



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



# Sunday Bulletin

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year A

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### The Mystery of the Magi

During the Christmas and Epiphany season, the story of the three wise men is accepted as part of the seasonal charm. In Christmas pageants everywhere, young boys will dress up in their 'royal' robes and crowns, carrying little boxes, and process behind the Bethlehem star.

#### But did it really happen?

Fr. Dwight Longenecker has done extensive research into all aspects of the Roman Empire at the time of the birth of Jesus and was amazed to find a perfectly good explanation about who the wise men were, where they came from and why they traveled to pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews. He found that the historical facts fit Matthew's simple account perfectly.

The wise men were diplomats from the neighboring kingdom of the Nabateans, centered on the city of Petra. Their king, Aretas IV, had every motivation to cement an alliance with Herod the Great. When his magi discerned that a new heir to the Judean throne was born, he sent them as envoys to Herod to pay homage. Their gifts were diplomatic offerings, representative of the Arabian kingdom. And with a Jewish background, knowing the Old Testament prophecies, they would also have been searching for the coming Messiah.

For a long time this civilization was lost. It's only within the last fifty/sixty years that advanced techniques of archeology, forensics, and archeo-astronomy, have provided more clues to this kingdom and the identity of the wise men.

#### Why is it important to uncover the identity of the three wise men?

It's important because so many people put the story of Christ's birth into the same big magical box with the other charming stories of Christmas like talking snowmen, Santa and his elves, flying reindeer, and everything full of fairy dust, twinkle lights, and magic.

Grounding the magi story in the dusty history of the ancient Middle East reminds us that the Gospel stories are not fanciful fictions, pretty Sunday school stories or religious parables.

#### History matters because truth matters!

And since Christmas is the time when the eternal Truth took human flesh and entered human history, the truth of the Magi matter.

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

#### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$2,563.00	\$ 871.00
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Counters For  
The Week

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions January 6 – January 12

**Monday: NO MASS**

**Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary**

+ Brookes & Dorothy Smith

**Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Tammy Schindler-Johnson

**Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**

*Exposition and Confession before Mass*

+ Theresa Hunter

**Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Henry & Rose Kohnle

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary**

All the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Richard Pampuch (1st Anniversary of Death)

**Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew**

All the People of Our Parishes

**Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**

+ Patricia Gardner

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

##### ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

**Greeters:** Doreen Emerson, LaVonne Peterson

**Ushers:** Doreen Emerson, LaVonne Peterson

**Altar Server:** Volunteer **Lector:** Theresa Haines

**Communion Ministers:** Joy Critzman, Dave Mueller

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##### ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

**Greeters:** Judy Heinz

**Ushers:** Ed Smith, Greg Heinz

**Altar Server:** Volunteer **Lector:** Kirk Shimek

**Communion Ministers:**

Doreen Backler, Judy Heinz, Anne Bagley

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

##### ST. BARTHOLOMEW- 8:30 a.m.

**Greeters:** Julie Sadler, Jim & Betsy Scherr

**Ushers:** George Richtman, Joe Plunger

**Altar Server:** Ayden Aschenbrener, Reagan Lamberty

**Lector:** Marlene James

**Communion Ministers:** Darlene Schlessler,

Corona Woychik, James Woychik

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##### ST. MARY - 10:30 a.m.

**Greeters:** Mike Dunn, Max Nagel

**Ushers:** Mike Dunn, Max Nagel

**Altar Server:** Volunteer

**Lector:** Sarah Grover

**Communion Ministers:**

Ellen Karow, Bruce Reedy



## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **Congratulations to Davy Anne Greylak**, daughter of Thomas & Amy Greylak, who was baptized December 29
- ◆ **Donuts** in the hall after Mass. Please join us and visit with your church family.
- ◆ Pastoral Council meeting is on January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.
- ◆ 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.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

SBT Income:     **\$25,430.20**  
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SMG Income:    **\$ 10,101.47**  
Expenses:       **\$ 9,492.70**  
Net Income     **\$ 608.77**

## ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

- ◆ **Congratulations to Addilyn Kaye Duch**, daughter of Kevin & Toni Duch, who was baptized December 28 and **Congratulations to Miles Christopher Morales**, son of Aldo & Kasey Morales, who was baptized December 29.
- ◆ **PRAYER MEETING** this Sunday, 6:30 p.m. in Rectory. 4<sup>th</sup> session of **"U EVANGELIZE – My Mission."**
- ◆ **Potluck** in basement after Mass, all are welcome.
- ◆ **St. Mary's PCCW** will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 in the church basement.
- ◆ Many thanks to all the people that graciously donated items for the PCCW Joy Advent collection that went to the Galesville Elementary school.
- ◆ **BEGINNING** January 19<sup>th</sup>, Sundays after Mass – If you would like special prayers 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](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com).

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **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](http://HelpOurMarriage.org). For more information, call **877-922-HOPE (4673)** Fully Confidential; or go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>
- ◆ This year marks the **47<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of the Supreme Court decision (Roe v. Wade) legalizing abortion. The WI Right to Life chapter invites you to join with other prolife members in making a public statement of our belief in the sanctity of human life with a full-page ad which will appear in the Lacrosse Tribune on Sunday, January 22, 2020. Signature sheets can be found at the entrances of the churches. The ad will cost close to \$4,000, so if possible to help defray cost, it is asked that a \$3 donation per name or total \$5 per family be provided. Please print your names on the sheets provided for ease of reading. We will collect until January 14.
- ◆ **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/>
- ◆ **Chalice of Mercy 13<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian Christmas Dinner Jan. 11, 2020.** You are invited to an amazing multi-course Ukrainian feast in support of Chalice of Mercy Mission to Ukraine. The Christmas dinner will be held at the Lilydale Dance Hall & Event Center in Chippewa Falls. For details, visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life).
- ◆ **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](mailto:kray@diolc.org), or call 608.791.2665.

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