



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPÉALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020 Year A

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Eastertide greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ!

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

This time together goes very fast and before we know it, we will have completed the 50 days of Eastertide. Eastertide is the period of 50 days spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "Great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of this blessed season is treated as a Sunday of Easter.

The first eight days constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. The focus of the readings in these final days of Eastertide is on preparing us for relationship with our Lord Jesus in a different way after His Ascension and the Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, but right from the very beginning of the book, the author speaks about the Ascension of the Lord. The coming of the Holy Spirit is referred also and the rest of the entire book of the Acts of the Apostles is simply a recounting of what the Holy Spirit did in those who believe and how the actions of the Holy Spirit changed the whole world. The Letter to the Ephesians tells us today that we can receive the Spirit of Jesus Christ and in the Spirit know the Lord more profoundly. Today's Gospel speaks about Jesus giving His Spirit to His followers and also telling them to preach the Good News. It is impossible to preach the Good News in an effective way if one has not received the Holy Spirit. It means becoming aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit within oneself. The Holy Spirit comes to each of us in Baptism and there are also special gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. We can begin to be aware of this presence of the Holy Spirit within us and the Holy Spirit can bring about a very strong conversion of heart in our lives, if we are willing to let the Holy Spirit into our hearts and our beings. This brings us back to the mystery of the Ascension because Jesus tells us in the Gospel that He must go away so that He can send us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. As we pray today, and in the days ahead in our lives, let us be aware of the Holy Spirit within us, given to us by Jesus as He ascends to the Father.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in faith so that we can proclaim the Good News with personal conviction and be a living beam of light to those around us that haven't heard the word of God. We too can be a living witness of faith! In our current time we all have been given extra quiet time to dive more deeply into learning more about our faith in Jesus Christ. We have the availability of digital platforms to achieve this most blessed opportunity to learn at home. We together are all students of faith. Please do not be afraid to ask and you will receive more information. Let this day be a new beginning of a deeper love for Jesus and live life fully in the Spirit!

In His Spirit! Deacon Russ

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Intentions May 25 – May 31

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The Mass will be live streamed on Father's Facebook every day of the week at 10:00 a.m., and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. To reach Father's Facebook search Antony Micheal Joseph or gangaivjantony@yahoo.co.in in your facebook. If you can't reach this facebook call Father Antony at 6088811401.

Church Envelopes can be mailed to St. Bartholomew Parish, 11646 South St. Trempealeau, WI 54661 for both St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's parishioners. Or St. Bartholomew Church will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for personal prayer. You can come and prayer and leave your envelope in the basket. Thank you for all the donations we have received.

Ascension Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ We are reopening our parish on May 31. There will be a Mass at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. We will be open for people following the guidelines of the Dioceses of La Crosse. There will be a team of Ushers who will be here to help us. Park in the parking lot and wait for the usher to greet you to take you to the church, only the main doors will be open. Another usher will seat you in a pew to help with social distancing. At communion the ushers will let the rows go out one by one and only Father will be giving the Eucharist. There will be no collection, but a basket will be at the entrance and you can put your envelope in before or after Mass. The ushers will let the pews out after Mass.
- ♦ 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.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

- ♦ St. Mary's will livestream the Mass, until we have a compliance manager. We hope some one will contact Father Antony, 680-881-1401, soon. Compliance manager should be under 60 and have no underlying health issues.
- ♦ Our PCCW **Forty Days Project for Lent** has extended their collection date until **June 14**. These are the items that New Horizons are looking for: Gift cards to Randy's, Kwik Trip & Straight Talk, Paper household items, Soaps of all kind, Notebooks and Snack Foods, Empty lipstick or lip balm tubes (to hide contact information for victims of abuse). **Note: no clothing or used items this year.** Any donations that have been given so far are being held until the week of June 14.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ The Bishop has highlighted that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains dispensed. No one is required, under the pain of mortal sin, to attend Mass until further notice. In fact, at this time I encourage those over 65 and particularly those with underlying health issues to stay home. I ask those parishes that have the ability to livestream the Mass to continue do so for the sake of those who will not be able to attend.
- ♦ **A Year Devoted to St. Joseph:** May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021
- ♦ May is Mary's month, so we would like to say the rosary in front of the Grotto every day at 3:00 p.m. Father will lead the rosary and we would like to have someone respond. Please sign up on Facebook or call the office, 608-534-6652, if you are able to come. If more than one comes you may wish to bring a chair. Father is asking that families come and say the rosary as a family during this time.
- ♦ A Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration—The in-person 50th wedding anniversary Masses have been canceled. But a special Mass with Bishop Callahan will be held this year via live-stream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 12 from the Cathedral. You will be able to view the live stream or recording by visiting diolc.org/marriage on and after July 12.
- ♦ If you are interested in Adventure Camp for your child this year please contact James Woychik at jfwoychik@gmail.com.
- ♦ Religious Education parents – fun games that can reinforce your child's "Alive in Christ" lessons can be found at: OSV/Alive in Christ/family/games. Our username is: GETCathCom & password is St.Neri!
- ♦ **Sunday Mass on TV:**
 - La Crosse, Channel 25, at 7:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.
 - Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.
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