary and St. Bartholomew Parishes. Starting on Sunday, February 2 for 3 weeks (February 2, 9 & 16), at St. Bartholomew Parish from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Parents are asked to be present for this training. Call the office if you have questions, 608-534-6652.
- ♦ **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** We have not reached our target this year. St. Mary's is \$2,565.00 under target and St. Bartholomew is \$1,392.00 under target. Please, kindly send in your donation so we may reach our goals.
- ♦ **Is your marriage drifting apart?** Retrouvaille is designed to give you the tools you need to restore joy and hope to your marriage. The next retreat in our area will be February 14-16, 2020 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. *"We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage ...It was wonderful."* See more comments from program participants at HelpOurMarriage.org. For more information, call **877-922-HOPE (4673)** Fully Confidential; or go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>
- ♦ **GIVEN** is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, or engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, music, adoration, prayer and reconciliation. This half-day retreat will be offered: Jan. 18 in La Crosse and Feb. 8 in Rothschild. For more information, go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>
- ♦ **Men's Renewal Retreat:** What does it mean to "be a man of the cross"? Find out by joining us for a one-day retreat focusing on practical ways to daily live out the Gospel call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We'll receive great insights from Deacon Ralph Poyo, who was a favorite speaker from the fall Men of the Cross Conference, to embrace our crosses and learn of ways to become the man, father, husband, son that God intended. Details: When: February 15, 9am– 3pm. Where: St. John the Baptist Parish, 201 W Blodgett St, Marshfield, WI. Cost: \$25/person (Includes morning snack and lunch) - \$30 at the door. For more information and to register, go to: <http://menofthecross.org/>
- ♦ **Discerning a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate?** If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, there will be a Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 4, 2020. The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate. Email kray@diolc.org, or call 608.791.2665.
- ♦ **SPIRITUS** is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools though out Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000.00 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.
- ♦ The G-E-T Community Food Pantry is looking for your help in collecting empty egg cartons. We are working with the La Crosse Hunger Task Force in this ongoing request. Please leave your egg cartons at your local church or the Food Pantry located at the First Presbyterian Church in Galesville.

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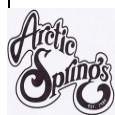
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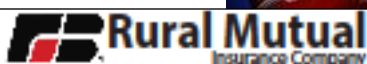


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